NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Methodology

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NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives

Sharing our work with the public and the preservation community:

NPS CL Documents Online: 
https://irma.nps.gov/App/Portal

Park Cultural Landscapes Program Website: 
www.nps.gov/cultural_landscapes

Park Cultural Landscapes Program Social Media: 
Flickr, Tumblr, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube
NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives

- Capturing GIS data for cultural landscape boundaries and features
- Capturing facility management data for stabilization needs (CLI)
- Integrating treatment data (CLR) with facility management data
- Monitoring cultural landscape condition and vulnerability to change
- Emphasizing sustainable practices in preservation maintenance and treatment
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National Park Service
Cultural Landscapes Inventory
2010

Table of Contents

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Grand Teton National Park
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Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics

Natural Systems and Features

Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arizona
Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics

Spatial Organization

Meridian Hill Park, Washington, DC
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

- Organize the farm around its historical pattern of east-west running terraces, but stabilized with shelter belts and perennial plantings.

Land Use
Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics

Circulation

Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts
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Cultural Traditions

Manzanar National Historic Site, Owens Valley, California
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Topography

Fredericksburg National Cemetery, Virginia
Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics

Vegetation

Mulford Apricot Orchard, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah
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The “Blueberry Muffin” and the “Rug”
A cultural Landscape is a system of landscape characteristics.
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The landscape is a **cultural resource** in its own right, it is *not* just the setting for the Buckner Homestead historic buildings and structures.

Buckner Homestead Historic District, Washington
Follow up questions?

Email me at Susan_Dolan@nps.gov

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