



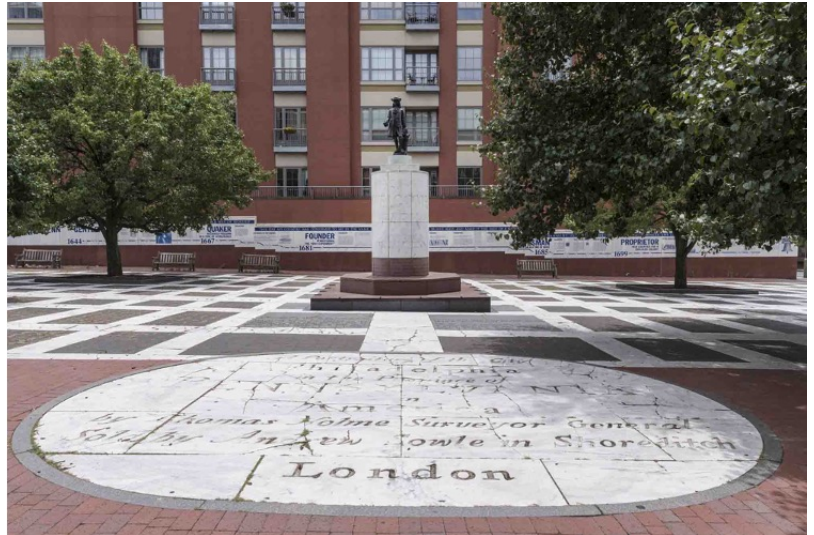
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NPS Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue From Philly Park

The National Park Service has scrapped its plan [to remove](#) a statue of William Penn from [Welcome Park](#) in Philadelphia.

NPS's release suggest that it never really had a such plan, and that whoever posted the news that the statue of Pennsylvania's founder was coming down, to be replaced with "Native American" hokum, did so "prematurely."

That's bureaucratese for "public outrage and an upcoming presidential election made us rethink the plan to erase the history of yet another early white American for no reason."



Twitter/X

A proposed plan to rehabilitate Philadelphia's Welcome Park was reversed within 72 hours of its announcement.

This is a look at how X (the platform formerly known as Twitter) shaped the fate of Welcome Park in a matter of days ↓ <https://t.co/jcDYzOzmwx>

— The Philadelphia Inquirer (@PhillyInquirer) [January 9, 2024](#)

The Plan

As *The New American* reported early this week, [NPS planned](#) to "rehabilitate" the park, rip down Penn, and replace him with an "expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia" that "was developed in consultation with representatives of the indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee, the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe, and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma."

The park would be "reimagined," NPS vowed. Down Penn would come. Up Indians would go.

Pennsylvania's Democrat Governor Josh Shapiro kiboshed the revisionist attack on history.

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<https://t.co/awSTpcyrNp>



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— Governor Josh Shapiro (@GovernorShapiro) [January 8, 2024](#)

Thus did [NPS decide](#) that removing Penn was bad medicine:

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

As required by law, NPS invited public comment about the plan on January 5, but then shut down the website. NBC 10 reported that commenters strongly opposed it.

“The majority of online opinion seemed to oppose the idea with commenters focusing on the part of the plan that mentioned the proposed removal of the William Penn statue from the site of his former Philadelphia home, the Slate Roof House,” the [affiliate reported](#).

Furious X users went on the warpath below NPS’s X post that invited opinions.

We need your input on Welcome Park rehabilitation! More info at: <https://t.co/owkb3jxBIVpic.twitter.com/nh092m4S5W>

— IndependenceNPS 🇺🇸 (@INDEPENDENCENHP) [January 5, 2024](#)

“You are radical communists,” Tjord Fergesen angrily replied. “You can’t rewrite history. Shame on you.”

Just so everyone who reads this knows, you are removing a statue of William Penn, in Philadelphia, in the state he founded on the site of his home:

“The park is located on the site of William Penn's home”

You are radical communists. You can’t rewrite history. Shame on you.

— Tjord Fergesen 🇺🇸 (@JankyMcstevens) [January 7, 2024](#)

Wrote Melissa C:

Penn was a Quaker and the Quakers were the first to call for the end of slavery and they were against it. But, we all know communists love slavery, so I can see why you’d hate him. His morals are superior to your own.

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— Melissa C. (@MrsMelCole) [January 7, 2024](#)

Quaran-Tina laid down an unpleasant truth. “How many white people visit the park?” he wrote. “How



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many actual Native Americans?”:

How much have actual Native Americans done to further the cause of higher education and the American Republic within Pennsylvania? How much have white Americans done in those regards? Admit it, it isn't even close but you persist in destroying history because one or two mental patients WHINED? That makes the NPS mental patients, too, you know.

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— Quaran-Tina (@superbucks2050) [January 7, 2024](#)

“Some of my ancestors came over with William Penn. Removing his statue in his home state that carries his name is offensive,” Lilly Wilson wrote. “Stop trying to erase our nation’s founding!”

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— Lilly Wilson (@RealLillyWilson) [January 7, 2024](#)

“Just so everyone understands, you’re Communists, and we will defeat you,” Salty Texan wrote.

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— ☐☐Salty Texan (@texan_maga) [January 7, 2024](#)

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* said the [X posts “derailed”](#) the plan.

Though NPS has scrapped the plan for now, some Americans might like to know who conceived the idea and why. One answer might be found in the person whom Traitor Joe Biden selected to run the Interior Department, NPS’s parent cabinet department.

That would be [Deb Haaland](#), a member of New Mexico’s [Laguna Pueblo](#) Indian tribe. One wonders if Haaland led the Penn scalping party.

Other PC NPS Moves

And lest anyone think NPS has given up its descent into woke leftism, in 2024 it will continue its tradition of [waiving fees](#) to enter the park on special days.

One of those celebrates the birthday of plagiarist, [phony Christian](#), and [rape accessory](#) Martin Luther King, Jr.

King was “a tireless advocate for racial equality, working classes, and the oppressed around the world,” [NPS said](#).

Though King had nothing to do with creating the National Park System, “in honor of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., national parks will waive entrance fees for everyone on Monday, January 15, 2024, as the first fee free day of the year,” NPS announced.



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NPS somehow omitted that the binge-drinking socialist laughed and offered advice as he watched another “minister” rape a woman.

Another free day is Juneteenth, the bogus federal holiday [that celebrates](#) the “end of slavery.”

The founders of the park system were President Theodore Roosevelt, who signed legislation [to create](#) five national parks and proclaimed four national monuments; President Woodrow Wilson, [who signed](#) the bill creating NPS; industrialist [Stephen Mather](#), the first NPS chief; and [Horace M. Albright](#), the agency’s second director.

None of those white men are honored with free days at national parks.



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