

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.

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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