



National Heritage Areas

PLACE-BASED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How We Spent 2017

By the Numbers

National Heritage Areas expand on traditional conservation approaches by supporting large-scale, community-driven initiatives that engage communities in heritage preservation activities. National Heritage Area entities collaborate with stakeholders to determine how to make heritage relevant to local needs and interests. These entities serve as catalysts for community and economic development. In 2017, NHAs:

- Leveraged **\$50.5 million** in cash and in-kind support to carry out heritage projects and program, greatly increasing the impact of the **\$17.8 million** in federal Heritage Partnership Program funding received.
- Engaged **2,219 formal partners** and **5,227 informal partners** in heritage area activities.
- Benefited from **38,061 volunteers** contributing over **823,902 hours** for heritage area projects – a **\$19.6 million** dollar value.



The MotorCities National Heritage Area was designated to preserve, interpret and promote the region's rich automotive and labor heritage. MotorCities' partnerships inspire residents and visitors who have an appreciation for how the automobile changed Michigan, the nation, and the world. The Sloan Museum, pictured above, is dedicated to regional history and historic automobiles.

Preserving our Heritage. Across the country, National Heritage Areas and their partners are reviving historic downtowns, preserving battlefields and industrial sites, and sharing our nation's history through the arts.

- **151 historic sites** and **14,342 acres of cultural landscapes** preserved and maintained, including battlefields.
- **87 community development projects** were carried-out, including streetscape improvement and art projects.
- **61 collections projects** undertaken, including the conservation of artifacts and creation of oral histories.
- **95 historic preservation grants** awarded totaling **\$1.4 million**.

Healthy Environment & People. Conservation activities led by National Heritage Area entities and their partners improve air and water quality and support healthy ecosystems.

- **8062 acres of land restored and maintained** via invasive species removal, replanting and toxic site clean-ups.
- **49 conservation grants** awarded totaling **\$638,000**.

Through recreational projects such as land and water trails, National Heritage Areas are improving connectivity and accessibility, creating more vibrant and healthy communities.

- **128 recreation projects** undertaken.
- **908 miles of trails** maintained and **37 new miles of trails** developed.
- **52 recreation grants** awarded totaling **\$363,000**.

Educating Current and Future Leaders. Through programs such as Cane River National Heritage Area's *City of Natchitoches Art Adventures Camp*. National Heritage Areas and their partners are providing meaningful and inspirational connections to our nation's heritage and exploring the qualities and skills of leadership.

- Capacity-building assistance provided to **1,316** organizations.
- **238 educational programs** were offered.
- **533 grants** to support educational programs were awarded totaling **\$1.2 million**.

The National Heritage Areas



Inspired by Alysia Burton Steele's book *Delta Jewels: In Search of My Grandmother's Wisdom*, the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area facilitated community gatherings featuring Steele and the Delta Jewel church mothers. In collaboration with The Delta Center at Delta State University, they held presentations in Mississippi and at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C., engaging over 1,000 people.



On July 8, 2017 the Topaz Museum opened in the Great Basin National Heritage Area. The museum interprets the history of Japanese Americans who were forced to relocate to internment camps during World War II. The Topaz Camp located in Delta, Utah was home to more than 11,000 internees.



Smithsonian honors Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor with Affiliate Status. This comes after a recent merger of the National Canal Museum with the D&L National Heritage Corridor. The Heritage Corridor preserves and interprets 19th century engineering and transportation system in five Pennsylvania counties.

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ALABAMA – Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

ALASKA – Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

ARIZONA – Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

COLORADO – Cache La Poudre National Heritage Area • Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area • South Park National Heritage Area

CONNECTICUT – *Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (CT, MA) • *Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)

FLORIDA – *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

GEORGIA – Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area • Augusta Canal National Heritage Area • *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

IOWA – Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area

ILLINOIS – Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area • Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor

KANSAS – *Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (KS, MO)

LOUISIANA – Atchafalaya National Heritage Area • Cane River National Heritage Area

MARYLAND – Baltimore National Heritage Area • *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV)

MASSACHUSETTS – Essex National Heritage Area • *Freedom's Way National Heritage Area (MA, NH) • *John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (MA, RI) • *Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (CT, MA) • *Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)

MICHIGAN – MotorCities National Heritage Area

MISSISSIPPI – Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area • Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area • Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area

MISSOURI – *Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (KS, MO)

NEVADA – *Great Basin National Heritage Area (NV, UT)

NEW JERSEY – Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area

NEW HAMPSHIRE – *Freedom's Way National Heritage Area (MA, NH)

NEW MEXICO – Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area

NEW YORK – *Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (NY, VT) • Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor • Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area • Niagara Falls National Heritage Area

NORTH CAROLINA – Blue Ridge National Heritage Area • *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

NORTH DAKOTA – Northern Plains National Heritage Area

OHIO – Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway • National Aviation Heritage Area

PENNSYLVANIA – Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor • *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Lackawanna Heritage Valley • Oil Region National Heritage Area • Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area • Schuylkill River National Heritage Area • Path of Progress National Heritage Route

RHODE ISLAND – *John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (MA, RI)

SOUTH CAROLINA – *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC) • South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

TENNESSEE – Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

UTAH – *Great Basin National Heritage Area (NV, UT) • Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area

VERMONT – *Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (VT, NY)

VIRGINIA – *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

WEST VIRGINIA – *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Wheeling National Heritage Area • National Coal Heritage Area

*Denotes NHA that spans multiple states.