

National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior



Planning

for the Future



Program Profile



- The program annually supports:
 - 70 ongoing Management Plans (was 100+)
 - 40+ Studies for potential new parks, trails, wild & scenic rivers, and Heritage Areas
 - DSC and regional staff



Bringing Planning to the Table



Integrating Planning into other Programs

- Commercial Services Program
- Climate Change Program
- Wilderness Program
- Asset Management
- Partnerships Council



REVISED FRAMEWORK FOR PARK PLANNING



VISION:

The new Framework will provide a broader range of services and products to parks to help them address and make decisions about the variety of issues they face



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Principle #1

- Confirms the foundation document as the baseline for all future planning and decision-making at the park
 - National Planning Program is spearheading the initiative for all parks to have a Foundation by 2016.
 - Foundations will include an Assessment of Planning Needs

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Principle #2

- Introduces the concept of the Planning Portfolio to implement a responsive and flexible approach to meeting park planning needs
 - Unit Management Plan approach is a key building block
 - A park plan becomes a 'Living Document'
 - Park planning needs are met through a totality of planning documents
 - Elements are added, removed, or updated without revising the entire body of work.
 - Legal requirements for GMP are met in different ways
 - Monitoring and evaluation

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Principle #3

- Enhances planning capacity Servicewide by integrating other NPS programs in park planning efforts
 - Clarify roles and responsibilities
 - Program involvement through reviews, information sharing and leveraging of funding sources
 - Aligns program resources to meet the park's planning needs
 - Continues inter-program and inter-agency initiatives

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Static Portfolio

Base Plan: Foundation (purpose, significance, FR&Vs), descriptive elements (WCN, ORVs), policy review, desired conditions, and Assessment of Planning Needs: Park Planning Strategy.

Atlas: Provides maps and data on each park, e.g. resources, facilities, infrastructure

Park Information and Data: I/M, Research, Resource Studies, Condition Assessments

Dynamic Portfolio

Decision Plans (NEPA): GMP, DCP, Access Plan, Wilderness Plan, etc.

Strategic/ Program Plans: RSS, LRIP, etc.

Monitor

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