

Thank you for your
continued interest in
the Kentucky Lincoln
National Heritage Area
feasibility study.

We are currently seeking a coordinating entity for the Kentucky Lincoln National Heritage Area

The feasibility study for the Kentucky Lincoln National Heritage Area will need to identify an entity that is well positioned and capable of coordinating the various interests, projects, and funding efforts of the national heritage area. Coordinating entities are typically nonprofit organizations, coalitions or networks of organizations, historical societies, museums, or other similar types of organizations. State or municipal agencies, colleges or universities also typically serve as coordinating entities. If your organization is interested in becoming the coordinating entity for a future Kentucky Lincoln National Heritage Area, please submit a request for an application packet by September 3rd. Requests can be sent to the address below. The National Park Service will evaluate the applications, and the feasibility study will then include a recommendation for an entity to serve as the coordinating entity, should the area be designated.

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If you have questions regarding the coordinating entity role or application process, please contact Carla McConnell at 303-969-2287 or Carla_McConnell@nps.gov

Project Update

Congress has passed legislation directing the National Park Service to study sites associated with “Lincoln’s Kentucky” to determine if those resources meet the criteria for designation as a national heritage area. The study will assess local support, identify a potential coordinating entity, and study the overall feasibility for the proposed heritage area. In January 2010, staff from the National Park Service held public meetings at various locations throughout north-central Kentucky. During these meetings the National Park Service team received valuable input on the opportunities and challenges associated with a national heritage area designation honoring Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky. The National Park Service is now writing the *Kentucky Lincoln National Heritage Area Feasibility Study*, which is scheduled to be completed in early 2011, and will be shared with you at that time.

National Heritage Area Boundary

The National Park Service will study the 17 sites named in the original legislation to determine if it is feasible to designate the 11-county region that is home to these sites as a national heritage area (NHA). Additional sites and/or counties recommended through the public process will be recorded in the feasibility study. The study may recommend that future NHA designation legislation include language which would allow for additional site inclusion and boundary expansion during development of the NHA management plan.

What is a National Heritage Area?

A national heritage area is a locally managed area, designated by the United States Congress, where natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. National heritage areas are developed out of community partnerships and are planned around a region's shared heritage. For more information on national heritage areas, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas>

How is a National Heritage Area Different from a National Park?

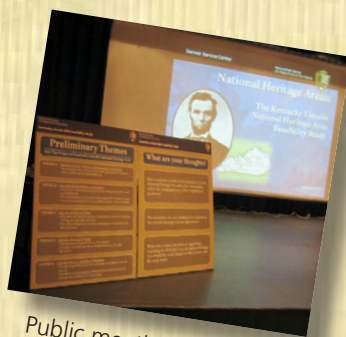
- A national heritage area is not a unit of the national park system
- A national heritage area is locally coordinated and managed
- The National Park Service's involvement is advisory in nature



Hodgenville, KY

What Are the Local Benefits to National Heritage Area Designation?

- Designation can help preserve stories, culture, and historical resources
- Designation can foster community pride
- Designation can enhance opportunities for education and inspiration
- Designation can provide economic stimulus to local communities in the region



Public meeting,
Lexington, KY

Preliminary Themes for the Proposed Kentucky Lincoln National Heritage Area

These preliminary themes are based on prior work and research for the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial and the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail, as well as subsequent input from the public and project stakeholders. The themes represent the broad stories that integrate the collection of individual resources so that they can be seen within the context of the whole.

Theme A: Lincoln's Family, Friends, and Associates in Kentucky

- Kentuckians who influenced Lincoln's personal development from childhood through adulthood
- The migration and movement of the Lincoln family into, through, and out of Kentucky

Theme B: Lincoln's Ideals, Politics, and Legacy

- Kentucky's role in developing Lincoln's character, politics, and personal ideals
- The development of Lincoln's views and political platforms and how they permeated American politics and the American public

Theme C: Lincoln and the Civil War

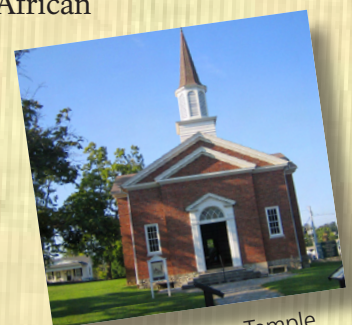
- The effect of Lincoln's policies on Kentucky and the U.S. before, during, and after the Civil War
- The effect of Kentucky's politics and society on Lincoln's Civil War decisions

