

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE George Washington Memorial Parkway c/o Turkey Run Park McLean, Virginia 22101

IN REPLY REFER TO: A3823 (GWMP)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a range of alternatives for the proposed installation of a new fire suppression system, the construction of a climate management system, and rehabilitation of a failing metal roof at the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Glen Echo, Maryland.

The NPS will be holding a public scoping open house meeting on Wednesday evening, December 4, 2013, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Arcade building classroom 202 at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Maryland. At the meeting, the project team will be available to discuss the purpose and need, site characteristics, and other project information. The meeting is also an opportunity for public involvement in the project according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as the NPS seeks input into the proposed undertaking for this National Register of Historic Places property that is additionally recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

The purpose of the project is to repair and rehabilitate several sections of the Clara Barton National Historic Site, which includes installing a fire suppression system, constructing a climate management system to help protect and preserve the museum collections on exhibit and in museum storage site, and rehabilitating a failing metal roof in a manner that is consistent with the historic resources of the house.

The EA will address the project background, the purpose and need for the proposed actions, a determination of environmental issues and potential impacts resulting from the alternatives considered (including the no action alternative), and public involvement and agency coordination.

Comments will be taken during this meeting and throughout the 30-day public scoping period. During this scoping period, the public is invited to identify any issues or concerns they might have with the proposed project, so the NPS can appropriately consider them in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment. The National Park Service will accept comments on the proposed project through Friday, December 20, 2013.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GWMP

Or

Fax comments to: 703-289-2598

Attn: Clara Barton House project

Mailed directly to: Superintendent Attn: Clara Barton House project George Washington Memorial Parkway Turkey Run Park Headquarters McLean, Virginia 22101

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in the public scoping meeting, please contact Aaron LaRocca with the NPS at (703) 289-2500.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.

Sincerely,

Alexcy Romero Superintendent