

The National Park Service has become a major asset in our community bringing people together and highlighting our history. Expanding the Historical District to include the Welcome Center continues the cooperative work between the City and NPS to promote the amazing history we can share with the public. With only 5 poteaux en terre or post in earth type structures in existence from early American History and 3 are located here, it is important to preserve and teach about early colonial living on the west side of the Mississippi River.

The NPS has brought resources not before available to the area and the leadership has proven to be a unifier for the community bringing disparate groups together to create a historical narrative that accentuates the story to be told. The Ste. Genevieve Final Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment really helped solidify the history of the Ste. Genevieve area, its inhabitants, cultures, and structures, with the NPS continuing to teach that story through the historical homes and programs they provide. Expanding the Historical District to the Welcome Center helps incorporate that first point of contact for visitors that exists today with our cooperative agreement between the Park and the City where visitors can learn what a special place in the history of Missouri that Ste. Genevieve holds.