



National Heritage Areas

PLACE-BASED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How We Spent 2018

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. In 2018, NHAs:

- Leveraged **\$62.1 million** in cash and in-kind support to carry out heritage projects and program, greatly increasing the impact of the **\$19.3 million** in federal Heritage Partnership Program funding received.
- Engaged **2,508 formal partners** and **5,312 informal partners** in heritage area activities.
- Benefited from **35,360 volunteers** contributing over **741,640 hours** for heritage area projects – a **\$18.8 million** dollar value.



Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters meeting with U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith in Darien, GA in July 2018. The title poem of her new book, "Wade in the Water", is dedicated to them. Photo courtesy of Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

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. In 2018:

- **51 historic sites** and **11,417 acres of cultural landscapes** preserved and maintained, including battlefields.
- **90 community development projects** were carried-out, including streetscape improvement and art projects.
- **67 collections projects** undertaken, including the conservation of artifacts and creation of oral histories.
- **97 historic preservation grants** awarded totaling **\$1.3 million**.

Healthy Environment & People. Conservation activities led by National Heritage Area entities and their partners improve air and water quality and support healthy ecosystems. In 2018:

- **8494 acres of land restored and maintained** via invasive species removal, replanting and toxic site clean-ups.
- **50 conservation grants** awarded totaling **\$703,287**.

Through recreational projects such as land and water trails, National Heritage Areas are improving connectivity and accessibility, creating more vibrant and healthy communities. In 2018:

- **116 recreation projects** undertaken.
- **1270 miles of trails** maintained and **70 new miles of trails** developed.
- **71 recreation grants** awarded totaling **\$586,748**.

Educating Current and Future Leaders. Through programs such as Cane River National Heritage Area's *City of Natchitoches Art Adventures Camp*. National Heritage Areas and their partners are providing meaningful and inspirational connections to our nation's heritage and exploring the qualities and skills of leadership. In 2018:

- Capacity-building assistance provided to **1,413** organizations.
- **180 educational programs** were offered.
- **421 grants** to support educational programs were awarded totaling **\$1.7 million**.



Essex Heritage's Future Leaders is a summer job program for disadvantaged local youth between the ages of 14-22yr. The program provides a spectrum of job experiences including carpentry, electricity, painting, ship's carpentry, and archival preservation. Here, Future Leader Daniel Mondragon carries out much needed repairs to the historic Salem Custom House, a National Park Service site. Photo courtesy of Essex NHA.



Sangre de Cristo NHA, in partnership with the City of Alamosa and San Luis Valley Brewing Co., hosted the first annual Cinco de Mayo Block Party in May 2018. Here, Las Semillas de la Tierra, a local Folklorico dance group through Adams State University performs a variety of traditional dances in full costumes. Photo courtesy of Sangre de Cristo NHA.



Paddle SC is a statewide partnership working to promote kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and other paddle recreation opportunities throughout South Carolina. The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, as a major program partner, helped to organize a "Kick-off to the 2018 Paddle Season" held in April 2018 at Lake Greenwood State Park with over 100 people in attendance. Photo courtesy of SC NHC.

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National Heritage Areas

ALABAMA – Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

ALASKA – Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

ARIZONA – Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area - Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

CALIFORNIA – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area

COLORADO – Cache La Poudre National Heritage Area • 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 – *Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (WV, MD) 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 • Susquehanna 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

WASHINGTON – Maritime Washington National Heritage Area - Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area

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

**Denotes NHA that spans multiple states.