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\$147,600 in Federal Funding for the Crossroads Heritage Area

The 2008 National Park Service's budget includes first-time funding for New Jersey's National Heritage Area. Cate Litvack, Executive Director of the Heritage Area announced that Congress has appropriated \$147,600 in federal matching funds. Crossroads will work on a heritage area management plan with residents, state and local governments and conservation and preservation organizations.

Morristown National Historic Park Celebrates 75 Years

On March 2, 1933, Morristown became the third historic park in the National Park Service inventory and the first to receive the title 'National Historical Park'.

Incorporating four distinct areas - Washington Headquarters Museum and adjacent Ford Mansion, Jockey Hollow, the New Jersey Brigade Ground and the site of Fort Nonsense - Morristown NHP uniquely captures both the epic and mundane aspects of the Revolutionary War. In the dignified Ford Mansion, plans and strategies were hammered out by officers including General George Washington; Jockey Hollow, meanwhile, exposes the stark reality of wintering 10,000 under-equipped common soldiers in the brutal cold.



Old Barracks Museum Marks 250th Anniversary

The Old Barracks Museum will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the building's construction with a number of events,



including a *Semiquincentennial Ball*, April 26, 2008, featuring the Old Barracks Fife & Drum Corps leading a procession to the

Trenton War Memorial where there will be dining and dancing.

When built during the French and Indian War in 1758, it was the largest building in Trenton. During the course of the Revolutionary War, the Barracks changed from American to British hands, until General George Washington recaptured Trenton following his bold Delaware River crossing in December 1776.

In 1902 local preservationists formed the Old Barracks Association and rescued the deteriorating building, opening it as a museum the following year. The Association continues to operate the building which it donated to the State in 1914.

Visit the Old Barracks Museum's website www.barracks.org for all the news about anniversary events and programs!

For 225 Years We've Always Had (The Treaty Of) Paris

While the surrender of British General Cornwallis at Yorktown effectively ended combat, the Revolutionary War wasn't officially over until the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, 225 years ago. The Treaty of Paris recognized the 13 American colonies as free and sovereign States,

Among the events planned this year are Encampment at Jockey Hollow (April 19-20), and a special Independence Day Celebration at Washington's Headquarters on July 4th. For more information contact the Park at (973) 539-2016, ext. 210 , or visit the website for [Morristown National Historical Park](#) (choose 'Plan Your Visit', click 'Things To Do' and 'Schedule of Events') .

Mapping New Jersey's Revolutionary War History

As part of a class project at Rutgers the Advanced Environmental Geomatics class (Spring 2007), under the direction of class instructor David Tulloch, developed a new geospatial dataset of over 700 significant places in New Jersey.

The map developed by the students to display those data won three awards at the 20th Annual NJ Department of Environmental Protection Map Contest in April 2007.

The project was inspired by John D. Alden's 1945 map, 'Battles and Skirmishes of the American Revolution in New Jersey' (available through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection). Utilizing the Alden map, an extensive GIS database was developed by digitizing over 700 locations including all major battles, known skirmishes, and places of interest.

To view the map in its current form, go to the following website:
<<http://crssa.rutgers.edu/projects/special/revwar/>>.



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News of the Treaty's signing caught up to the Continental Congress as they were seated in Princeton, New Jersey. Throughout 2008, the 1783 Treaty of Paris Committee is planning numerous events and exhibits in the Princeton area to celebrate the Princeton as the nation's capital and the Treaty's signing.

This fall, the Library and Archives of Canada joins with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration to present an 8-month exhibit featuring the rarely-seen American copy of the Treaty and many other valuable archival treasures. The exhibit will open at the National Archives' Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery in Washington DC on the anniversary date of the treaty's signing, September 3rd and will run through January 5, 2009.

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