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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the *General Management Plan / Environmental Assessment* is to present and analyze alternatives for guiding the management of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park for the next 15 to 20 years. The national historical park is a new unit of the national park system and was authorized by an act of Congress on October 24, 2000 (Public Law 106-352).

The *General Management Plan / Environmental Assessment* presents three alternatives for managing Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.

The “**no-action**” **alternative, alternative A**, describes the existing park management and trends and serves as a basis for comparison in evaluating the two action alternatives. In the no-action alternative, visitors would continue to use self-guiding tools or join guided tours to see World War II home front historic sites and structures in Richmond, California. Each park site would continue to be adapted to accommodate contemporary uses. The National Park Service would continue to gather home front stories and operate a small self-service visitor orientation center at Richmond City Hall.

Alternative B would provide visitors with opportunities to explore Richmond’s World War II-era historic sites and structures in order to experience the scale, diversity, and complexity of the American home front story. In this alternative, visitors would be able to view the exteriors and access some rehabilitated interiors of World War II-era structures, where artifacts, exhibits, and programs would connect visitors with park themes. The World War II Home Front Visitor/Education Center, located at the Ford Assembly Building, would interpret the national home front effort and orient visitors to Richmond’s sites and stories.

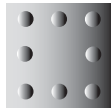
In **alternative C**, the World War II Home Front Visitor/Education Center would serve as the focal point of the park. Visitors would have opportunities to explore the World War II Home Front Visitor/Education Center to learn about the impacts and legacy of the American World War II home front. The visitor/education center would present a diversity of stories from different communities across America and would provide in-depth educational and research opportunities to advance the understanding of this chapter of American history. Using self-guiding tools, visitors would be able to view Richmond’s World War II home front sites and structures. Each park site would continue to be adapted to accommodate contemporary uses.

In consultation with the park’s other cooperating partners, the National Park Service selected alternative B as its preferred alternative. Alternative B is also the environmentally preferable alternative.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, this document analyzes the National Park Service actions for each of the alternatives. Based on issues and concerns identified during the public comment process, impact analyses focus on cultural resources, visitor use and experience, the social and economic environment, and transportation.

Readers are encouraged to send written comments on this plan to Superintendent Martha Lee, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, 1401 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804; or submit comments through the National Park Service planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. A 60-day comment period begins when notice is published in the local Richmond, California newspaper.

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