

Washington–Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

July 2010 Highlights by Joseph DiBello, Superintendent

Joe DiBello and Samantha Driscoll drafted a **cooperative agreement with W3R-US** for internal review. We will then present the agreement to the W3R-US for their review and consideration. The initial funds are being provided through the FY10 National Trails Challenge Cost Share Program and will be matched and used to support community events and research projects related to the NHT.

With the help of Peggy Wall, Chesapeake Bay Office and Suzanne Copping, Star Spangled Trail NHT, we are also entering into a **cooperative agreement with Preservation Maryland** to conduct research and to document Washington–Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail sites and routes in Maryland using the same source of funds as above.

Harper's Ferry Center and their contractors (McKnight Design) prepared a **first draft W3R National Historic Trail brochure** for our review and sent it to us on July 28. It looks tremendous for a first draft and it was done in record time. Dianne Liggett, HFC writer/editor, will pass on our early comments. We will make the revised draft available for a broader review. HFC has also been working on a logo for the NHT. Samantha Driscoll designed a logo for the NHT that we will include in the mix. Please contact us if you would like to have an early look at the early draft brochure or the logo designs.

Pathways, a newsletter recently issued by the Partnership for the National Trails System, includes **an article about the Washington- Rochambeau Revolutionary Route** that we co-authored. To see an e-version of the article go to <http://www.pnts.org/pathways/summer-2010-pathways/an-introduction-to-w3r-washington-rochambeau-revolutionary-route-nht>. We hope to have the more attractive and colorful hard copy version available for distribution in the near future.

Joe and Samantha drafted a **summary of the strategic workshops** held earlier in the year. We will use the summary of the workshops and the results of subsequent discussions as the foundation for future strategic planning efforts. We will share a copy with W3R-US and then incorporate broader public input as we move into a more detailed planning process.

We recently received the **new National Trails System Map and Guide**. Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route is newly listed as a National Historic Trail along with the New England, Arizona and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails. If you would like copies of the brochure, please e-mail Samantha at Samantha_Driscoll@nps.gov or call her 215- 597-2334.

On July 2, a **American Great Outdoors listening sessions** (one of the many being held around the country) was held in Philadelphia. The focus of this session was historic preservation. The speakers were great and the session was well planned and supported by a NPS Regional Office and Independence National Historical Park team. Several friends of W3R were there. Samantha Driscoll participated in the morning youth session as well as the public session in the afternoon. Joe DiBello assisted with one of the six afternoon sessions. Go to www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/ to learn more about the sessions.

Joe DiBello attended a fun and inspiring **Leadership Training session** on July 28 conducted by Disney Inc. and organized by the Delaware Valley Subcluster of Parks.