



# National Heritage Areas

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

## How We Spent 2016

### *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 2016, NHAs:

- Leveraged **\$45.5 million** in cash and in-kind support to carry out heritage projects and program, greatly increasing the impact of the **\$18.8 million** in federal Heritage Partnership Program funding received.
- Engaged **1,929 formal partners** and **5,000 informal partners** in heritage area activities.
- Benefited from **41,135 volunteers** contributing over **660,401 hours** for heritage area projects – a \$14.6 million dollar value.



The National Coal Heritage Area collects oral histories, preserving and promoting coal heritage and culture – personifying stories of industrial might, the struggle for labor unions, and the growth of distinctive cultural communities among different ethnic groups working side-by-side and living together in the region. More information available at [coalheritage.org](http://coalheritage.org). Photo: National Coal Heritage Area

***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.

- **211 historic sites** and **10,442 acres of cultural landscapes** preserved and maintained, including battlefields.
- **72 community development projects** were carried-out, including streetscape improvement and art projects.
- **80 collections projects** undertaken, including the conservation of artifacts and creation of oral histories.
- **73 historic preservation grants** awarded in the amount of \$1 million.

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

- **7,572 acres of land restored and maintained** via invasive species removal, replanting and toxic site clean-up.
- **44 conservation grants** awarded in the amount of \$743,664.

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

- **110 recreation projects** undertaken.
- **1,395 miles of trails** maintained and **25 new miles of trails** developed.
- **50 recreation grants** awarded in the amount of \$1.7 million.

***Educating Current and Future Leaders.*** Through programs such as Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area’s *LEAD: Spirit of Lincoln Youth Academy*, 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 was provided to **1,438** organizations.
- **198 educational programs** were offered.
- **341 grants** to support educational programs were awarded in the amount of \$1.2 million.



The Baltimore National Heritage Area “Kids in Kayaks” program provides outdoor experience and skill-building for Baltimore city middle school students while teaching them about history and natural areas in their own backyards. Multiple partners and sponsors provide cash and in-kind support for what students and teachers have called “the best field trip ever!”



Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area assists with the operation and maintenance two Arizona state parks, including the Yuma Territorial Prison State Park (pictured here).



Skipper Russell, Seasonal Produce Farms, NC. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area provided funds to the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP), which links new farmers to available land and stimulates farm tourism. ASAP photo.

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# The National Heritage Areas

**ALABAMA** – Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

**ALASKA** – Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

**ARIZONA** – Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

**COLORADO** – Cache La Poudre River Corridor • 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.