

INTERPRETIVE PLANNING

# Thomas Edison National Historical Park West Orange, NJ

**Planning at** this park took place in the context of exciting new changes. The site was reopening the Laboratory Complex after six years of renovations, and dynamic new approaches to interpreting Edison's rich scientific and business legacy were being implemented. The park faced many challenges: new, and quite likely larger, audiences upon reopening; a community that was also on the edge of change; and new approaches to visitors' experiences at the site. The Long Range Interpretive Plan had to provide maximum flexibility as staff members prepared to offer educational and interpretive services during this new phase in the site's history.



*Building 3 of the Laboratory Complex*

**SCOPE:** Long-range interpretive plan

**COMPLETED:** 2009

**CLIENT:** National Park Service  
Thomas Edison National Historical Park  
West Orange, NJ



*top: Planning team visits one of the historical machine shops above: The team meets in new visitor center left: Glenmont, home of Thomas A. and Mina Edison*

