



Technical Assistance for National Heritage Areas

PURPOSE:

This document is to provide information to the National Heritage Areas (NHA) about technical assistance and support that may be available to them from the NHA Program and within the National Park Service (NPS). This list is not exhaustive, nor is it indicative of what may be currently available at any given time.

The document includes online resources and resources which require significant involvement from NPS staff.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

These resources are available to all National Heritage Areas and their partners. Please use the links to find the National Park Service opportunities. Description for many of these online opportunities can be found in the [Directory of NPS Community Assistance Programs](#).

@-indicates an application process

⌘- indicates a fee-for-service program

This list is provided for the convenience of readers. Web links may change or become obsolete.

Communications

- Access to the [NPS Green and Gray Report](#), weekly e-newsletter. Please see link for instructions.
- [NPS' monthly communication themes](#).
- [National Heritage Area Podcasts](#)
- [National Heritage Areas Best Practice Events](#)

Conservation

- [Connected Conservation Toolkits/webinars](#)
- [Operation Pollination/ Pollinator Resources](#)
- [National Environmental Policy Act](#)
- [National Natural Landmarks](#) @
- [Research Learning Centers](#)
- [US Biosphere Reserves](#)

Education/Interpretation

- [Common Learning Portal: Learning Resources](#)
- [Harpers Ferry Center resources](#)
- [Junior Ranger Programs: Online Books](#)
- [NPS Heritage Theme Studies](#)
- [Telling All America's Stories](#)
- [Teaching with Historic Places:](#)
- [Teacher portal](#)
- [Volunteer Guidance](#)

Feasibility Studies (Led by the Community or National Park Service)



National Heritage Areas Program

- [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#)
- [Regional Landscape Assessment: Understanding application of criteria and NPS review process](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [How to navigate grants.gov](#)
- [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) @
- [NPS' Cultural Resources Directorate Grant Programs](#) @
 - [American Battlefield Protection Program Grants](#) @
 - [African American Civil Rights Grants](#) @
 - [Disaster Recovery Grants](#) @
 - [Historical Black Colleges and Universities Grants](#) @
 - [History of Equal Rights Grants](#) @
 - [Japanese American Confinement Sites](#) @
 - [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act \(NAGPRA\)](#) @
 - [National Maritime Heritage Grants](#) @
 - [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants](#) @
 - [Preservation Technology and Training Grants](#) @
 - [Save America's Treasures Grants](#) @
 - [Semiquincentennial Grants](#) @
 - [State Historic Preservation Office](#) @
 - [Tribal Heritage Grants](#) @
 - [Underrepresented Community Grants](#) @

Heritage Tourism/Economic Development

- [Heritage Travel Itineraries](#)
- [NPS Tourism Program](#)

NPS networks

- [African American Civil Rights Network](#) @
- [Partnership toolkit](#)
- [Reconstruction Era Network](#) @
- [Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#) @

Opportunities outside of the National Park Service

- [Alliance of National Heritage Areas](#)
- [American Trails](#)
- [National Association of Interpretation: Training and Development](#)
- [National Environmental Education Fund opportunities](#) @
- [National Park Foundation grants for non-federal partners](#) @
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation for non-federal partners](#) @
- [Operation Pollination](#)
- [Section 106 compliance training](#): Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- [Youth Corps Assistance](#) \$ The Corps Network



National Heritage Areas Program

Preservation/Cultural Resources

- [Archeological Assistance Program](#)
- [Heritage Documentation Program](#) \$
- [Museum Management Handbooks](#)
- [National Register of Historic Places](#)
- [National Historic Landmarks](#)
- [National Historic Lighthouse Program](#)
- [National Center for Preservation Technology and Training](#)
- [Oral History](#) Training, Resources, Podcast Series
- [Landscape level care and recommendations](#) \$
- [Preservation Briefs](#)
- [Preservation Planning](#)
- [Technical Preservation Services, Tax Credit Information, and Hands-On Workshops](#)
- [Vanishing Treasures](#) \$
- [World Heritage Sites: International Cooperation](#)

Recreation

- [Federal Lands to Parks Program](#) @
- [Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance Program](#) @
- [Recreation Planning](#)
- [Visitor Use Management](#)

Specific Topics

- [Climate Change Response Program](#)
- [Flood Adaptation Guidelines](#)
- [Scenario planning for Climate Change: Using Scenarios to Explore Climate Change: A Handbook for Practitioners](#)
- [Youth Programming](#)

Resources where NPS staff are significantly involved or funding is needed:

The resources listed below involve a written request to the NHA program [regional coordinators](#). Resources are available as federal or local funding is available and staff have the capacity to handle the request.

Communications

- Arrowhead Use: Graphics/Arrowhead/Messaging: Guidance -TBD
- Monthly/bi-monthly regional calls-per invitation
- Cross promotion on social media platforms; Podcast series
- Best Practices for stakeholder and public engagement and input – Monthly calls (co-facilitated with NHAs)
- Share upcoming training open to NHAs
- Network NHA staff with NPS professionals in areas of interest, ex: historians, biologists, visual information specialists, care and conservation of museum objects or collections, etc.



Evaluations

- Establish agreement with third party. Explain and understand the evaluation process and the NHA's role (part of NPS funded NHA assistance).

Management Plan Development or Amendments

- RFP development, if hiring a consultant
- Understanding legislative requirements and NPS/Secretary review process
- Compliance for approval of the Plan
- Best Practices for general stakeholder and public engagement and input
- Best Practices for tribal, state, and local government involvement
- Interpretation Planning/theme development
- Business Planning

Management Plan Implementation

- Compliance for implementing actions of the Plan after approval
 - NEPA training
 - NHPA Section 106
- Tribal Engagement and Consultation: Online training and expertise as requested.

Operational Assistance

- Archeological Assistance Projects: Available through regional requests. Dependent on regional funding available.
- [Challenge Cost Share](#): Grants must be done in conjunction with a NPS site.
- Coordination of Internship Opportunities: Dependent on regional Historic Partnership Program funding
- Interpretation Support: Connect with regional interpretation teams for training and collaboration.
- Junior Ranger Programs: Ordering paperback books/pins has a fee. Must be done from NPS source.
- Park for Every Classroom: Interior Region 1 program. Request through regional office.
- Setting up a subgrant program: As requested through regional office

Sustainability Planning

- Trainings and workshops