

be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Classification Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for conveyance for the closed landfill and solid waste transfer facilities. Comments on the classification(s) are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, and whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

**Application Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision; or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the lands for closed landfill and solid waste transfer facilities. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days after March 27, 2007.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

Dated: February 5, 2007.

**William Lanning,**

*Associate Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB#1024-0224).

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before May 29, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** *Send Comments To:* Dr. James H. Gramann, NPS Visiting Chief Social Scientist; NPS Social Science

Program, Texas A & M University, 225-B Francis Hall, 2261, College Station, TX 77843; Voice: 202-513-7189; Fax: 202-371-2131; E-mail:

*James\_Gramann@partner.nps.gov.* Also, you may send comments to Leonard Stowe, NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C St., NW. (2065), Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail at *leonard\_stowe@nps.gov.* All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Megan McBride, NPS Social Science Senior Research Associate; c/o NPS Air Resource Division, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Co 80225; Voice: 303-969-2814; E-mail: *Megan\_McBride@contractor.nps.gov.*

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Programmatic Approval for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**OMB Number:** 1024-0224.

**Expiration Date:** 1/31/2008.

**Type of Request:** Extension for a currently approved collection.

**Description of Need:** The NPS needs information concerning park visitors and visitor services, potential park visitors, and residents of communities near parks to provide park and NPS managers with usable knowledge for improving the quality and utility of agency programs, services, and planning efforts.

Since many of the NPS surveys are similar in terms of the populations being surveyed, the types of questions being asked, and research methodologies, the NPS proposed to and received clearance from OMB for a program of review for NPS-sponsored public surveys (OMB #1024-0224 exp. 8/31/2001; 3-year extension granted, exp. 9/30/2004; 3-year extension granted, exp. 1/31/2008).

The program presented an alternative approach to complying with the Paperwork Reduction Act. In the eight year since the NPS received clearance for the program of expedited review, 371 public surveys have been conducted in units of the National Park System. The benefits of this program have been significant to the NPS, Department of Interior, OMB, NPS cooperators, and the public. Significant time and cost savings have been incurred. Expedited approval was typically granted in 60 days or less from the date the Principal Investigator first submitted the survey package for review. This is a significant reduction over the approximate 6-8 months involved in the standard OMB review

process. From FY 1999 through FY 2006, the expedited review process has accounted for a cost savings to the federal government and PIs estimated at \$723,087.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Automated data collection:** At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the information gathering process involves asking the public for their opinions on services and facilities that they used during their visits, services and facilities they are likely to use on future park visits, and opinions regarding park management. The burden on individuals is minimized by rigorously designing public surveys to maximize the ability of the surveys to use small samples of individuals to represent large populations of the public, and by coordinating the program of surveys to maximize the ability of new surveys to build on the findings of prior surveys.

**Description of respondents:** A sample of visitors to parks, potential visitors to parks, and residents of communities near parks.

**Estimated average number of respondents:** The program does not identify the number of respondents because that number will differ in each individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each information collection.

**Estimated average number of responses:** The program does not identify the average number of responses because that number will differ in each individual survey. For most surveys, each respondent will be asked to respond only one time, so in those cases the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

**Estimated average burden hours per response:** The program does not identify

the average burden hours per response because that number will differ from individual survey to individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each information collection.

*Frequency of Response:* Most individual surveys will request only 1 response per respondent.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* The program identifies the requested total number of burden hours annually for all of the surveys to be conducted under its auspices to be 15,000 burden hours per year. The total annual burden per survey for most surveys conducted under the auspices of this program would be within the range of 50 to 200 hours.

Dated: February 28, 2007.

**Leonard E. Stowe,**

*NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Ellis Island Development Concept Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Statute of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, New York and New Jersey**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for Ellis Island Development Concept Plan, Statute of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ellis Island Development Concept Plan, Statute of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, New York and New Jersey. The primary purpose of the FEIS is to finalize the documentation of the environmental consequences of alternative management strategies for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of 30 deteriorating buildings on Ellis Island, and the limited service and emergency access that are described in the preferred alternative of the Development Concept Plan.

The Development Concept Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (DCP/FEIS) evaluates three (3) alternatives regarding the future of the vacant historic buildings of Ellis Island. "Alternative 1: No Action—

Continuation of Existing Management Direction," describes the conditions after only temporary stabilization of the buildings and the existing vehicular service bridge. The eventual result of the no action alternative is the complete or near-complete loss of these resources as the effects of temporary stabilization expire. This alternative provides the basis of comparison to judge the potential impacts of the two "action" alternatives. Both action alternatives would include a new service bridge to New Jersey for emergency and service vehicles; the no action alternative would not. "Alternative 2: Ellis Island Partners—Day Use Only," describes conditions that would result after the buildings are rehabilitated as a campus for multiple non-profit/institutional uses complimenting the historic of Ellis Island "Alternative 3: Ellis Island Institute with Overnight Accommodations" (the preferred alternative), describes the conditions if the buildings were rehabilitated as an educational, non-profit institute with an associated conference/retreat center. The facilities would include overnight accommodations to host meetings, retreats, and workshops primarily focusing on issues such as immigration, world migration, public health, family history, historic preservation, and the environment. The preferred alternative would accomplish the goals and objectives set forth in the NPS 1982 Statute of Liberty National Monument General Management Plan which identified several major buildings on the north side of the island for rehabilitation and reuse by the NPS for interpretation, visitor services and administration (subsequently completed utilizing private funds raised by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation), and proposed that the balance of the buildings on the island, including all of the south-side buildings, be preserved on the exteriors and adapted for reuse by either the NPS or a private organization under a lease agreement or concession contract.

The DCP/FEIS documents the project's requirements to comply with NPS Director's Order 21 and the Partnership Construction Process, as well as the requirement for additional analysis to confirm the economic and programmatic viability of the proposed action. The results of these studies will guide the scope, design and build-out of this project. If the project is determined by the NPS to not be economically feasible, the NPS will consider alternatives for management of Ellis Island taking into account the information gained from said market

analysis and feasibility studies and other facts then available. This further consideration of alternatives will be conducted in accordance with applicable requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act and the National Historic Preservation Act (as amended).

The release of the Development Concept Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement in June 2003, and publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2003 began a 60-day review period of the draft document. During that review period, the National Park Service held two public meetings to provide agencies and the public an opportunity to comment on the draft document. During the public comment period on the draft document, comments were received in the form of letters, cards, and emails. Written and verbal comments were submitted at public hearings. All substantive comments have been addressed in the "Consultation and Coordination" chapter of the DCP/FEIS.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Availability of the ROD will be noticed in the **Federal Register** and the NPS will subsequently move forward with the NPS' Partnership Construction Process and other required reviews for a partnership project. Following the ROD, the NPS will also begin consultation, planning and environmental analysis for the permanent bridge.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public inspection on line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and in the offices of the Superintendent, Statute of Liberty NM and Ellis Island, Liberty Island, New York, NY 10004, where copies of the document are available in print and on compact disc.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Statute of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, Ellis Island Receiving Office, Jersey City, NJ 07305. (212) 3663-3206 Ext. 100, [Cynthia\\_garrett@nps.gov](mailto:Cynthia_garrett@nps.gov).

Dated: January 25, 2007.

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