



*The new Visitor Center will be located at* Historic New Bridge Landing Park, the 13-acre historical landmark vista located in River Edge, NJ – the heart of Bergen County. The sacred parcel of land has been preserved and has survived development by the preservation efforts of the Bergen County Historical Society. The new Visitor Center will offer space for site orientation, educational programming, interpretative exhibits and safe storage for our artifacts and collections. It will provide an amazing visitor experience!

Our site tells the compelling story from Native Americans to European colonization to a playing a strategic role serving as battleground, military headquarters and intelligence gathering post in every year of the American Revolution.

*A 3,750 sf building located at the entrance of the property that will blend in with the historic buildings on site.*

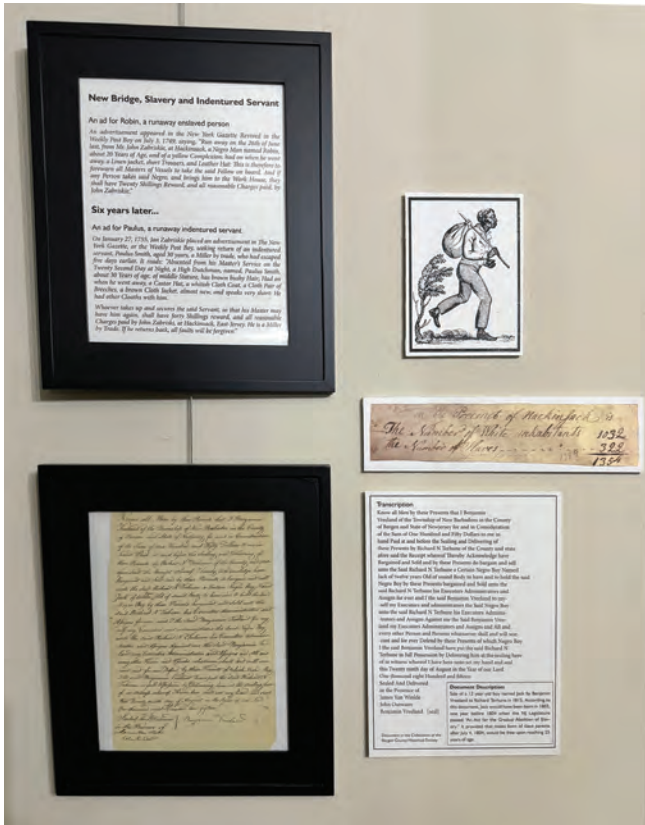
*The new space will be ADA compliant and offer barrier free access to all visitors!*

Establishing this permanent visitor center will create an unforgettable platform, leaving an indelible mark on thousands of visitors. Your donation will be instrumental in realizing our vision, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of New Jersey's rich History.

*Dynamic New Exhibits*

*K-12 Educational Learning*

*Every donation makes a difference. As a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization the Bergen County Historical Society relies on donations to support it's mission to build the new Visitor Center.*



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*Who we are:*

The Bergen County Historical Society is a 501(c) non-profit, volunteer organization.

100% of tax-deductible donations go to fulfilling our mission.

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# New Bridge: Battleground in the American Revolution

Historic New Bridge Landing Visitor Center will be the perfect building to welcome visitors who are interested in the storied history—from Native American to Jersey-Dutch colonial to the American Revolution.

While a constant arena for conflict, the following significant Revolutionary War Events are associated with New Bridge:

- Thomas Paine describes events of Nov 20, 1776 in *The American Crisis* (5th paragraph) when Washington meets General Greene at the Liberty Pole in Englewood to lead the 2,500-3,000 troops across the bridge who were almost entrapped by the 5,000 British troops who had scaled the Jersey Palisades in pursuit.
- The next day, British troops under Major General Vaughan attacked the American rear guard on November 21, 1776, and seized the New Bridge, which American engineers were dismantling.
- British and Loyalist troops under command of Captain Patrick Ferguson attacked about 40 Bergen militiamen at New Bridge on May 18, 1779.
- Major Henry Lee led American troops from New Bridge, August 18, 1779, to attack the British earthworks at Paulus Hook (Jersey City).
- A force of Bergen Militia and Continental troops attacked 600 British troops and German auxiliaries at New Bridge on their retreat from Hackensack & Paramus on March 23, 1780, during the 2 hours it took for the British to repair and cross the New Bridge.
- A body of 312 British, Loyalist and German infantry attacked and overwhelmed an American outpost at New Bridge commanded by Lieutenant Bryson on April 15, 1780.
- Eight British soldiers were killed and several wounded by friendly fire when British troops attempted to attack a body of Bergen Militia in the Zabriskie-Steuben House at New Bridge on May 30, 1780.
- Brigadier General Anthony Wayne led American troops from New Bridge on a raid against the Bull's Ferry Blockhouse on July 20, 1780.
- General Washington made his headquarters in the Zabriskie-Steuben House during the Steenrapie Encampment (along Kinderkamack Rd) of the Continental Army, encompassing 14,000 men, September 4-20, 1780.



**New Bridge** served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters, and intelligence-gathering post in every year of the American Revolutionary War.

## Famous Faces of New Bridge during the American Revolution:



### Who was Steuben?

Major General Baron von Steuben is best remembered for organizing and training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. The State of New Jersey gifts the confiscated Zabriskie (Steuben) House to him in 1783. Steuben restores the war damaged house.

## Historic New Bridge Landing

### 11 Engagements Took Place Here

