

# Preserving America's Premier Trans-Mississippi Civil War Collection

---

Since its organization in 1950, the goal of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation has been to preserve the hallowed ground of Wilson's Creek where more than 17,000 soldiers, both north and south, fought on a hot August day in 1861. The battle, one of the earliest of the Civil War, saw the beginning of four years of conflict that would shape who and what the United States would become.

Early efforts to preserve the battlefield by the Foundation have led to a variety of projects over the years, including furnishing the historic Ray House, building picnic pavilions, rebuilding historic structures, funding a new interpretive film, and expanding the Visitor Center with an 8,000-square-foot addition to add educational space and house the Hulston Research Library. More recently our efforts have included land purchases around the battlefield to protect its viewshed and maintain the park's historic integrity.

Our current project involves renovation of the park's Visitor Center, which will enhance the experience of the more than 200,000 visitors who come to the park each year. The proposed project will provide much needed curatorial space for the park's large collection of artifacts, double the amount of exhibit space, and upgrade the Visitor Center's heating and air conditioning systems to protect artifacts and insure a positive visitor experience.

## Curatorial Space

With a collection of more than 8,500 artifacts, only about 10 percent are currently on display, leaving the remaining 90 percent in storage. The current storage facilities are inadequate, difficult to access, and in many cases do not meet critical curatorial standards. There is a pressing need for adequate and updated compact storage for the collection's artifacts, many of which are irreplaceable.

## Exhibit Space

The current project will increase the amount of display space by 100 percent, allowing more artifacts to be on display. Updates will also provide for interactive displays and "virtual displays," allowing fragile artifacts and other artifacts in storage to be viewed three-dimensionally.

## Mechanical Systems

Restrooms will be moved to allow better visitor flow and meet ADA requirements, and HVAC with energy efficient systems will be updated to insure proper humidity and temperature controls for protection of the artifacts and visitor comfort.

# Join the Army to Protect and Preserve Wilson's Creek National Battlefield!

Funding for this project is a partnership effort of the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, and the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. We have been asked to raise one million dollars toward the 4.5-million-dollar project. With a designated gift given to the National Park Foundation and matching funds received from their organization, the Wilson's Creek Foundation needs to raise an additional \$300,000 to complete our portion of the funding. Our organization feels that this partnership effort is an opportunity too important to pass up. We are asking that you make your tax-deductible contribution at one of the designated levels or with any amount you can give as we prepared Wilson's Creek National Battlefield for a new generation of park visitors who can learn from the history that took place here.

## Donor Recognition Levels

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>General</b> .....	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Lieutenant General</b> .....	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Major General</b> .....	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Brigadier General</b> .....	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Colonel</b> .....	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Lieutenant Colonel</b> .....	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Major</b> .....	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Captain</b> .....	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Gifts will be recognized on a Donor Board permanently on display in the renovated Visitor Center. Donor gifts less than \$1,000.00 will be listed in the Roll of Honor book on display at the Visitor Center.



