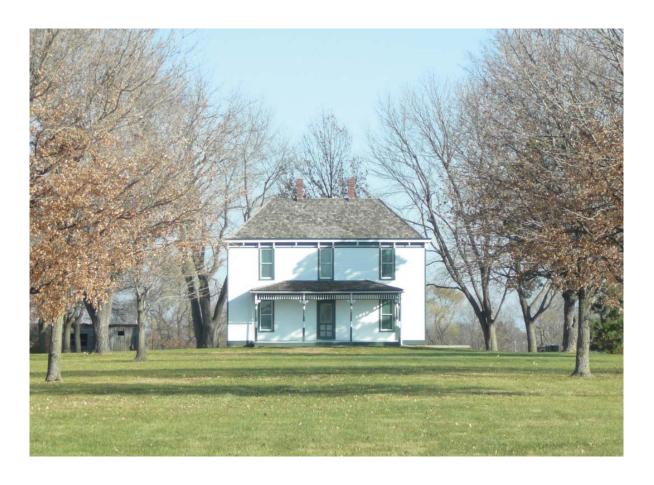
## Harry S Truman National Historic Site Truman Farm



Cultural Landscape Report
Historic Structure Report
&
Environmental Assessment

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Cultural Landscape Report, Historic Structures Report, and Environmental Assessment (CLR/HSR/EA) presents a comprehensive planning document for the historic Truman Farm, located 7 within the Harry S Truman National Historic Site (HSTR) in Grandview, Missouri. The CLR/HSR/EA identifies characteristics and features that convey the historic significance and character of the Truman Farm, and provides a 12 holistic and integrated plan for the long-13 term preservation and stewardship of the historic built and landscape features.

16 The intent of this combined CLR/ 17 HSR/EA is to document the history of and recommend treatment for extant cultural resources at the property. The 19 report provides park managers with 20 a comprehensive understanding of the physical evolution of the cultural 22 resources as well as guidance for their 23 management. The resources include 24 archeological remnants, historic 25 landscape features, and three historic 26 buildings: the Farm Home, the Garage, 27 and the Poultry House. Documentation of historic significance and evaluation 28 of integrity of the cultural landscape 29 and associated buildings provides the 30 framework upon which treatment 31 recommendations are based. An 32 investigation and evaluation has been 33 conducted using National Register of Historic Places (NRHP or national 35 register) guidelines and forms the body of 36 this report.

The Harry S Truman Farm was conveyed
 from Jackson County, Missouri to the
 National Park Service on April 15,
 1994. The 5.26 acre site had previously
 been maintained jointly by the Harry S
 Truman Farm Foundation and Jackson
 County. When the foundation and the
 county purchased the Truman Farm from

the Truman family in 1983, a restoration
project was begun on the Farm Home to
return it to its appearance during Harry
S Truman's time of residence from 1906
to 1917. In 1978, the Farm Home was
listed on the National Register of Historic
Places, and in 1985 the property became
a National Historic Landmark (NHL). In
December of 1993, Public Law 103-184
enacted by the United States Congress
added the Truman Farm to the Harry S
Truman National Historic Site, which
includes properties in Independence,
Missouri.

The Truman Farm's contributing 15 features are in need of varying levels of repair to mitigate the conditions 17 and deterioration that threaten their longevity. Limited visitor access to the structures is also a current issue. If an informed, comprehensive plan for the cultural landscape and historic buildings and structures is not developed and implemented, the growing list of deferred maintenance may compromise the historic integrity of the resources over time, diminishing the resources' interpretive 26 value and the visitor experience. 27

28 The CLR/HSR/EA will be used to support the park's General Management Plan Amendment, Long Range Interpretive Plan, and associated compliance as required by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, and by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. It will also be used to guide 36 any additional future landscape and 37 structural treatments beyond the initial treatments discussed in the CLR/HSR/ 39 EA. Used in concert, the three documents 40 will guide future management of the 41 property's resources. 42

During the Value Analysis/Choosing By

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<sup>1</sup> Advantages (VA/CBA) work session held <sup>2</sup> in July 2012, Alternative 2: Farm, City, 3 Nation, was chosen as the preferred 4 alternative. The preferred alternative proposes to convey the broad story of Harry S Truman including his character and the influence he had on agriculture, commerce, and politics from his early years through <sup>10</sup> his presidency and after he left office. It <sup>11</sup> proposes telling this story through the 12 rehabilitation of the family farm, and 13 the interpretation of the setting and 14 surroundings that influenced and formed 15 the character of Harry Truman. The preferred alternative follows a rehabilitation approach. Treatment recommendations propose rehabilitating <sup>19</sup> the cultural landscape, buildings and <sup>20</sup> structures by allowing compatible uses, <sup>21</sup> and by recommending repairs, alterations, 22 or additions to the property. At the same 23 time, treatment recommendations include 24 preserving those features that convey 25 the historical, cultural, and architectural  $_{26}$  values of the Truman Farm. The preferred alternative allows for the greatest interpretation to tell the story of how the community and farm <sup>30</sup> influenced the future president and later <sup>31</sup> how President Truman influenced the 32 community, the farm, and on the nation 33 after his presidency. It also allows the 34 property to be relevant to today's visitor 35 through the development of authentic 36 tactile, sensory, and kinetic experiences. 37 38 39

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Location of Truman Farm, Harry S Truman National Historic Site, Grandview Unit, Grandview, MO. Dashed line represents the National Historic Landmark (NHL) boundary, solid line represents the Truman Farm National Historic Site (NHS) boundary. (Source: Google Earth Image and MBD, 8/17/2012)

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