



Planning Isn't New to Pullman

From designing a factory town to organizing for collective rights to building citizen-led preservation initiatives, Pullman has been the center of major planning efforts for most of its history. That tradition continues in many ways, including through the development of a national monument in the community.

National Park Service (NPS) planning requirements for Pullman are described in the **2015 Presidential Proclamation** that created Pullman National Monument and the **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**. The planning process will evolve over the coming years, and we hope you will participate. There are two primary areas of focus:



The **first step** is developing a Site Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Pullman Factory Site in partnership with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

Future steps include establishing a long-term vision for the future through the *Foundation Document for Pullman National Monument* and then a management plan. Future newsletters and notifications will keep you informed about these processes.

The framework for these planning projects comes from **NEPA**. It requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of their actions through a set of proposed alternatives and to involve the public in that process. Natural, cultural, and socioeconomic impacts to resources are all considered.

Please Join Us in Planning for Pullman

The 30-day public comment period for the draft *Pullman Factory Site Conceptual Design Environmental Assessment* will open on Thursday, February 2. Comments are requested by Monday, March 6.

The NPS uses the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site for public involvement in the planning process. The easiest way to view and comment on the document is online at **<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/PullmanConcept>**.

A printed copy will also be available for review at the Visitor Information Center (11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago, IL 60628), which reopens for the season on February 14. Prior to February 14, please call the park at 773-468-9310 to make arrangements for reviewing a paper copy of the document.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to the following address: Superintendent, Pullman National Monument, 11111 S. Forrestville Ave., Chicago, IL 60628.

An Introduction to the Pullman Factory Site Conceptual Design Environmental Assessment



The *Pullman Factory Site Conceptual Design Environmental Assessment (EA)* will clarify goals and objectives for the Factory Site and establish a larger vision among the NPS, the State of Illinois as the landowner, and other interested parties including the public. This 12-acre property is a component of Pullman State Historic Site within Pullman National Monument. The EA will examine conceptual designs for improvements, rehabilitation, and use of the Factory Site, including the Administration Clock Tower Building that will become the park's visitor center.

Preliminary Alternative Concepts

As part of the planning process, conceptual design alternatives will be evaluated. Draft concepts being considered include the no-action alternative and two action alternatives. Brief descriptions of each are provided below. The draft EA will describe the alternatives and their impacts in greater detail. Under all alternatives, the NPS will work with the State of Illinois to implement the final plan.



No Action (or Minimal Amenities) Alternative

The No Action alternative would convert the Administration Clock Tower Building into Pullman National Monument's principal Visitor Center suitable for other administrative uses. This development would include the provision of utilities into the building. There would be limited development of visitor and employee parking on the site, basically using the same disturbed areas presently used for parking.

Alternative 2

Alternative 2, the George Pullman Period (ca. 1880-1897) alternative, includes the actions described within Alternative 1 (No Action) and adds other elements to interpret the 1880 Factory Site and provide additional landscape features reminiscent of that period in the history of Pullman.

Alternative 3

Alternative 3, the Pullman Factory Modernization Era (ca. 1897-1941) alternative, includes all actions described within Alternative 1 (No Action) and adds a series of other elements, including landscape features to interpret the Factory Site after 1907.