

National Park Service Briefing Paper

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National Park Service Affiliated Areas:

Affiliated Areas are generally defined as being affiliated with the National Park System if Congress or the Secretary have determined that they meet the criteria for national significance, the resource can most efficiently and effectively be managed by a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service instead of direct operation as a unit of the National Park System, and the National Park Service has a continuing responsibility for technical or financial assistance and oversight of the area's management. Examples:

- Aleutian World War II National Historic Area, Alaska (1996) - The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to award grants to this affiliated area, which is owned and managed a native Alaskan corporation, and to provide technical assistance for planning, development and preservation.
- Jamestown National Historic Site, Virginia (1940) - The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities owns and administers this site, which is part of the site of the first permanent English settlement in North America. The remainder of the site is part of Colonial National Historical Park and administered by the National Park Service.
- David Berger National Memorial, Ohio (1980) - The Jewish Community Center of Cleveland administers this affiliated area, which honors the memory of the 11 Israeli athletes who were killed at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. One was David Berger, an American citizen.

National Park Service Units:

Units of the National Park System have been determined to possess nationally significant natural, cultural, or recreational resources. Units have direct National Park Service management instead of alternative protection by other agencies or the private sector. Units of the National Park System are subject to National Park Service management policies and guidelines.

Examples:

- Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Missouri (1935) - The National Park Service owns and administers 90 acres of parkland on the St. Louis waterfront which memorializes Thomas Jefferson and others who directed the territorial expansion of the United States, as symbolized in Eero Saarinen's 630-foot gateway arch.
- Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Pennsylvania (1964) - The National Park Service owns and administers 155 acres, including a visitor center, which memorializes the 2,209 people who died in the Johnstown Flood of 1889.

- Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, Ohio (1936) - The National Park Service owns and administers 25 acres established to commemorate the greatest naval battle during the War of 1912 on Lake Erie.
- USS *Arizona* Memorial, Hawaii (1980) - The National Park Service administers the memorial in cooperation with the United States Navy under a cooperative agreement. The National Park Service operates a visitor center and provides interpretive services.

National Recognition of Other Areas:

Sometimes Congress recognizes and designates other areas of national significance; however, they are not units of the National Park System and remain under the management of state, local, or private organizations. Unlike affiliated areas, these places are not subject to the standards and management policies of the National Park System.

- AIDS Memorial Grove National Memorial, California (1996) - The City of San Francisco administers this memorial, located in Golden Gate Park, which is dedicated to individuals who have died as a result of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- Great Falls Historic District, New Jersey (1996) - The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of New Jersey and non-profit agencies to assist, on a 50-50 matching basis, with the preservation of this 18th century industrial district located at the great falls of the Passaic River.
- Vancouver National Historic Reserve, Washington (1996) - The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide planning and technical assistance to this historic reserve, which includes Pearson Airfield. Because of its close connection with Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a management plan for the reserve must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army.

Memorials Administered by Other Government Entities:

Memorials commemorating nationally significant events are also administered by other federal agencies, and state and local governments with no connection to the National Park Service.

Examples:

- The Challenger Memorial, The Pan Am 103 Memorial, and the Tomb of the Unknowns are all located at Arlington National Cemetery and administered by the Department of Defense.
- The Alamo, Texas - The Franciscan mission in San Antonio, which was taken by Mexicans in 1836 during the Texas War for Independence, is owned by the State of Texas and operated by the Daughters of the Alamo.
- Storm King Mountain Memorial, Colorado - A statue at Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs memorializes the federal firefighters killed in the Storm King Mountain fire in 1994. Funds for the memorial, which is maintained by the city, was raised by donation. There is also a memorial trail through the area where the fire took place on BLM land.

Privately Administered Memorials:

Many memorials and historic sites commemorating nationally significant events and people are administered by private entities with no connection to the National Park Service. Examples:

- Mount Vernon and Monticello, Virginia - These homes of United States Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are owned and operated privately.
- Sixth Floor Museum, Texas - The Dallas County Historical Foundation operates a museum on the sixth floor of the Dallas County Administration Building (formerly the Texas School Book Depository) which commemorates the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.
- 16th Street Baptist Church, Alabama - The site in of the bombing in Birmingham that killed four little girls and brought world condemnation of racial violence is still open as a place of worship and is part of the Birmingham Civil Rights District, which also includes the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

Heritage Areas:

Heritage Areas are generally defined as a cohesive assemblage of natural, cultural, and historic resources that together represent distinctive aspects of American heritage worthy of national recognition. Heritage Areas are managed through partnerships among public and private entities. Existing land ownership generally is not changed through Heritage Area designation. Management is primarily non-federal, however, federal technical assistance and funding is generally provided for a prescribed period. Examples:

- Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor (1996) - The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide technical assistance and grants, on a 50-50 non-federal to federal matching basis to this area relating to the economic growth in Ohio as a result of the construction of the first inland waterway to connect the Great Lakes with the Gulf of Mexico.
- Steel Industry American Heritage Area, Pennsylvania (1996) - The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide technical assistance and grants, on a 50-50 non-federal to federal matching basis to this area relating to the industrial and cultural history of southwestern Pennsylvania, including the city of Pittsburgh.