The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network

Recently enacted legislation established the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park and created the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network (Reconstruction Era Network). The Network allows for continued and expanded preservation and interpretation of sites important to better understand the successes and struggles of African Americans in the decades following the Civil War.

Background

Based on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the African American Civil Rights Network, the Reconstruction Era Network will be administered by the National Park Service (NPS). All 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.

FY 2020 Appropriations Request

Please support $2 million for staff and grants within the Reconstruction Era Network Program in the FY 2020 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 2019 Enacted Funding: NA
FY 2020 President’s Budget Request: TBD
FY 2020 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.
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