Theme D: Lincoln's Relevance Today

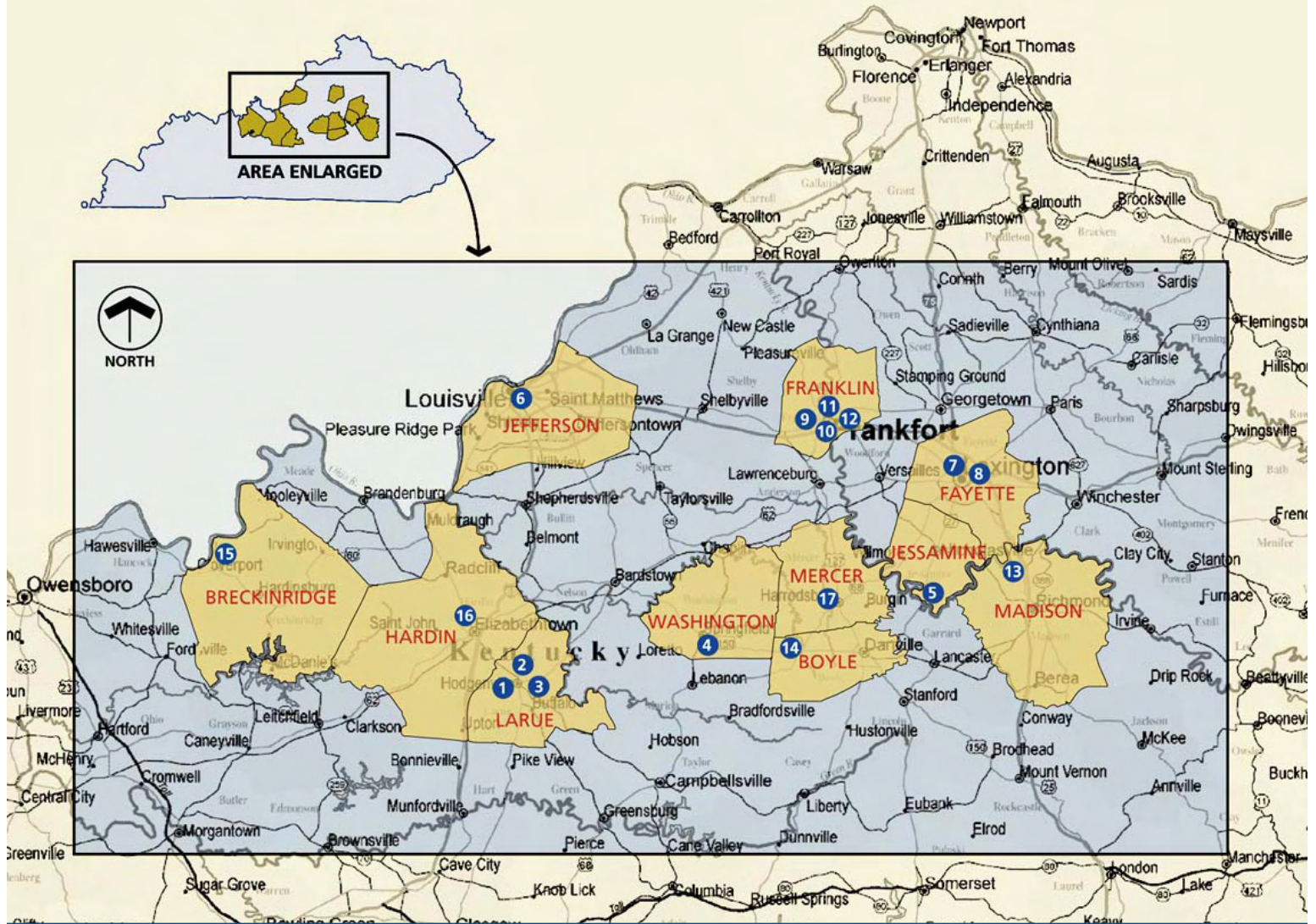
- The message of Lincoln for the 21st Century
- Lincoln's modern day effects on Kentucky, the U.S., and the world

Theme E: Lincoln, Slavery, and Black Liberation

- The development of Lincoln's personal and political views on slavery
- The reaction of Kentuckians to the Emancipation Proclamation
- The enlistment of African Americans in the Union army
- The role of Kentucky Freedmen and their changing status



Lincoln Marriage Temple



Abraham Lincoln Sites Identified in Legislation:

- 1** Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park
(Hodgenville, KY)
- 2** Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home Unit
(North of Hodgenville, KY)
- 3** Downtown Hodgenville, including the Lincoln Museum and Adolph A. Weinman statue
(Hodgenville, KY)
- 4** Lincoln Homestead State Park and Mordecai Lincoln House
(Springfield, KY)
- 5** Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park
(Nicholasville, KY)
- 6** Farmington Historic Plantation
(Louisville, KY)
- 7** Mary Todd Lincoln House
(Lexington, KY)
- 8** Ashland: the Henry Clay Estate
(Lexington, KY)
- 9** Old State Capitol
(Frankfort, KY)
- 10** Kentucky Military History Museum
(Frankfort, KY)
- 11** Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
(Frankfort, KY)
- 12** New State Capitol
(Frankfort, KY)
- 13** White Hall State Historic Site
(Richmond, KY)
- 14** Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site
(Perryville, KY)
- 15** Joseph Holt House
(Breckinridge County)
- 16** Sites in Elizabethtown, including the Lincoln Heritage House
- 17** Lincoln Marriage Temple at Fort Harrod
(Harrodsburg, KY)

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Replica cabin at Knob Creek

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