

VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK:

PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY



Photo: Illinois Memorial located at
Vicksburg National Military Park.

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BEST PRACTICES FOR WEBEX PARTICIPATION

The screenshot shows the Cisco Webex Events interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Audio & Video', 'Participant', 'Event', and 'Help'. The main area is divided into several panels on the right side: 'Participants', 'Chat', and 'Q&A'. The 'Participants' panel shows a search bar and a list of participants, including 'Host' and 'Me'. The 'Chat' panel has a 'To:' dropdown set to 'Host' and a text input field. The 'Q&A' panel has an 'Ask:' dropdown set to 'All Panelists' and a 'Send' button. At the bottom, there is a control bar with buttons for 'Unmute', 'Share', a menu icon, and a close button. The 'Unmute' button has a microphone icon and a red slash through it, indicating it is currently muted.

Dial *3 to raise your hand if you joined by phone.



Type a question in the Q&A box.

Shows mute and unmute.



Open Q&A Box

THE PROJECT TEAM

VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK



Rachel Davidson: Vicksburg Park Lead, Chief of Resource Management and Law Enforcement

- **Carol Daniels:** Acting Superintendent
- **Brendan Wilson:** Chief of Interpretation, Education, and Partnerships
- **Charles Beightol:** PEPC Manager, Natural Resources Manager
- **Jennifer Leasor:** Cultural Resources Manager
- **Eric Ford:** Chief of Facilities Management and Maintenance

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: DENVER SERVICE CENTER

- **Jason Himick:** Project Manager
- **Matt Loscalzo:** Environmental Coordinator
- **Troy Siefert:** Project Specialist

CONSULTANT TEAM



Mike Flick: Planning, NEPA, NHPA, and Design Task Manager

- **Michael Mayer:** Environmental Lead
- **Kelli Reyna:** Public Outreach Support
- **Carolynn Calabrese:** Public Outreach Support

PARK BACKGROUND

- Vicksburg National Military Park preserves the site of the American Civil War siege of Vicksburg.
- The Park preserves this history with:
 - Nearly 1,400 monuments, tablets and markers
 - Vicksburg National Cemetery
 - 16-mile auto tour route in its 2.7-square-mile grounds



PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Natural challenges:
 - High bluffs and rugged ravines
 - Highly erodible Mississippi Loess soil



PROJECT BACKGROUND



Grant Circle
November 4, 2020



National Cemetery
November 5, 2020



North Union Avenue
November 4, 2020

PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY

- The Vicksburg Park-Wide Road System Study will:
 - Provide recommendations for feasible options to rebuild the Park's roadway structures more sustainably.
 - Explore potential new alignments for roadways.
 - Assess the potential to upgrade or remove transportation infrastructure in the Park.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS



Geology and Soils



Water Resources



Wetlands



Wildlife and Plants



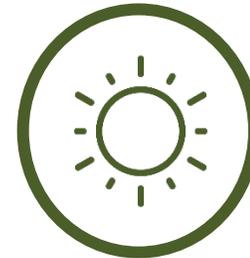
Cultural Resources



**Visitor Use and
Experience**



Socioeconomics



Climate Change

PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY



The river is my favorite place to visit.

It's important to protect the cultural resources in the Park.



Parking is always a challenge at my favorite monument.

Can you create a different tour route?



Pedestrian paths would make it easier to get around in the Park.



*The feedback shown is hypothetical only; actual input has not been received to-date.

- The National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, gives the National Park Service a framework for studying potential impacts on natural and cultural resources.
- The environmental review process covers:
 - Purpose and need.
 - Range of options.
 - Analysis of existing natural and cultural environment.
 - Natural and cultural impacts of each option.
 - Public and stakeholder input.
 - Preferred option based on the study's findings.
 - Ways to eliminate or lessen likely impacts.

TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

NOVEMBER 2020

Study begins.



We are here



JUNE 2021

Public meeting on existing conditions.

MAY - JUNE 2021

Options for solving roadway problems developed.



JULY 2021

Public meeting on roadway solution options.

FEBRUARY 2022

Evaluate preliminary options; prepare draft environmental analysis document.



APRIL 2022

Public meeting on draft plan and analysis.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Issue decision document finalized.



Park-Wide Road System Study complete.

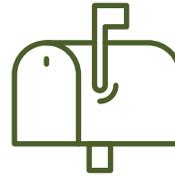


HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

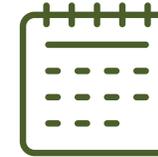
Submit your comments any of the following ways:



Online: At the Planning, Environment and Public Comment system webpage
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VicksburgRoadStudy>



Mail: Superintendent
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Deadline for comments: July 2, 2021

For questions about the Park or comment process, contact: Brendan_Wilson@nps.gov