



Rappahannock Station Battlefield I & II Interpretive Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting, January 25, 2011

Participants were asked to write one or two measurable goals on the front of a 3x5-inch index card that could be used to measure the Park's success after the plan has been implemented. On the back of the card, participants were asked to write down a description of a visit to the park ten or twenty years from now when the plan has been successfully implemented. It could be in the form of a postcard, or just some phrases describing the qualities of the Park.

Index Cards Transcription

The following is a direct transcription of the cards:

Front (Goals)	Back (Vision)
Goal 2 – get park in operation within reasonable time. Goal 1 – proper design that allows access to river but protects the historical + environmental concerns Success – open + operating as envisioned	As soon as park opens in am several experienced kayakers/canoes with plan to travel further down river than Kelly's Ford arrive to put into river. Later in the morning historical interests arrive to recreation area. Near noon more people interested in river access arrive (eat lunch?) and head to Kelly's Ford. All river access completed by 5 pm.
1. Having a balance between tourism, preserving history and local residences. 2.	
2 Measurable Goals 1. How diverse is visiting population All Virginia visitors or large portion of visitors from US vs foreign? 2. How has the museum expanded You know the museum to hold all the photos, books documents that we collected to share with the visitors.	Postcard Visited a cool park where 2,000 Civil War soldiers died. In addition, it was pristine w wildflowers and a controlled river access point. The guides presented a very detailed history of the Federal Army and the implications of the defeat of the Lee Army while preserving the solumness of the losses. Wish you were here to see this great place.
1. A completed plan that could be sponsored. 2. A means to raise money to make this happen.	It was a great place to visit. A short walk down a tree lined path that opened up to an active Civil War camp with cooking fire & uniformed troops in the field. I walked to the top of the hill & there had a moving experience as I read the words of the soldiers. To the river edge I saw ...?... that looked like the old pontoon bridge.
1. No net environmental or historical loss 2. Buy in from local residents & co's.	Walking, impervious trail down to the river. Adequate put-in. No pavement. Quiet, rolling hills, beautiful ride down the river. Interpretive signs.

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<p>More people will have an opportunity to enjoy the little-visited section of the Rappahannock.</p> <p>Visitors will be able to recognize that this portion of the Rappahannock was a key river crossing during the War for the escape of slaves and was contested in two battles.</p>	<p>The park would have an interpretive trail following the retreat of the Confederates from the ridge to the river and if the 19 acre tract is added, to including following the route of the attack from the north to the ridge. Canoe launch would be located on the upstream portion. Trail parallel to the river for other passive recreation and birdwatching. Road access avoids the historic area on the east end.</p>
<p>2 Goals – measureable – park’s success</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Downtown Remington merchants thrive. 2. Queries/comments etc. multiply on the Remington Community Partnership email <p>Web: remingtonva.org Email: rcremington@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Future: A natural place to study, reflect and enjoy the river and terrain.</p>
<p>Measurable Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- # school fieldtrips -- # bird and other wildlife species recorded in annual inventory 	<p style="text-align: center;">Future Visit</p> <p>Saw to indigo buntings and enjoyed a beautiful spring afternoon at Fauquier County’s new Rappahannock Station riverfront park. Amazing walking paths and interpretive signage, and a spectacularly well laid-out park. Quiet, peaceful and definitely worth a visit.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluations reveal “excellent” comments related to sue of river, rec. experience, protection of resource, etc. 2. Evaluations reveal increased knowledge of Civil War battles in the area. 	<p>Family able to access river for tubing/boating/fishing and spend the day, e.g. picnicking, horseshoes, e tc. and/or Person able to visit park to learn history of Rapp. Sta. battles and/or env. interp. of river thru interp. info/artifacts/interactives/etc.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Concessions/outfitter tracking -- Feedback from the Remington Community 	<p>A park where visitors can spend an hour or an entire day. Kayaking or canoeing on the river, grabbing lunch/dinner at a picnic shelter or after a walk into the Town of Remington.</p> <p>A park that tells the history of this area during the Civil War, where visitors can walk or bike on trails that extend to Brandy Station, the Town, the nearby WMA, or the Remington Bike Routes.</p>
<p>Two Measurable Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- -- Acquisition of additional acreage so park historic and natural context is sustained. 	<p>Future: The Town of Remington is a lively place with restaurants, bed + breakfasts, coffee shops and school children. There are directional signs leading to the “Dare Line Park” that is primarily pedestrian access via bike trails and paths. The park itself is serene with meadows and paths and an occasional canoe and kayaker ...</p>