



Valley Forge National Historical Park Construction Project Updates

Project Management Weekly Update: May 4th, 2007

Week of April 30, 2007 – May 4th, 2007

PA Route 23 Utility Realignment:

Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday-Friday. ***See below for more information***

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters:

Government cost estimate has been reformatted to aid with contract negotiations.

Informational signage will be posted at the sight to provide updates for the public.

Administrative Building and Auditorium HVAC/Roof Replacement:

The government cost estimate is being reformatted to aid with contract negotiations.

Walnut Hill Barn Shed Removal:

Informational signage will be posted to provide updates for the public.

Inner Line Drive

Final grading and hydro-seeding has been finished on Tower Lot, Upper Washington's Headquarters Lot, and Fort Huntington's Lot.

Inner Line will be opening on May 4th 2007. Caution signs will be installed warning visitors to stay on the pavement and off the shoulders (historic guttering areas).

David Walker/Montessori Children's School of Valley Forge

Negotiations for the lease will be completed by July 2007.

Washington's Headquarters Rehabilitation:

Final grading and hydro-seeding is taking place and will be done by May 4th.

The mason has completed relaying the stones in the head wall.

Phase II (renovation of train station interior, continued parking improvements, new restroom and waterline) designs have been reviewed.

Welcome Center Office Space Renovation:

This project will be complete within the next week. Project Management is waiting on materials to finish the work.

PC Knox Main House

Wayne Rotary has developed a program to continue repair work on and around the Main House and its out buildings. The volunteer activity day will be Saturday, May 19. This crew will start preparation work prior to that day in coordination with Project Management.

Event signage will be posted at entrance to PC Knox entry road.

Park-Wide Utility Survey

Both the scope of work and the government cost estimate have been completed.

Utility lines within park boundaries will be identified and recorded using GPS.

Hayman House Lead Based Paint Removal and Exterior Repair

The scope of work is being finalized.

Work will include lead based paint removal, repainting, flat-roof replacement, and other minor exterior repairs.

Hazardous Materials Projects

The scope of work has been reviewed for the hazardous waste removal at the Yellow Springs Road site and for the lead contaminated soil mitigation around Blair, Lund, and Midgley houses.

Chapel and Mt. Joy Trails Repair

Scopes of work are being generated for both of these trail projects.

*****ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS*****

Inner Line Drive will be opening on May 4th 2007 and will remain open until further notice. Caution signs have been installed warning visitors to stay on the pavement and off the shoulders (historic guttering) and the newly seeded areas.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 (“Valley Forge Road”): The first phase of major road improvements will begin in the Park on March 4, 2007. Route 23 will be closed to traffic

and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 "Valley Forge Road" and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards's road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.