

Mission

The Stephen T. Mather Training Center commits itself to the professional growth and continuous learning of all employees in its assigned career fields and special programs, and will provide them with comprehensive, competency-based, and mission-focused training and development programs.

Career Fields & Special Programs

Mather Training Center is responsible for the training and development of Service employees in the following career fields and special programs:

- Administration
- Business Practices
- Commercial Services
- Cultural Resources Stewardship
- NPS DOI Learn Program
- Education
- Interpretation
- NPS Interagency Partnership with the National Conservation Training Center
- Natural Resources Stewardship
- Partnerships
- Visitor & Resource Protection

Facilities

- Two classrooms (40 & 25 students each) with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment
- Four breakout rooms for small groups
- Storer College Room (commemorates school history and student activities)
- Distance Learning (Livestream , Video Teleconferencing, Studio)

Current Partnerships

- Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (NY)
- Harpers Ferry Center (WV)
- National Center on Accessibility (IN)
- National Center for Preservation Technology & Training (LA)
- National Association for Interpretation (CO)
- Newberry Library (IL)
- Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation (MA)
- Stewardship Institute (VT)
- Storer College National Alumni Association (WV)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife National Conservation Training Center (WV)
- U.S. Forest Service Arthur Carhart National Wilderness & Aldo Leopold Training Centers (MT)

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History

The National Park Service established the Stephen T. Mather Training Center on April 17, 1964, on the former Storer College Campus (1867-1955) in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Named for the first Director of the National Park Service (1916-1929), Mather Training Center trains and develops Service employees from sites throughout the United States.

Pictured on the front panel, Wirth Hall (formerly Anthony Hall) houses Mather Training Center's classrooms, offices, and the Storer College Room.

Storer College was one of the first institutions of higher learning in the United States to offer enrollment to freed African-Americans following the Civil War. Many Storer graduates became teachers, taking their freedom to learn to others.

In this tradition, Mather Training Center provides Service employees with opportunities to share what they learn to serve the public and the parks.



Anthony Hall on Storer College Campus (ca. 1889)