MANHATTAN PROJECT
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
FOUNDATION DOCUMENT

• Completed January 2017
• Identifies Park Interpretive Themes
• Public input from all 3 communities & NPS/DOE workshop
• Available on park website:

https://www.nps.gov/mapr/foundation-document.htm
The “secret cities” created for the Manhattan Project, and the sacrifice and displacement connected to them, exemplified this massive wartime effort and demonstrate remarkable opportunities to reflect on the extraordinary lengths to which people and nations go to protect their future.
INTERPRETIVE THEMES

The revolutionary science and engineering that fueled the race to create the world’s first atomic weapon make these places a powerful illustration of technological innovation and collaboration, and offer guidance and insight into solving today’s complex problems.
INTERPRETIVE THEMES

From beginning to end, the Manhattan Project, its World War II context, and the many complex decisions that led to the incomprehensible destructive power of nuclear weapons prompts us to confront the profound choices and consequences that the world continues to struggle with today.
INTERPRETIVE THEMES

The Manhattan Project thrust humanity into the nuclear age and forever changed the world, provoking consideration of dramatic scientific and technological advances as well as severe human costs and environmental consequences.
Next Steps

- Interpretive Plan
- Visitor Access Plan
- Collections Plan
- Park Film
- Staffing
PARTNERSHIPS

- All Three Locations
- Atomic Heritage Foundation
- Special Events
- Opportunities
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES