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EN Welcomes New Partner, Steamtown National Historic Site

Fort Washington, PA – Eastern National welcomes its newest national park partner, Steamtown National Historic Site, beginning on October 1, 2004.

Steamtown National Historic Site, located in Scranton, PA, will become part of Eastern National's Metro NY region, managed by Monta Harrington. The site preserves and interprets the history of steam railroading through living history and interpretive programs, a working machine shop and roundhouse, educational outreach programs and seasonal excursions to destinations around Northeastern Pennsylvania.

“Eastern National is looking forward to working with Steamtown National Historic Site,” said Chesley Moroz, Eastern National President. “They have many wonderful programs and educational activities and we’re pleased to have been invited to partner with the park.”

The hours of operation for the retail outlet will mirror those of Steamtown National Historic Site. The museum shop is open daily, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm (January 1 through April 15) and 9:00 am until 5:00 pm (April 16 through December 31). The park and museum shop are both closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

An online bookstore on Eastern National's website, www.eParks.com is planned for the near future. For more information on Steamtown National Historic Site, please visit their website at www.nps.gov/stea. Monta Harrington, Metro NY Regional Manager, can be reached by phone at (973) 948-0495 or by email at MontaH@easternnational.org.

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