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### **BJ Dunn, Deputy Superintendent Independence National Historical Park**

BJ Dunn started at Independence National Historical Park in October 2009. As Deputy Superintendent, BJ is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the park, as well as a number of special projects. Since arriving at Independence NHP, BJ has worked closely with park staff and partners, managing issues including the park's permitting system, labor relations and reassessments of space allocation.



He was formerly the Superintendent of Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, New Hampshire. While at Saint-Gaudens, BJ lead efforts with the park's nonprofit partner to acquire the 48-acre Blow-Me-Down Farm as part of the site. He served as executive producer of *Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture*, a new hour-long documentary film about the sculptor, which premiered on national PBS in fall 2009. He also produced a large community theatrical performance, *Masque of the Golden Bowl*, as part of commemorative centennial activities recognizing America's first pageant that took place in Cornish in 1905. He oversaw traveling museum exhibitions of the sculptor's works and recently successfully led the site through museum accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Under his leadership the park secured funding for many preservation and research projects including the installation of fire detection and suppression and security systems for key historic structures.

BJ began his National Park Service career in 1983 as a seasonal maintenance employee and has since worked as a seasonal park ranger, an administrative officer for three parks, management assistant, assistant superintendent, and number of administrative positions within a regional office. His assignments have included posts at Acadia National Park (ME), the former North Atlantic Regional Office (MA), Frederick Law Olmsted, Longfellow and John F. Kennedy National Historic Sites (MA), the Women's Rights National Historical Park (NY) where he served briefly as acting superintendent and the assistant superintendent at the then newly established Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Historical Park (VT).

BJ is a 2002 graduate of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Executive Leadership Program and holds a B. S. in Park Management from Granite State College. His personal interests include travel, museums, historic site preservation, dogs, and the environment.

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