The Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area celebrates our nation's rich history in agriculture, music, food, art, religion and literature as well as interprets our nationally significant events like the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Great Migration.

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Congress has designated 55 National Heritage Areas (NHAs) to recognize the unique national significance of a region's sites and history. Through partnerships with the National Park Service (NPS), National Heritage Areas provide community-driven heritage conservation that tells America's stories.

National Heritage Areas

Background

National Heritage Areas are partnerships among the National Park Service, states, and local communities, in which the NPS supports state and local conservation through federal recognition, seed money, and technical assistance. NHAs are designated by individual legislation with specific provisions for operation unique to the area's specific resources and desired goals. NHAs are often organized around a theme, industry, and/or geographic feature that has influenced our national culture and history. Lands within NHAs remain in state, local, private ownership, or a combination thereof. NHA designation does not affect private property rights.

FY 2020 Appropriations Request

Please support $32 million for National Heritage Areas in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACCOUNT: National Recreation and Preservation

ACTIVITY: Heritage Partnership Programs/National Heritage Areas

Recent Funding History:

- FY 2017 Enacted Funding: $19.821 million
- FY 2018 Enacted Funding: $20.321 million
- FY 2019 Enacted Funding: $20.321 million
- FY 2020 President’s Budget Request: $374,000
- FY 2020 NTHP Recommendation: $32 million

JUSTIFICATION: According to the National Park Service, NHAs leverage an average of $5.50 for every $1 of federal investment to create jobs, generate local government revenue, and sustain local communities through revitalization and heritage tourism. NHAs are the management responsibility of federal commissions, nonprofit groups, universities, and state agencies or municipal authorities, guided by a management plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Through this partnership strategy, heritage areas combine historic preservation, cultural, natural resource conservation, local and regional preservation planning, and heritage education and tourism. This activity includes commissions and grants to the 55 individual NHAs, as well as administrative support for coordination, guidance, assistance, and training. Funding has lagged far behind the needs and popularity of the program. According to the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, enhanced funding of $32 million will ensure that all current areas can continue their work.
# National Heritage Areas by State

### 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 River Corridor
- Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area
- South Park National Heritage Area

### Connecticut
- The 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 (MD, WV)
- 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)
- The 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)
- Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)

### 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
- Path of Progress National Heritage Route (Inactive)
- Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
- Schuylkill River National Heritage Area
- Susquehanna National Heritage Area

### 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
- Mount Rainier National Park and Historic Site
- National Salish Kootenai Indian National Park
- National Capital Parks East
- Olympic National Park
- Palouse National Historical Park
- Holdena National Historic District
- Naches National Historic District
- Umatilla National Historic District
- Yakima National Historic District

### West Virginia
- Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (MD, WV)
- Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV)
- National Coal Heritage Area
- Wheeling National Heritage Area

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