## **Press Release**

## **Vicksburg National Military Park Foundation Document Project**

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The National Park Service is preparing a foundation document to inform planning and management of Vicksburg National Military Park. The park welcomes all interested persons to participate in this effort.

A foundation document affirms a national park unit's core purpose and significance, its most important resources and values, and interpretive themes that tell the American story. This foundation document will be used to inform future management and planning decisions at Vicksburg National Military Park. It will not give specific recommendations for future conditions at the park, but will instead provide a framework for future park decisions by documenting what is most important about the park and understanding what is needed to protect and preserve those resources.

The National Park Service aims to complete a foundation document for each park unit in the system by 2016, the 100-year anniversary of the agency's creation. The Vicksburg National Military Park Foundation Document is part of this nationwide effort.

## **Get Involved**

The National Park Service encourages the public to play a role by sharing their thoughts on what is most important about Vicksburg, potential issues that could threaten future preservation and commemoration of the site, and what opportunities exist to improve the protection of this national treasure.

To provide feedback from your home through the park planning website for Vicksburg National Military Park please visit- <a href="http://parkplanning.nps.gov/VICK">http://parkplanning.nps.gov/VICK</a>. Comments submitted by using the park planning website will be most helpful if received by January 27, 2014.

To hear more information and share your thoughts in person with National Park Service Staff, please attend the open house at the Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor Center on Monday, January 27, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Open House Location**: Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor Center, 3201 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS. 39183

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