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Southern Campaign of the Revolution Feasibility Study National Park Service Public meetings

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AGENDA

- Introduction and Welcome
- Meeting Objectives
- NHA Program Overview
- Historical Context and Interpretive Themes
- SOCA Legislation



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AGENDA (cont.)

- NHA Feasibility Study Overview
- NHA Suitability Criteria
- Planning Process to Date
- Discussion
- Next Steps

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REGIONAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

- Blue Ridge NHA
- Gullah Geechee CHC
- South Carolina NHC



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SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTION

- Historical Overview
- Interpretive Themes
- Resources and Stories



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INTERPRETIVE THEMES

- The military events in the Carolinas substantially influenced the eventual American victory in the Revolution
- Political rivalries in the Carolinas were catalysts to the outbreak of the Revolution in the south and played an important role in what was in many ways America's first Civil War
- The brutal combat during the Revolution profoundly disrupted traditional ways of life in the Carolinas
- The American victory in the Revolution presaged momentous changes for Native Americans and African Americans in the Carolinas.



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HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES IMPORTANT TO THE STORY

Battlefields

Historic structures

Cultural landscapes

Transportation corridors

Natural features

Stories

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LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

- Congress directed DOI /NPS to study suitability and feasibility of SOCA NHA
- Preliminary study area – select counties in SC – sites in NC as appropriate
- Identified NPS, state, and other key public sites
- Complete study and submit report to Congress within three years of receiving funds (2008)
- NPS must consult with appropriate state and local agencies and organizations

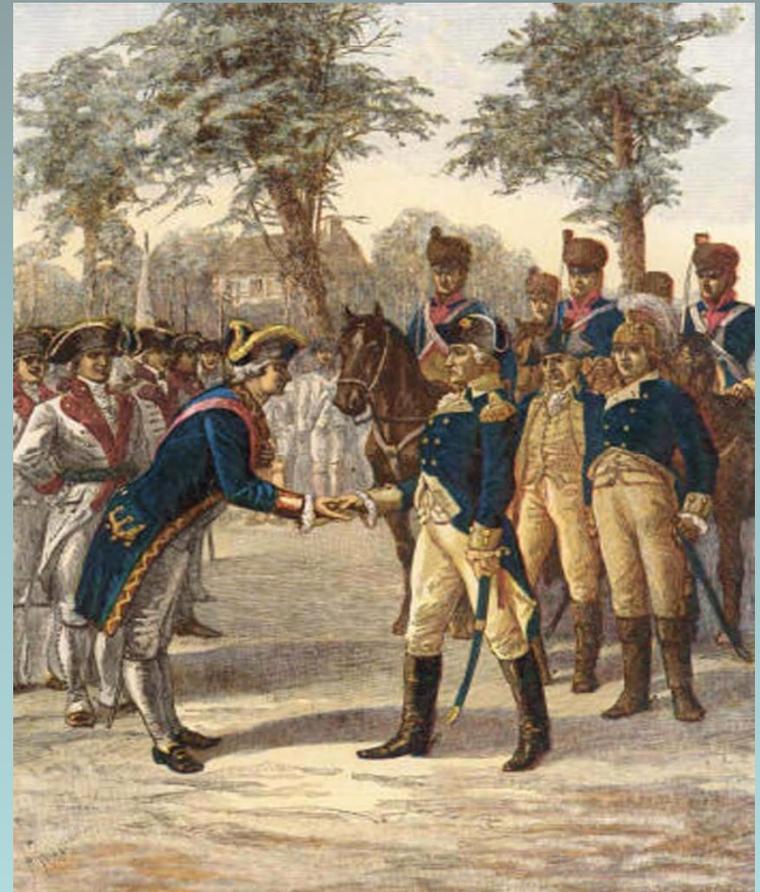


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STUDY PROCESS OVERVIEW

- NPS /DSC leads the study
- NPS/SER provides procedural and logistical support
- Partnership with Project Planning team
- Four steps to congressional report
 1. Complete study
 2. Public involvement
 3. Demonstrated widespread public support
 4. Commitment from state and local agencies, businesses and organizations, local citizens



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RELATED STUDIES AND PLANS

- **American Battlefields Protection Program Report to Congress on Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites**
- **Crossroads of the American Revolution in New Jersey SRS/NHA Feasibility Study**
- **Overmountain Victory NHT Headquarters Feasibility Study**

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CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

1. Natural, cultural, and historic resources
2. Reflect a national story
3. Outstanding opportunities to conserve features
4. Outstanding recreational and educational opportunities
5. Resource integrity

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CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION (cont.)

6. Local planning and support for designation
7. Management entity and government partnership
8. Proposal consistent with local economic activity
9. Conceptual boundary w/public support
10. Description of management entity

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THE PROJECT PLANNING TEAM

- National Park Service
- NC Dept. of Commerce Development Office
- NC Dept. of Cultural Resources
- SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- SC National Heritage Corridor
- SC State Historic Preservation Office
- Chester County, South Carolina

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STUDY PROCESS TO DATE

- Established project planning team
- Project team planning meeting (9/08)
- Developed historical overview and themes
- Developed draft study area map
- Developed public scoping newsletter
- Collected public comments



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. The Race to the Dan
2. The backcountry stories
3. Interactive interpretation
4. Native American stories
5. African-American stories
6. Broad educational programs
7. Comprehensive inclusion of sites



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PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont.)

7. Enhance awareness of the war in the South
8. Recognize events in Virginia, Georgia
9. Recognize contributions of the Militias
10. Interpret Americans' divided loyalties
11. Regional awareness of economic impact of NHA
12. Identify routes that connect the sites and stories

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US

- Sites
- Stories
- Routes
- Education and interpretation
- Management strategies
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NEXT STEPS

- Evaluate public comment
- Finalize themes and study area
- Prepare draft report for public review
- Evaluate suitability/feasibility of NHA
- Prepare report to Congress

