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Hi Gay, I thought you mentioned during our tour that the Penn statue would remain?

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Good morning, per our conversation this morning sharing a link to the park's news release (also pasted below) and a link to some news coverage.

Park News Release: [Park seeks input on the rehabilitation of Welcome Park - Independence National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

FoxNews.com: [William Penn statue removal part of NPS Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal \(foxnews.com\)](#)

Breitbart: [Biden's National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia \(breitbart.com\)](#)

Park seeks input on the rehabilitation of Welcome Park

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PHILADELPHIA — The National Park Service proposes to rehabilitate Welcome Park to provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors. Welcome Park was designed by the internationally acclaimed design firm Venturi & Scott Brown Associates. The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982.