



Gettysburg National Military Park Expansion



Location: Pennsylvania

Expansion Legislation: S. 782/Bob Casey and H.R. 1513/Scott Perry

Background: For more than four years, NPCA has advocated that the Gettysburg or “Lincoln” train station be added to Gettysburg National Military Park. Opened in 1859, the train station’s most famous moment came on the evening of November 18, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln stepped onto its platform on his way to dedicate the Gettysburg National Cemetery and deliver the Gettysburg Address. The train station served as a field hospital during the battle, and more than 15,000 wounded soldiers were transported through the depot.

Now owned by the Gettysburg Foundation, the train station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Foundation intends to donate the station to the National Park Service, along with 45 acres of historically significant land near the eastern base of Big Round Top.

NPCA Involvement:

- For more than four years, NPCA has advocated for the addition of the Gettysburg or “Lincoln” train station, to be added to Gettysburg National Military Park.
- Worked with local and national partners, and elected officials to demonstrate our support for acquisition.

Joy Oakes, Mid-Atlantic Senior Regional Director for the National Parks Conservation Association:

“For the last four years, NPCA has supported bipartisan bills to add the Lincoln Train Station to Gettysburg National Military Park and to expand the park

boundary to include critical battlefield lands. These important additions to Gettysburg are common sense and long overdue to one of the nation's premier classrooms on the American Civil War.”

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