

Environmental Studies Program (ESP) and environmental aspects of the offshore energy and marine minerals programs. The ESP, which was authorized by the OCS Lands Act as amended (Section 20), is administered by the MMS and covers a wide range of field and laboratory studies in biology, chemistry, and physical oceanography, as well as studies of the social and economic impacts of OCS energy and marine minerals development. Currently, the work is conducted through award of competitive contracts and interagency and cooperative agreements. The OCS SC reviews the relevance of the information being produced by the ESP and may recommend changes in its scope, direction, and emphasis.

The OCS SC comprises distinguished scientists in appropriate disciplines of the biological, physical, chemical, and socioeconomic sciences. Currently, the OCS SC has four vacancies in the following disciplines: Biological oceanography/marine biology; economics; and physical oceanography. The selections are based on maintaining disciplinary expertise in all areas of research, as well as geographic balance. Demonstrated knowledge of the scientific issues related to OCS oil and gas development is essential. Selections are made by the Secretary of the Interior on the basis of these factors.

#### Ethics Responsibilities of Members

All members will comply with applicable rules and regulations. The Department of the Interior will provide materials to those members appointed as Special Government Employees, explaining their ethical obligations with which the members should be familiar. Consistent with the ethics requirements, members will endeavor to avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the Committee's operations, activities, or advice. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume within 30 days to: Ms. Phyllis Clark, Minerals Management Service, Offshore Minerals Management, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4041, Herndon, Virginia 20170. She may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1716.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Oyster Bay, NY**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Sec. 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final GMP/EIS) for Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in New York. Consistent with Federal laws, regulations, and National Park Service policies, the Final GMP/EIS describes the proposed federal action to establish a programmatic framework for park management in the form of a general management plan that is consistent with the purposes of the park as set forth in the park's enabling legislation *An Act to Authorize Establishment of the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace and Sagamore Hill National Historic Sites* (Pub. L. 87-547; 76 Stat. 217).

The Final GMP/EIS evaluates alternatives to guide the management and development of Sagamore Hill NHS over the next 15 to 20 years. Under Alternative 1—Status Quo, the park would continue to be managed in accordance with existing plans and in compliance with legal and NPS policy mandates. This alternative provides a baseline for evaluating and comparing the other alternatives. Alternative 2—Building Capacity emphasized building the park's capacity to meet its basic visitor service and operational needs. Alternative 3—Past Meets Present, the agency's *preferred alternative*, emphasizes rehabilitation of the park's cultural resources and improvements to its visitor services and facilities to offer expanded opportunities for visitors to explore the site's contemporary relevance in the same context in which they explore its history. The Final GMP/EIS describes the affected environment

and evaluates the potential environmental consequences of each alternative. Impact topics evaluated include cultural resources, natural resources, visitor use and experience, park operations, and the socioeconomic environment.

The Draft GMP/EIS was made available for public review and comment in January 2007. A public open house was held in Oyster Bay on February 1, 2007. On March 8, 2007, a "Notice of Availability" formally announcing the public availability of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 10555). The public review period ended on May 8, 2007.

**DATES:** The NPS will prepare a Record of Decision concerning the selection of a management alternative no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final GMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final GMP/EIS is available on-line at [www.nps.gov/sahi](http://www.nps.gov/sahi). Copies of the Final GMP/EIS are available upon request by writing to: Ellen Carlson, Project Planner, National Park Service, Northeast Region, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109; e-mailing [ellen\\_carlson@nps.gov](mailto:ellen_carlson@nps.gov), or calling (617) 223-5048. The Final GMP/EIS is also available for pick up in person at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site at 20 Sagamore Hill Road, Oyster Bay, New York, at the park's administrative offices in the Old Orchard Museum during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Marshall, Superintendent, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771-1809, phone (516) 922-4452, [greg\\_marshall@nps.gov](mailto:greg_marshall@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) proposes a long-term approach to managing Sagamore Hill NHS, consistent with the park's mission and NPS policy and other laws and regulations. NPS planners, park staff, and key park partners collaborated in the development of the Draft GMP/EIS. A previous master plan was prepared for the park in 1963 but was not fully approved. Project scoping for the GMP began in May 2003. Formal public scoping sessions were held in Oyster Bay and NYC in April 2004. A preliminary alternatives newsletter was prepared and distributed in April 2005 followed by two community meetings.