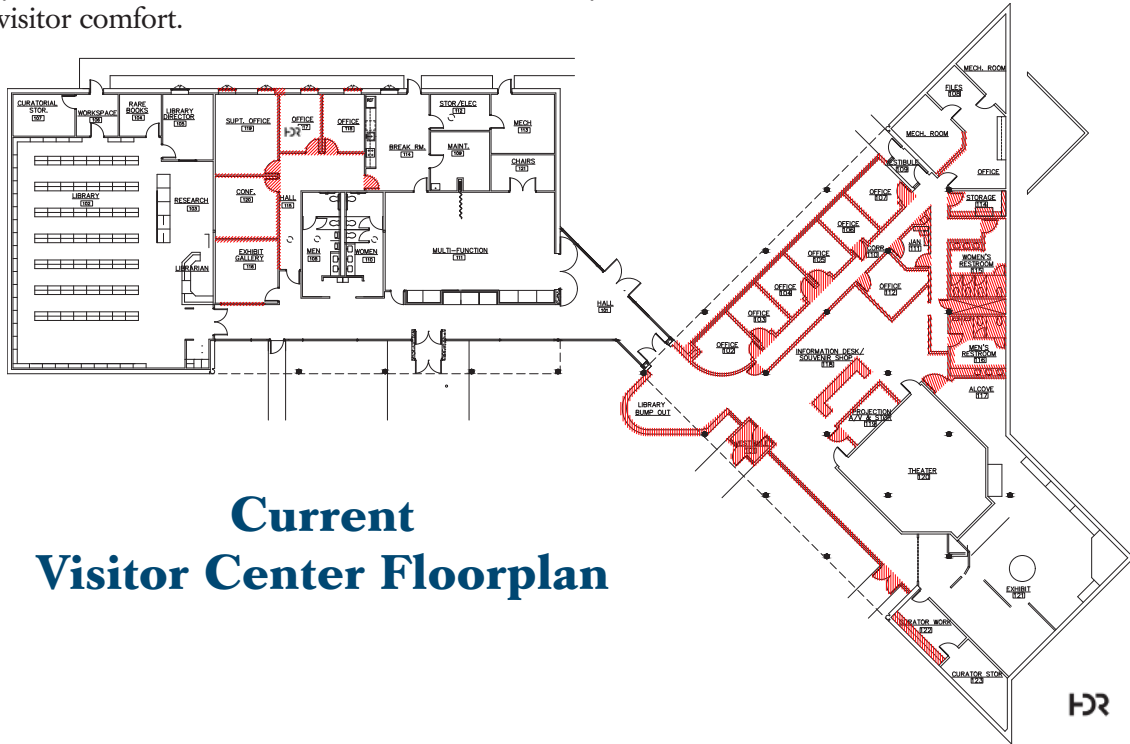
Wilson's Creek  
National Battlefield  
Foundation

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation is a charitable organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code.

