

**U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
Valley Forge National Historical Park
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania**

**Development of the David Walker Farmstead
Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect**

August 1, 2006

Proposed Action: The National Park Service (NPS) proposes the rehabilitation of the David Walker Farmstead. NPS will lease the buildings and associated land for use as a pre-school facility by the Montessori Children's House of Valley Forge. The park's general management plan targets the property for adaptive reuse. Using the authority granted by 36CFR Part 18, Section 18.1, the property was made available for leasing to a tenant that could rehabilitate and maintain it according to the *U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation*.

The NPS has prepared this Environmental Assessment and Assessment of Effect (EA/AOE) to assess alternatives and impacts for the proposed rehabilitation of both historic and non-historic structures. This EA/AOE was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, the NPS *Management Policies* (2001), the NPS Director's Order 12: Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-Making, the NPS Director's Order 28: Cultural Resource Management, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This document evaluates the potential environmental impacts on natural resources, cultural resources, visitor use and experience, and socio-economic resources. Mitigation measures are identified to avoid or reduce adverse impacts from this project.

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Note to Reviewers and Respondents:

If you wish to comment on the Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect, you may mail comments by August 30, 2006 to the name and address below or you may post them electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. You also may comment in person at public meetings at 2:00 or 6:30 PM on August 22 at 1630 Thomas Road, Wayne, PA.

It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and addresses of respondents who provide that information, available for public review following the conclusion of the NEPA process. Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Commentators using the website can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law, but you should be aware that NPS may still be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

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