



Name of Property: Marjory Stoneman Douglas House
City, State: Miami, Florida
Period of Significance: 1926-1998
NHL Criteria: 1, 2, Exception 8
NHL Theme: II. Creating Social Institutions and Movements
 1. Clubs and organizations
 III. Expressing Cultural Values
 1. Educational and intellectual currents
 3. Literature
 VII. Transforming the Environment
 2. Adverse consequences and stresses on the environment
 3. Protecting and preserving the environment

Previous Recognition: After 1933 Historic American Buildings Survey, HABS
 FLA,13-MIAM,34

National Historic Context: Women’s History Initiative
 XXXII. Conservation of Natural Resources
 C. The Conservation Movement Matures, 1908-1941

NHL Significance:

- The Marjory Stoneman Douglas House is nationally significant as the home and workspace of one of the most important environmentalists of the twentieth century. Her seminal book, *The Everglades: River of Grass*, marked a significant turning point in twentieth-century environmentalism by helping the nation reimagine the Everglades as a globally distinct, complex ecosystem in desperate need of protection.
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas was an accomplished journalist, poet, short story writer,



reformer, and environmentalist who participated at the vanguard of the women's reform movement in Florida in the early twentieth century. In the late 1960s, Douglas founded the Friends of the Everglades, an environmental activist organization, and subsequently led the group for three decades. Her leadership contributed to the organization's central role in the conservation and restoration of the Everglades as well its national significance to the late twentieth-century U.S. environmental movement.

- Stoneman Douglas is synonymous with the Everglades as a long list of sobriquets attest: Our Lady of the Glades, Guardian of the Glades' Spirit, First Lady of the Everglades, Empress of the Everglades, the Grande Dame of the Everglades, and Mother Teresa of the Swamp. Stoneman Douglas is the most important person associated with the conservation and restoration of the Florida Everglades.

Integrity:

- The Marjory Stoneman Douglas House remains essentially unchanged since its construction in 1926.

Owner of Property: State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre.

Origins of Nomination: This property was identified via the program's Women's History Initiative in collaboration with the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites.



Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- The designation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House as a National Historic Landmark will recognize the work of one of the nation's foremost twentieth-century environmentalists.
- The designation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House as a National Historic Landmark will be an important contribution to the Women's History Initiative, which aims to increase representation of historic sites associated with nationally significant women.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Murtagh moved, Dr. Mills seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 5/28/14):

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Advisory Board Recommendation: