

a) Land and Natural Resources Protection Initiative: BLM and the DNR will jointly negotiate funding for a land protection initiative for the 5,500 acres. When necessary, assistance will be provided by The Conservation Fund or other non-profit, independent organizations. This effort is intended to result in the eventual ownership or protection of all or some of these lands for future public benefit, as well as to promote community economic development through heritage tourism opportunities; and

b) Planning Analysis Document: The BLM, with the support and assistance of the DNR, Charles County, and other organizations as needed, will assume a lead role in developing a Planning Analysis for Douglas Point. The Planning Analysis will be developed through consultation and coordination with the public and interested stakeholders. The document will address 1) options for management of the Douglas Point land; 2) criteria for evaluating options; 3) possible uses for the land; and 4) consideration of the area's natural, cultural, and recreational resources, including water access; and

c) Future Interagency Planning and Management: Through the Planning Analysis, the BLM, DNR, and Charles County will work cooperatively to define and identify specific proposed activities, interjurisdictional management responsibilities, funding needs and funding sources through the development of a Management Plan. It is understood that Charles County has primary interest in developing and promoting maritime heritage and eco-tourism opportunities at the Wilson property site, as well as in managing a new recreational public water access to the Potomac River at the site. Charles County envisions participation in certain targeted promotional, marketing, and operational aspects recommended in the Management Plan. The final management roles and details for all parties will be resolved and agreed to in the Management Plan.

Funding

Nothing in the MOU shall obligate any party to expend, contract for or otherwise commit to payments of money. BLM's, DNR's, and Charles County's performance of its responsibilities under this MOU is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for land acquisition and/or future management of the site.

Conditions

Upon mutual agreement, the parties recognize that each party may enter into similar agreements with other entities

The parties agree that this MOU does not constitute an endorsement of the other parties or their products, services, or opinions.