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### Greater Washington National Park Service Sites Receive Grants for Historic Preservation

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce that seven sites within the National Capital Region (NCR) were selected as recipients of Partners in Preservation grants. A total of \$195,000 in grant funding will be used towards preservation projects at these seven sites. The amount of grant funding varies by recipient, with the Carter G. Woodson National Historic Site receiving the largest award of \$75,000 to rebuild the front and rear facades, in order to stabilize this National Historic Landmark for future public access.

Twenty-four historic buildings, icons, landscapes, and landmarks in the Washington, D.C. Metro area competed for \$1 million in funding. “The NPS sites had some strong competition, not only against each other, but against other well known historic landmarks in the area,” said Regional Director Steve Whitesell. He added, “The NPS is thankful to all of the individuals who voted for our sites via all the different forms of social media. The public has shown that they have a strong commitment to preserving and protecting our nations treasures.”

All seven sites that are managed by the National Park Service were successful in receiving a portion of their respective funding request.

**Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site, Shaw, D.C. (National Capital Parks – East):** \$75,000 to rebuild front and rear facades, in order to stabilize this National Historical Landmark for public access.

**Dumbarton Oaks Park, Georgetown, D.C. (Rock Creek Park):**  
\$50,000 to repair original garden structures; including viewing platform, stone houses, and retaining wall.

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**Meridian Hill Park**, Columbia Heights, D.C. (Rock Creek Park):

\$50,000 to stabilize and repair the grotto in this National Historic Landmark primarily constructed of decorative exposed aggregate concrete.

In addition, the remaining historic places that competed in Partners in Preservation, also each received \$5,000 for participating:

**Abner Cloud House at the C&O Canal**, Georgetown, D.C. (Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park)

**Arlington House –The Robert E. Lee National Memorial**, Arlington, VA (George Washington Memorial Parkway)

**George Mason Memorial**, National Mall, D.C. (National Mall and Memorial Parks)

**U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial**, Arlington, VA (George Washington Memorial Parkway)

Partners in Preservation is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, awards preservation grants to historic places across the country. Since 2006, American Express has made grants worth \$9 million through Partners in Preservation, helping historic places in seven cities to date, including San Francisco, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Seattle, Saint Paul/Minneapolis and New York, and has engaged more than a million people.

Through this partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the United States and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. The program also hopes to inspire long-term support from local citizens for the historic places at the heart of their communities.

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