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2008 Accomplishments

At a Glance

\$0.6 million budget

9 permanent/term/seasonal staff

5,720 visitors

37/282 volunteers/volunteer hours

\$0.54 million total non-local visitor & park payroll spending (2005)

National Park Service Centennial

Used Centennial funding to hire 1 new seasonal each for interpretation and facility management

Preserving History

Highlighted the role of Thomas Stone, Maryland signer of the Declaration for Independence, with an outstanding 4th of July event attracting the greatest number of visitors in any single day since the park's opening

Improving Visitor Experience

Outstanding 4th of July and holiday events—17 percent increase in visitation in a year when the area's historical parks reported losses

Completed booklet and launched the park's first Junior Ranger program

Working with Communities

Assisted the community with creating a summer "trolley tour" of important historical sites in Charles County to celebrate the county's 350th anniversary. Program was so successful, it will expand in Summer 2009

Caring for the Environment

Chesapeake Bay Gateways funding helped to produce a Chesapeake Bay Living Map program to take to schools as a hands-on presentation that integrates the social and political history of the Charles County with environmental history and contemporary environmental lessons. The program meets the Maryland and Virginia learning standards.

Working Smarter

Cut costs at George Washington Birthplace National Monument and Thomas Stone National Historic Site by eliminating unnecessary phone lines, reduced fleet by seven vehicles, and partnered with Department of Defense to purchase fuel at a reduced bulk rate

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