

Guilford Courthouse

National Military Park

National Park Service
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Dear Friends,

The National Park Service (NPS) is beginning a planning process to determine the most appropriate location for the new visitor center at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. The existing visitor center is located in the center of the revolutionary war battlefield and is a modern intrusion in the historic setting. The NPS has identified three preliminary alternative site locations for the relocation of the visitor center as shown on the attached site map. The potential sites include the Colonial Heritage Center, the British Lake site, and the Lawndale site.

On the basis of your comments and additional NPS value analysis study, and site and cost analysis, the preliminary site alternatives will be evaluated and modified as necessary and a preferred alternative identified. The impacts of implementing each alternative will be analyzed and published in an environmental assessment (EA). You will also have an opportunity to review and comment on that document. The EA schedule, including the public review and comment period, will be developed based on obtaining future funding for the project. This project is being considered as a partnership between local friends groups and the NPS.

The EA process will also entail coordination with other local planning efforts. The Greensboro Landmark Project is an initiative to connect major park facilities and community attractions within a 500-acre area in metropolitan Greensboro. A five-park partnership is developing the Greensboro Landmark Initiative Master Plan for linking Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Tannenbaum Historic Park, Country Park, Jaycee Park and the Natural Science Center. The NPS recently completed a Transit Feasibility Study in February 2009, which concluded that a transit system to serve the park and the adjacent/nearby partner sites was feasible from a technical standpoint. In a separate but related effort, the NPS will continue the transit planning process with its partners when funding has been approved for this effort.

We welcome your input on the visitor center project. To share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with us, we encourage you to comment electronically via the NPS website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/guco>. This website will also include updates on the planning schedule, public meeting announcements, copies of newsletters, and planning documents. You are also welcome to mail comments directly to the park at:

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park
Attn: VC Planning
2332 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC 27410-2355

Please include your mailing address if you wish to receive future documents. Your comments would be most helpful to us if we receive them no later than September 20, 2010.

Thank you for your interest in Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address or by telephone at (336) 288-1776.

Sincerely,
Charles Cranfield
Superintendent
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

