


**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: May 19, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Timothy J. Baroody 
Deputy County Administrator

ISSUE: National Park Service – General Management Planning Process

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: N/A

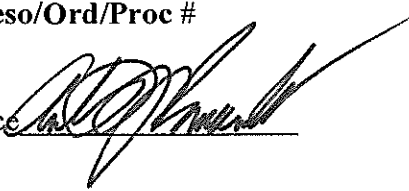
BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: (1)

[1] Background Report [] Reso/Ord/Proc #

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REVIEW: [X] County Administrator's Office 

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- [] Consent Agenda [] Other Business [] Public Hearing
- [] Discussion Item [X] Presentation [] Unfinished Business
- [] New Business

PRESENTATION BY: Russell L. Smith, Superintendent - National Park Service
Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, National Military Park

ELECTION DISTRICT: N/A

BACKGROUND REPORT

The National Park Service is required to periodically update, usually every 20 years, its General Management Plan (GMP). Mr. Russell L. Smith, Superintendent of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, will brief the Board on progress to date in creating this planning document. All major decisions regarding the Park's preservation, use, and development evolve within this planning document. The last GMP for the Park was approved in 1986.

As Superintendent of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Mr. Smith is making similar presentations to governing bodies throughout the region. Park staff is approximately six months into this three-year process. The process will eventually seek comments and guidance on many issues including land protection, facility development, and recreation pressures. Once complete, the document is submitted for approval to the U.S. Secretary of Interior, and when approved becomes the guiding document for the Park.

Superintendent Smith will also be sharing a recently produced video on Chatham's history with the Board.