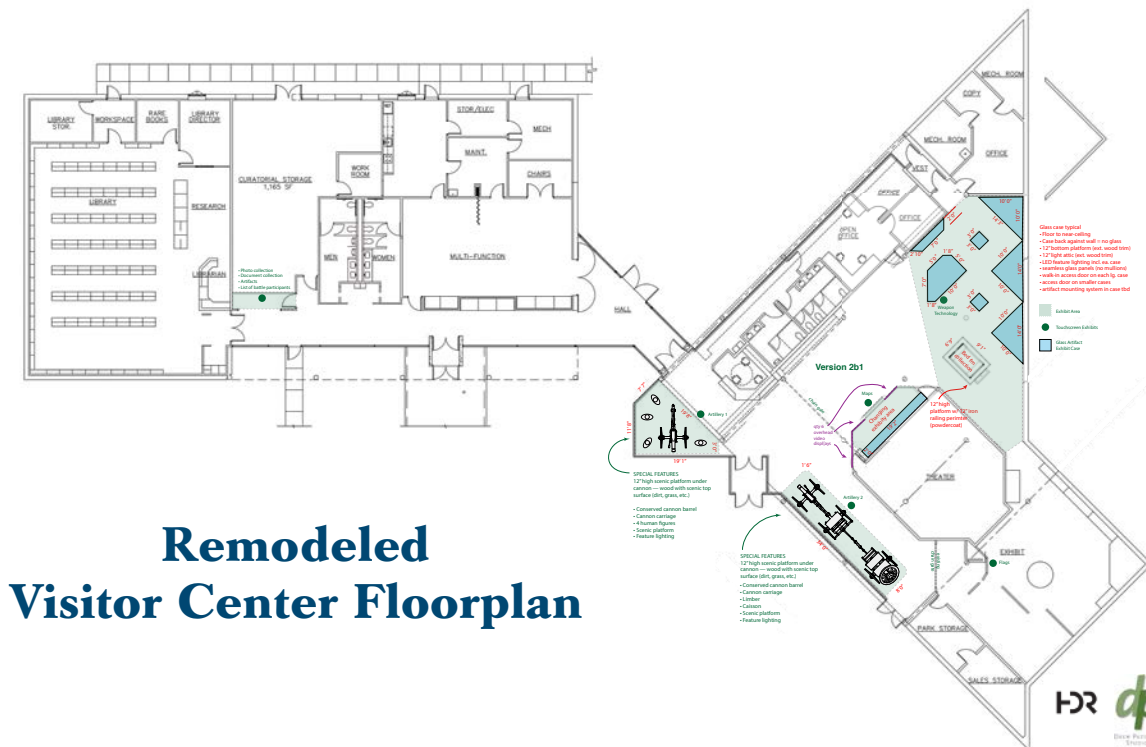
# Planned Visitor Center Improvements

This project will double the display space in the Visitor Center, allowing more artifacts to be on display. Updates will also provide for interactive displays and “virtual displays,” allowing fragile artifacts to be viewed three-dimensionally. One thousand square feet of new curatorial space will be created to better protect and conserve artifacts in storage.

Restrooms will be moved to allow better visitor flow and meet ADA requirements, and HVAC with energy efficient systems will be updated to insure proper humidity and temperature controls to protect artifacts and improve visitor comfort.



**Current  
Visitor Center Floorplan**



**Remodeled  
Visitor Center Floorplan**

# A Preview of the New Center



**Current Visitor Center**



**Proposed Visitor Center Exterior**

## Proposed Visitor Center Interior Views

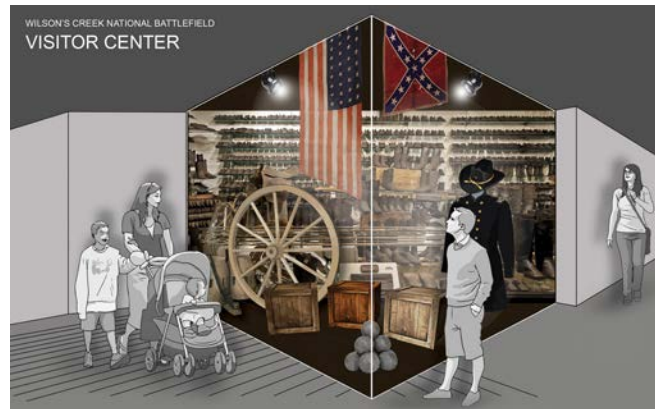


EXHIBIT DESIGN - INTERIOR VIEW LOOKING WEST



EXHIBIT DESIGN - INTERIOR VIEW OF EAST WINDOW WALL PUSH-OUT (ARTILLERY 2)

# Construction Cost Estimate

Funding for this project is a partnership effort of the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, and the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation.

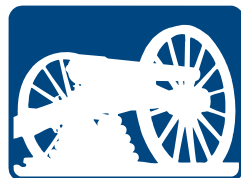
WICR VC Construction Cost Estimate						
	Exhibit Remodel (2500 sq ft.)	HVAC	Curatorial Storage	Restroom Relocation	Fire Suppression	TOTAL
Gross Construction Cost	\$2,350,880.00	\$1,212,190.00	\$196,435.00	\$91,558.00	\$82,467.00	
Design	\$235,088.00	\$121,219.00	\$19,643.50	\$9,155.80	\$8,246.70	
Conservation of Artifacts	\$150,000.00					
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$2,735,968.00</b>	<b>\$1,333,409.00</b>	<b>\$216,078.50</b>	<b>\$100,713.80</b>	<b>\$90,713.70</b>	<b>\$4,476,883.00</b>
	<u>\$700,000 Funded through the friends group in FY 18 AND \$300,000 in FY19. Total of \$1,000,000</u>	NPS Funded	NPS Funded	NPS Funded	NPS Funded	

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation share of project . . . . . \$1,000,000.00

Contributed in 2018 . . . . . \$700,000.00

Remaining . . . . . \$300,000.00

Raised to date . . . . . \$27,975.00



Wilson's Creek  
National Battlefield  
Foundation