



## » Shaping the Future of Wright Brothers National Memorial «

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to join us in this planning process. Your interest and vested time will help guide the future of Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Wright Brothers National Memorial (the park) commemorates the first successful power-driven airplane flight, which was made by Wilbur and Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on December 17, 1903.

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a General Management Plan Amendment (the plan) for the park to review and modify existing strategies in the park's General Management Plan (developed in 1996). The plan will protect park resources while improving the visitor experience, sharing the story of the Wright brothers, and maintaining the important commemorative landscape. It will also address wayfinding, circulation, facilities, and landscape management.

Please take the time to learn about the park and the plan, ask questions, and share your ideas. Thank you for your interest in Wright Brothers National Memorial.

David Hallac, Superintendent  
Wright Brothers National Memorial



### Join us at a public open house

Wednesday, August 14  
4:30-6:30pm

Kill Devil Hills  
Town Hall Boardroom

## PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

This planning process provides an opportunity to review the existing General Management Plan to consider how conditions at the park have changed and evaluate planning issues and objectives. An amended plan will provide updated guidance for management of park facilities and operations to improve visitor experience and overall park management. As an initial step in the development of the plan, the park is undertaking a civic engagement process.

## KEY ISSUES

This plan is being initiated to help define strategies for the following key issues:

- The pavilion structures erected for the centennial were intended to be temporary, are located directly in the historic viewshed, and detract from the memorial landscape and setting.
- There is limited wayfinding and interpretive messaging throughout the memorial landscape.
- There are few areas suitable for education of and programming for large groups or for holding events, especially in the case of inclement weather.
- Administrative offices and storage spaces are limited.

In addition to issues, there are also opportunities to enhance visitor experiences throughout the site. For example, there are opportunities to provide shaded areas for visitors to rest, particularly during the heat of the summer. There are also opportunities for additional pedestrian walkways that encourage visitors to discover all the site has to offer.

### » What is a General Management Plan Amendment?

An amendment to a general management plan (GMP) is a plan for modifying actions approved in the park's existing GMP or adding new management actions to address new conditions or priorities that have changed since the GMP was approved.



