

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: CEDAR CREEK AND BELLE GROVE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2024	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
CEDAR CREEK AND BELLE GROVE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK		20656	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/05/2012		
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 107-373	12/19/2002	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
2	0	0	0
17d. Total	2		
Purpose	Start	End	

The purpose of the meeting is to review status of nominations, discuss implementation of the GMP, specifically partnerships, type of agreements to formalize relationships, and provide a park operations update. 12/14/2023 - 12/14/2023

The purpose of the meeting is to review status of nominations, discuss implementation of the GMP, specifically cultural resources, and provide a park operations update. 03/21/2024 - 03/21/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in the preparation and implementation of a General Management Plan and to advise the Secretary

with respect to the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission may continue to meet to advise on the implementation of the plan.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

15 Members representing the following entities: a) one representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; b) one representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; c) two representatives of private landowners within the Park; d) one representative from a citizen interest group; e) one representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; f) one representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated; g) one representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; h) one representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; i) one ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; and j) one ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4. Each of the meetings will focus on some aspect of implementing the General Management Plan.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The enabling legislation for the Park directs the National Park Service to develop a general management plan and to establish a park advisory

commission to advise in the development and implementation of that plan and the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission may continue to meet to advise on the implementation of the plan.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Commission is made up of almost all new commissioners. The focus of meetings this year have been to train them on FACA and the purpose of the Commission. They made no recommendations in FY23. The Commission met 4 times during FY23 however due to vacancies, there was not a quorum at any meeting, therefore, the Commission could not make any recommendations. The next meeting will be focused on advising the park on top priorities to focus on. The Commission is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), and may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Section 9 (a) of the Act have been complied with. The provisions of section 14(b) of FACA requiring a biennial rechartering are inapplicable to the Commission pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 102-525, October 26, 1992. However, there will be a biennial review of the Commission to determine if its goals and objectives are being fulfilled.

Designated Federal Officer

Patrick Kenney Superintendent/Park Manager,
Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHP

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beck-Herzog, Karen	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	National Park Service	Ex Officio Member
Black, Brenda	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Shenandoah County, VA	Representative Member
Blount, David	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Private Land Owner	Representative Member
Bradford, Ross	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Deputy General Council	Representative Member
Chapman, Stephanie	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	US Forest Service	Ex Officio Member
Cousson, Paul	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Media and Government Relations	Representative Member
French, Jenna	09/28/2023	09/27/2026	Shenandoah County, VA	Representative Member
Meyer, Lee	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Warren County, VA	Representative Member
Mitchell, Stephanie	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Town of Middletown, VA	Representative Member
Morgan, Curtis	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Town of Strasburg, VA	Representative Member
Noyes, Catherine	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	American Battlefield Trust	Representative Member
Pearson, Wyatt	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Frederick County, VA	Representative Member
Polkinghorn, Carol	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	Representative Member
Sulfridge, Wayne	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	Belle Grove, Inc.	Representative Member
Vehorn, Andrew	06/01/2023	05/31/2026	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Representative Member
Yonce, Mary	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	District Ranger US Forest Service	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The Commission will advise the agency on the development and implementation of the General Management Plan. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission may continue to meet to advise on the implementation of the plan.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Trust in Government: Representatives of several local governments, non profit entities, Federal agencies, private landowners and civic organizations are represented on the Commission. Their representation on the Commission increase public trust that their concerns will be taken into account in the development, management and operation of the national park. Improved Delivery Service: The Commission will advise on desired experiences for national park visitors, and the staffing and facilities requirements to support those experiences. Increased Customer Satisfaction: Representation of this wide spectrum of entities will facilitate coordination and integration of the management plan with local government comprehensive plans, objectives of nonprofit organizations, and needs of private landowners in and around the national park.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

20

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations in FY2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The FAC's input on the park's foundation document was fully accepted and integrated into the document. The advisory commissions recommendation for the colors of the shared graphic identity was adopted by the partners. A staff person from the Civil War Trust was nominated and appointed to fill the citizen's group membership vacancy. The recommendation regarding the directional signage was fully implemented in June, 2014. The recommendation on the shared graphic identify for the park is fully implemented. The new unigrid was completed and printed in May, 2014, it was updated in 2018 to include the new shared graphic logo. The committee recommended courses of action for the Route 11 bridge project and the I-81 bridge and subsequent meetings and actions occurred in May, 2014. The recommendations on the 150th anniversary helped shape the event planning and are currently being implemented. The recommendations on trail development have been incorporated into the draft trail management strategy document. The commission's recommendations on land preservation and acquisition have been incorporated into the park's land management strategies. The trail management strategy has been finalized. The 150th Anniversary planning concluded with a successful set of events for the park and partners. The nomination for Paul Coussan from the Civil War Trust was put forwarded for formal review; he has been appointed by the Secretary.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

35%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Implementation of the 2014 short- and long-term priorities.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Yes. The DFO and regional park staff provide feedback and updates on recommendations at quarterly commission meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The national park has focused its funding and staffing priorities and resources to continued development and installation of interpretive signage, the shared graphic identity, implement a trails management strategy, and shared partnership projects including outreach to students as a result of the commission's recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

A public review copy of all meeting agendas, minutes and handouts are kept at park headquarters for public review. Meeting agendas, list of handouts and meeting minutes are posted on the agency web site at

<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2287395>