



National Heritage Areas

PLACE-BASED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
CONSERVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How We Spent 2015

By the Numbers

National Heritage Areas expand on traditional conservation approaches by supporting large-scale, community-driven initiatives that engage communities in heritage preservation activities. National Heritage Area entities collaborate with stakeholders to determine how to make heritage relevant to local needs and interests. These entities serve as catalysts for community and economic development.

- **\$57 million leveraged** last year to carry out a diversity of heritage projects and programs.
- **1,523 formal partners** engaged in heritage area activities.
- **43,151 volunteers** contributed over **1 million hours** on heritage area projects.



Paddlers on the Schuylkill River outside Philadelphia, PA. Schuylkill River National Heritage Area coordinates the annual Schuylkill River Soujourn - a 112 mile guided canoe and kayak trip, which received a 2016 National Public Outreach Award from the American Society of Environmental History.

Preserving our Heritage. Across the country, National Heritage Areas and their partners are reviving historic downtowns, preserving battlefields and industrial sites, and sharing our nation's history through the arts.

- **230 historic sites** and **6,182 acres of cultural landscapes preserved**, including battlefields.
- **68 community development projects** carried-out, including downtown streetscape improvement and art projects.
- **131 collections projects** undertaken, including the conservation of artifacts and creation of oral histories.
- **73 historic preservation grants** awarded in the amount of \$847, 763.

Healthy Environment & People. Conservation activities led by National Heritage Area entities and their partners improve air and water quality and support healthy ecosystems.

- **11,000 acres of land restored** through invasive species removal, replanting, and toxic site clean-up.
- **33 conservation grants** awarded in the amount of \$508,197.

Through recreational projects, such as Ohio and Erie Canalway's iTowpath Trail, National Heritage Areas are improving connectivity and accessibility, creating more vibrant and healthy communities.

- **91 recreation projects** undertaken.
- **322 miles of trails** maintained and **29 new miles of trails** developed.
- **45 recreation grants** awarded in the amount of \$671,116.

Educating Current and Future Leaders. Through programs, such as Cache la Poudre National Heritage Area's El Espejo Summer Science Program for Girls, National Heritage Areas and their partners are educating future leaders in history and science.

- **210 educational programs** were offered to over **1.8 million participants**.
- **447 grants** to support educational programs were awarded in the amount of \$1.6 million.

The National Heritage Areas



Students collecting water quality samples along the Quinebaug River as part of the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program administered by Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor.



Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area assists with the operation and maintenance two Arizona state parks, including the Yuma Territorial Prison State Park (pictured here).



Skipper Russell, Seasonal Produce Farms, NC. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area provided funds to the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP), which links new farmers to available land and stimulates farm tourism. ASAP photo.

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ALABAMA – Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

ALASKA – Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

ARIZONA – Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

COLORADO – Cache La Poudre River Corridor • Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area • South Park National Heritage Area

CONNECTICUT – *Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (CT, MA) • *Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)

FLORIDA – *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

GEORGIA – Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area • Augusta Canal National Heritage Area • *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

IOWA – Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area

ILLINOIS – Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area • Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor

KANSAS – *Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (KS, MO)

LOUISIANA – Atchafalaya National Heritage Area • Cane River National Heritage Area

MARYLAND – Baltimore National Heritage Area • *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV)

MASSACHUSETTS – Essex National Heritage Area • *Freedom's Way National Heritage Area (MA, NH) • *John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (MA, RI) • *Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (CT, MA) • *Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)

MICHIGAN – MotorCities National Heritage Area

MISSISSIPPI – Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area • Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area • Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area

MISSOURI – *Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (KS, MO)

NEVADA – *Great Basin National Heritage Area (NV, UT)

NEW JERSEY – Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area

NEW HAMPSHIRE – *Freedom's Way National Heritage Area (MA, NH)

NEW MEXICO – Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area

NEW YORK – *Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (NY, VT) • Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor • Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area • Niagara Falls National Heritage Area

NORTH CAROLINA – Blue Ridge National Heritage Area • *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC)

NORTH DAKOTA – Northern Plains National Heritage Area

OHIO – Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway • National Aviation Heritage Area

PENNSYLVANIA – Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor • *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Lackawanna Heritage Valley • Oil Region National Heritage Area • Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area • Schuylkill River National Heritage Area • Path of Progress National Heritage Route

RHODE ISLAND – *John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (MA, RI)

SOUTH CAROLINA – *Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (FL, GA, NC, SC) • South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

TENNESSEE – Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

UTAH – *Great Basin National Heritage Area (NV, UT) • Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area

VERMONT – *Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (VT, NY)

VIRGINIA – *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

WEST VIRGINIA – *Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV) • Wheeling National Heritage Area • National Coal Heritage Area

*Denotes NHA that spans multiple states.