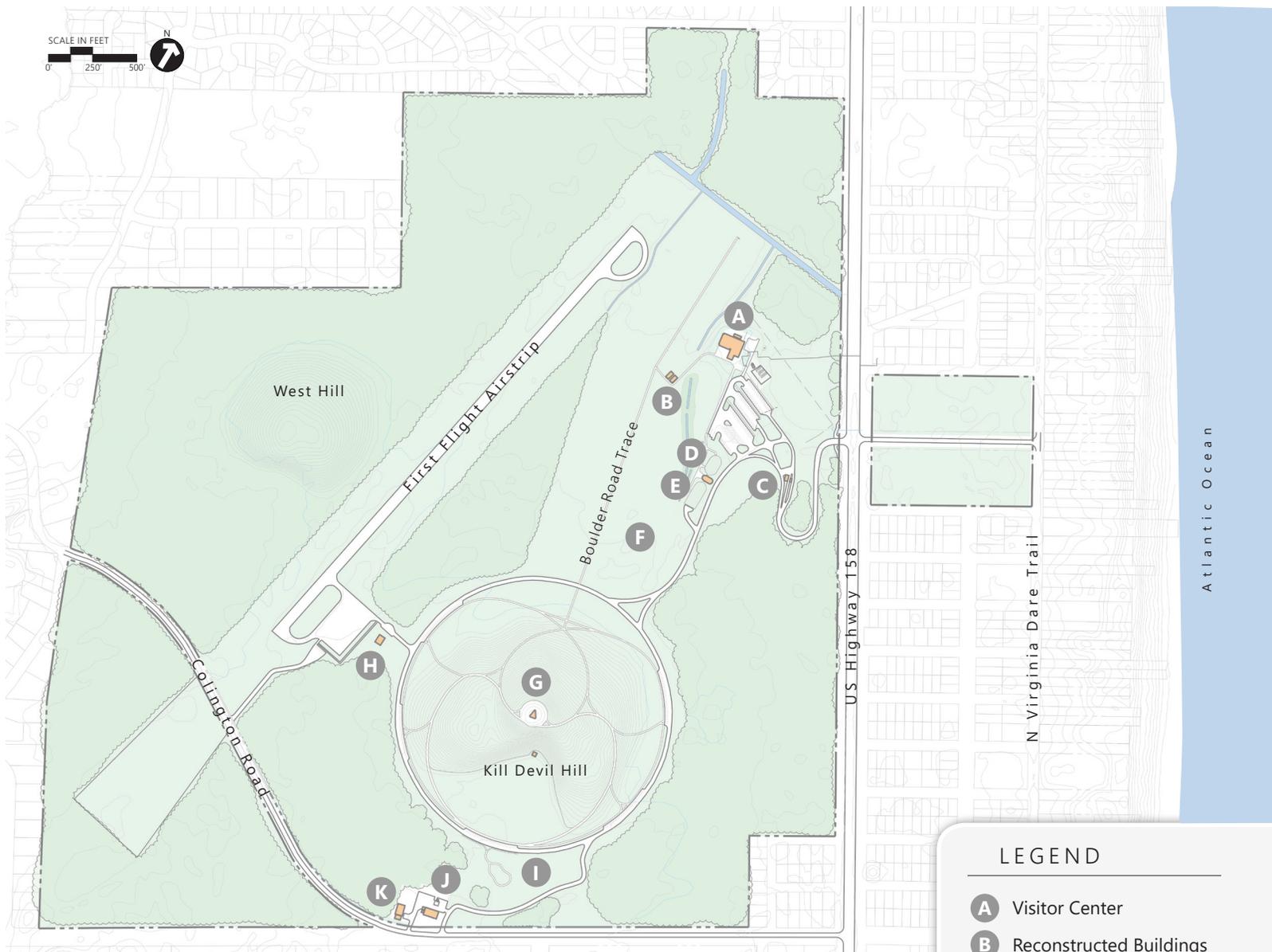
## DRAFT STRATEGIES

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about our draft strategies to address the issues and let us know if there are other actions that we should consider.

- Improve signage along the entrance road with clear fee and wayfinding information.
- Evaluate visitor center parking to consider improved circulation and drop-off options.
- Establish facilities to serve park volunteers.
- Add a new administration building with a classroom space or a separate interpretive building. Possible locations include:
  - In the wooded area between the parking lot and Kill Devil Hill
  - In the existing partner facility south of Kill Devil Hill
- Add new pedestrian walkways along the wooded areas to provide opportunities for shade and to limit pedestrian use of the roadways.
- Add a few benches throughout the site.
- Establish a tram service that provides access to the pylon and other sites within the park.
- Selectively thin vegetation between the monument and the airstrip so visitors can better appreciate the active runway and its association with the events being memorialized.



# EXISTING CONDITIONS



## LEGEND

- A** Visitor Center
- B** Reconstructed Buildings
- C** Fee Collection
- D** Junior Aviation Center
- E** Program Area
- F** Mall
- G** Wright Brothers Monument
- H** Pilot's Booth
- I** First Flight Sculpture
- J** Maintenance Complex
- K** Partner Facility



## We Want to Hear from You!

Please share your thoughts about our draft strategies and let us know if there are other actions that we should consider.

- Which potential management strategies do you feel would be most helpful in meeting the plan's vision for the future and why?
- Do you have other suggestions that could address the plan's key issues that you would like us to consider?
- Do you have ideas around accessibility, bike use, trails, etc. that you would like us to consider?

### Planning Process and Timeline

Milestone	Targeted Schedule	Planning Effort
Public Engagement	Summer 2019	Public meeting on issues and draft strategies. Public to provide comments at:  <b>WE ARE HERE</b> <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wrbr">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wrbr</a>
Develop and Analyze Alternatives	Summer 2019	NPS staff review public engagement comments, and develop and analyze the impacts of possible management alternatives.
Prepare Draft Plan and Initiate Environmental Compliance	Summer/Fall 2019	NPS staff write plan for public review
Public Review	Fall 2019	GMP amendment released for public comment. Public to provide comments at: <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wrbr">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wrbr</a>
Decision Document	Winter/Spring 2019/2020	NPS selects the actions or alternative to be implemented and prepares decision document.

## » YOU'RE INVITED!

The park will host an open house for the public to learn more about this project and to solicit public input. Please join us on Wednesday August 14, 4:30-6:30pm, at the Kill Devils Hill Town Hall Boardroom at 102 Town Hall Dr., Kill Devil Hills, NC.

There are three ways to submit your comments:

### IN PERSON

Attend the open house and submit your comments via comment card

OR

### ONLINE AT PEPC

Submit your comments electronically at:  
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wrbr>

OR

### BY MAIL

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