

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

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Activities Underway along Star-Spangled Banner Trail and Byway

With planning for the trail and byway underway and scheduled for completion in late 2011, what's happening to develop the trail and byway?

Regional and Local Projects

Through funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office:

- Bladensburg Waterfront Park developed water and **classroom-based programming** on a **sailor's life in 1812 and the Battle of Bladensburg**.
- Five Chesapeake Gateway partner sites in Havre de Grace are developing **interpretive and educational materials and programs**, conducting research, developing teacher training, curriculum and travelling trunks, a multi-site exhibit, outdoor signage, and walking tours. The museums will also partner with local school district to present an open house for teachers and residents in October.
- Baltimore National Heritage Area is developing a **travelling exhibit** on the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake to connect people with Maryland's War of 1812 stories at schools, libraries, historic sites and parks throughout Maryland and the country.
- Fells Point (Baltimore) Preservation Society is developing a **visitor experience plan**. They are also conducting **research** on 1812 people and places in the neighborhood and creating a **walking tour**.
- Fort McHenry, together with the Friends of Fort McHenry and trail staff, are developing a **Virtual Resource Center**, to be hosted by Maryland Public Television. This will provide a highly searchable online database that links images, video clips, primary sources, music, and other material, providing a valuable resource and research tool for teachers, students, historians, and Trail users.
- Friends of Fort McHenry is developing **curricula** to complement exhibits at the new FOMC visitor center as well as at the Fort.
- A **comprehensive inventory of War of 1812 lesson plans and teacher resources** has been completed, and new lesson plans have been written to fill gaps in the inventory.
- **Teacher training** is planned or has been provided at Fort McHenry and in the North Point area as well as in Harford, Cecil and Prince George's Counties. NPS is working with the Maryland Department of Education to **integrate War of 1812 lesson plans** into the new state-wide Social Studies Curriculum. Similar connections are being made in Virginia with the Center for the Constitution at Madison's Montpelier.



- Detailed **conceptual plans for trail and byway segments** are under development, beginning with the North Point peninsula, and proposed in Baltimore, Bladensburg, the District of Columbia, Southern Maryland, and Upper Bay. Concept plans assist local partners with identifying visitor experience and investment priorities along their segment of the Trail.
- A **site plan** for developing Baltimore County-owned **Battle Acre Park** and DNR-owned **North Point State Battlefield** in North Point, and an **exhibit concept plan** for the North Point State Park Visitor Center.
- Assistance through the NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program to local stakeholders to develop the **North Point Heritage Greenway Trail**.
- A Star-Spangled Banner **Watertrails Plan** identifies priority actions and investments to enhance public access, interpretation, and stewardship in eleven areas in Maryland.



Trail-wide Projects

In cooperation with state and local partners:

- With the Friends of Chesapeake Gateways, a successful **Star-Spangled Banner Geotrail** connecting more than 35 sites with a War of 1812 connection – and generating over 5000 visits to popular and lesser-known places in Maryland, Virginia and the District.
- A **graphic standards and sign placement plan** with guidelines for the NPS and partners for Star-Spangled Banner and John Smith Trails and Chesapeake Gateways signage, including guidance on locations of waysides and orientation signs along the Star-Spangled Banner Trail and Byway.
- Through a \$1.8 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration for the Star-Spangled Banner Byway, and in close coordination with the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, **directional signage and 150 interpretive waysides** along the trail and byway.
- An **interactive website** to complement www.smithtrail.net and www.starspangled200.org to provide users with information on demand to plan and facilitate their visit to 1812 sites along the Trail.
- In close coordination with the Maryland Office of Tourism, a **trail and byway travel guide** to be published in 2012 that will correspond with the above interpretive waysides, website and new web-based media.

