



Public Scoping Meeting *for the* Rehabilitation of Alexander's and Slough Bridges

The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment to study a range of alternatives to evaluate possible impacts which may be associated with the potential rehabilitation or replacement of the Alexander's Bridge and the Slough Bridge, located in the Chickamauga Battlefield unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

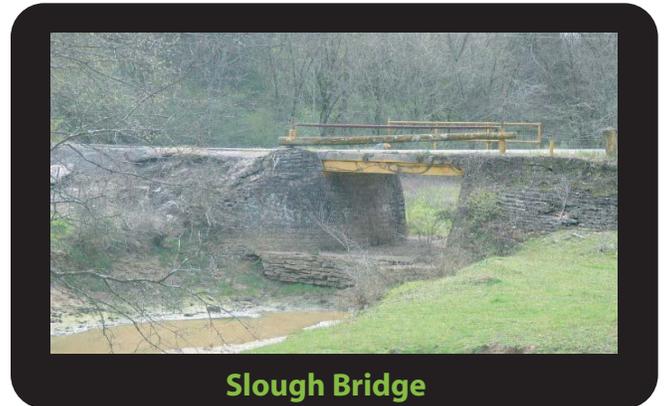
Project information and on-line
comment submission at:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chch>

Project Need: The Alexander's Bridge has surpassed a serviceable condition. A 3-ton load limit is posted to limit stress on the superstructure.

Both Alexander's and Slough Bridges are over 100 years old and do not incorporate current recommended safety features, such as crash worthy railings or impact attenuation. The bridge abutments date to 1897 and 1907, respectively, and are constructed of native stone. At this time they appear to be structurally adequate; however, additional analysis may be necessary as design alternatives are developed. The abutments exhibit deteriorating masonry, missing stone, and scouring and channel erosion are evident. Shoulder erosion along the southern approach east of the Slough Bridge has been patched with asphalt several times and shows evidence of settlement.



Alexander's Bridge



Slough Bridge

Project Purpose: The purpose of the proposed action is to provide safe access to the Alexander's Bridge site area and to maintain circulation as defined in the 1890-1942 Commemorative Period. In order for the proposed action to be considered successful, the following objectives must be met:

- Allows for Park interpretation of the 1863 Battle Period and 1890-1942 Commemorative Period.
- Does not interrupt the historically accurate interpretation of adjacent Park resources (i.e., historic markers, site of the battle).
- Maintains the Park's ability to provide interpretation of the site for the enjoyment and experience of Park visitors.
- Maintains access to adjoining private lands.
- Maintains or improves the ability for West Chickamauga Creek flood waters to pass through the interpretive area.
- Does not require the acquisition of additional lands.

If you wish to mail comments, you may submit comments by August 22, 2008 to the following:

Superintendent
Chickamauga and Chattanooga
National Military Park
P.O. Box 2128
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

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



You are invited to a **Public Scoping Open House**
for the *Rehabilitation of Alexander's and Slough Bridges* at
the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center,
3370 Lafayette Road, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA
from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on **July 22, 2008.**

If you have questions concerning this announcement please contact
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