The Draft GMP/EIS was made available for public review and comment in January 2007. The formal public comment period ended on May 8, 2007. A public open house was held in Oyster Bay on February 1, 2007. At that time, the park also hosted a meeting for park neighbors to solicit their feedback. During the comment period, 27 sets of formal written comments were received. The majority of respondents supported one or both of the action alternatives with most expressing their support for the National Park Service's preferred alternative.

The Final GMP/EIS addresses the following issues—improving the visitor experience, broadening and diversifying the park audience, improving operational efficiency, and enhancing resource protection. Key park partners closely involved in the development of planning alternatives include the Theodore Roosevelt Association, the Friends of Sagamore Hill, and the park's Volunteer Advisory Board. The target date for the Record of Decision is fall 2007.

The park's mission is “to preserve in public ownership and interpret the structures, landscape, collections, and other cultural resources associated with Theodore Roosevelt's Home in Oyster Bay, New York to ensure that future generations understand and appreciate the life and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, his family, and the significant events associated with him at Sagamore Hill.” Theodore Roosevelt bought land in Oyster Bay in 1880, where he built his family home and lived until his death in 1919. Throughout his life, Roosevelt attracted national and international figures from every walk of life to this home. Sagamore Hill was the summer White House between 1902 and 1908.

The Final GMP proposes strategies for resource protection and visitor services; identifies development proposals and associated costs; addresses carrying capacity and park boundaries; examines changes in visitor use patterns and visitor experience; and considers the park's relationship with other Theodore Roosevelt-related sites within the general vicinity of the park as well as across the country.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final Environmental Impact Statement; Giacomini Wetlands Restoration; Point Reyes National Seashore; Marin County, CA; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision**

*Summary:* Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the implementing regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared, in conjunction with the California State Lands Commission as co-lead agency, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for restoring the Giacomini Wetlands in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (north district), administered by Point Reyes National Seashore. The Regional Director, Pacific West Region has approved the Record of Decision and supporting Statement of Findings for Wetlands and Floodplains for this restoration project. The formal no-action period was officially initiated June 27, 2007, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Federal Register** notification of the filing of the Final EIS.

*Decision:* As soon as practicable the Seashore will begin to implement restoration efforts of the “environmentally preferred” *Alternative D* as detailed in the Final EIS. The selected plan maximizes ecological restoration while providing public access and overlooks for viewing the restoration area. Work elements include removal of earthen levees and appurtenant infrastructure, and recreation of tidal channels and freshwater breeding habitat for California red-legged frogs. Certain public access features will be maintained or enhanced, and additionally the Seashore will collaborate with the County of Marin (including further conservation planning as appropriate) on additional public access facilities on the southern perimeter of the project area in furtherance of the Countywide Plan.

As documented in the Final EIS, this course of action was deemed to be “environmentally preferred”. The preferred plan and four alternatives were identified and analyzed in the Final EIS, and previously in the Draft EIS (the latter was distributed in December, 2006). The full spectrums of foreseeable environmental consequences were assessed, and appropriate mitigation measures

identified, for each alternative. Beginning with early scoping, through the preparation of the Draft and Final EIS, numerous public meetings were hosted. Approximately 200 oral and written comments were received during the scoping phase or in response to the Draft EIS. Key consultations or other contacts which aided in preparing the Draft and Final EIS involved (but were not limited to) the California Coastal Commission, Department of Fish and Game, and State Historic Preservation Office, the Marin County Parks and Open Space, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. Local communities, county and city officials, and interested organizations were contacted extensively during initial scoping and throughout the conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process.

*Copies:* Interested parties desiring to review the Record of Decision may obtain a complete copy by contacting the Superintendent, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes, CA 94956; or via telephone request at (415) 464-5100.

Dated: August 16, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Walnut Canyon National Monument, AZ**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Walnut Canyon National Monument.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the General Management Plan, Walnut Canyon National Monument, Arizona. On August 21, 2007, the Regional Director, Intermountain Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on March 19, 2007. Three alternatives were analyzed in the Draft and Final