The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network

The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network (Reconstruction Era Network) helps to preserve and interpret sites and stories important to understanding the successes and struggles of African Americans in the decades following the Civil War. All National Park Service (NPS) units and programs connected to the Reconstruction Era will be included in the Network in addition to related sites that apply to join the program.

Background
In March 2019, legislation created the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network and redesignated the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park. Based on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the African American Civil Rights Network, the Reconstruction Era Network is administered by the NPS. The Network includes the sites of the expanded Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, including the Beaufort National Historic Landmark District, St. Helena Island, and Camp Saxton.

FY 2021 Appropriations Request

Please support $2 million for staff and grants within the Reconstruction Era Network Program in the FY 2021 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
AGENCY: National Park Service
ACCOUNT: ONPS Resource Stewardship
ACTIVITY: Park Management
SUBACTIVITY: Resource Stewardship—The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network

Recent Funding History:
FY 2020 Enacted Funding: $250,000
FY 2021 President’s Budget Request: $250,000
FY 2021 NTHP Recommendation: $2 million

JUSTIFICATION: Funding for the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network would better enable the National Park Service to staff and fund the Network and a grants program.
ABOVE: Built in 1789, the Barnwell-Gough House is listed on the National Register, contributes to the Beaufort Historic District, and is part of the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park.
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RIGHT: Located on St. Helena Island, the Brick Baptist Church was incorporated into the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park when it was redesignated in March 2019.
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