
February 24, 2025

Jeff Richardson
Director
Community Development
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Dear Mr. Richardson,

In partnership with the National Park Service and with support from the Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) will design and build a 60,000-square-foot Civil War visitor center and museum in Vicksburg. A new, larger center promises a positive economic impact for the city of Vicksburg.

MDAH owns approximately 12.7 acres along the I-20 Frontage Road adjacent to the park and within the Vicksburg city limits where the center will be built. While design with the partners is moving forward, MDAH must also demolish existing structures at the site to make way for the new center. Demolition preparation is currently underway with work slated to begin in spring 2025.

MDAH is reaching out to the City of Vicksburg for consideration of donating in-kind services for demolition. Services would include waiving or reducing demolition permitting fees as well as waiving or reducing utility services fees for access and use of water at the site during demolition. Water is critical for mitigation of dust particles in the air and for individual and worker safety.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in our project and consideration of these services.

Sincerely,



Katie Blount
Director