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WEBINAR

Brown v. Board: Cheryl Brown Henderson and the Legacy of the 1954 Supreme Court Case

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

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Sharing the History of *Brown v. Board of Education*

- The National Park Service manages over 420 sites that include historic buildings and cultural assets
- The NPS Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site: Topeka, Kansas
- New federal legislation provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the stories of all four court cases and those communities
- The Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site Expansion Act:
 - Expands the Topeka, KS site to include sites in South Carolina
 - Establishes affiliated areas in Virginia, Delaware, and Washington D.C. communities



What are National Park Service (NPS) Affiliated Areas?

- Approximately 15 types of NPS designations
- Currently 25 NPS Affiliated Areas
- Advantages to this designation:
 - Retaining private ownership
 - Management plans and cooperative agreements allow for flexibility
 - Does not increase NPS deferred maintenance backlog
 - Availability of technical and financial assistance, as well as federal appropriations



Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site Expansion Act

- H.R. 920: Introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Clyburn (D-SC)
 - Original cosponsors: Rep. Blunt-Rochester (D-DE), Rep. Holmes-Norton (D-DC), Rep. Good (R-VA)
- S. 270: Introduced in the Senate by Senator Coons (D-DE)
 - Original cosponsors: Sen. Graham (R-SC), Sen. Warner (D-VA), Sen. Scott (R-SC), Sen. Carper (D-DE), Sen. Kaine (D-VA), Sen. Moran (R-KS)
- 100% participation by House and Senate offices representing site locations
- The path forward...



Call to Action

- Visit savingplaces.org/brown-v-boe to ask your elected officials to support the **Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site Expansion Act**.
- Email brownvboe@savingplaces.org if your national, DC, VA, DE, SC, or KS organization would like to **join our sign-on letter to Congress**.
- Follow the National Trust's website and social media for future opportunities to learn and get involved



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- **Forum Connect** is Forum's online community
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Keep Learning

- **2021 Fitch Colloquium**
The Art of Preservation: Engaging and Amplifying Underrepresented Heritage
February 19, 2021, 12-5:15pm EST
- **The Tidal Basin in Context: Planning for Environmental Change**
March 3, 2021, 5:30 pm EST
- **Historic Preservation Advocacy Requests in the 117th Congress**
March 4, 2021, 3pm EST





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