OTHER PROGRAMS

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 sites managed by state, local, and private entities that preserve places and stories affiliated with the story of the African American transition from slavery to freedom.

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 now includes 68 sites, such as the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site in Alabama; the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland; the Boston African American National Historic Site in Massachusetts; Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania; and Fort Monroe National Monument in Virginia.

FY 2023 Appropriations Request

Please support $0.523 million to administer and enhance the Reconstruction Era Network Program in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

AGENCY: National Park Service
ACCOUNT: ONPS Resource Stewardship
ACTIVITY: Park Cultural Resource Support
FUNCTION: National Networks

Recent Funding History:

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JUSTIFICATION: Increased funding would provide additional support for the National Park Service to enhance the administration and expansion of the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network.
ABOVE: The Nicodemus National Historic Park in Nicodemus, Kansas, commemorates a community of formerly enslaved African Americans during the Reconstruction period and their westward expansion and settlement of the Great Plains. It is the oldest and only remaining African American settlement west of the Mississippi River. The District #1 Schoolhouse (pictured above) reveals an early commitment to education for both children and adults in Nicodemus.

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LEFT: The Harriet Tubman National Historic Park in Auburn, New York, explores and preserves Tubman’s efforts during the Reconstruction Era to house and educate formerly enslaved African Americans. She lived in the house (pictured here) for the latter half of the nineteenth century where she continued to fight for human rights and universal suffrage until her death in 1913.

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