National Heritage Areas

How We Spent 2019

By the Numbers

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) expand on traditional conservation approaches by supporting large-scale, community-driven initiatives that engage communities in heritage preservation activities. NHA entities collaborate with stakeholders to determine how to make heritage relevant to local needs and interests. These entities serve as catalysts for community and economic development. Data presented here is from 47 of the 49 NHAs reporting.

In 2019, NHAs:

- Leveraged $84.5 million in cash and in-kind support to carry out heritage projects and programs, greatly increasing the impact of the $19.3 million in federal Heritage Partnership Program funding received.
- Engaged 2,674 formal partners and 5,286 informal partners in heritage area activities.
- Benefited from 36,289 volunteers contributing over 475,511 hours for heritage area projects—a $12.3 million-dollar value.

Preserving our Heritage. Across the country, National Heritage Areas and their partners are reviving historic downtowns, preserving battlefields and industrial sites, and sharing our nation’s history through the arts. In 2019:

- 214 historic sites and 13,840 acres of cultural landscapes preserved and maintained, including battlefields.
- 104 community development projects were carried-out, including streetscape improvement and art projects.
- 55 collections projects undertaken, including the conservation of artifacts and creation of oral histories.
- 82 historic preservation grants awarded totaling $904,294.

Recreation and Conservation. Through recreational projects such as land and water trails, National Heritage Areas are improving connectivity and accessibility, creating more vibrant and healthy communities. In 2019:

- 154 recreation projects undertaken.
- 567 miles of trails maintained and 95 new miles of trails developed.
- 72 recreation grants awarded totaling $1.2 million.

Conservation activities led by National Heritage Area entities and their partners improve air and water quality and support healthy ecosystems. In 2019:

- 12,858 acres of land restored and maintained via invasive species removal, replanting and toxic site clean-ups.
- 54 conservation grants awarded totaling $601,078.

Educating Current and Future Leaders. Through programs such as Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area’s National History Academy, National Heritage Areas and their partners are providing meaningful and inspirational connections to our nation’s heritage and exploring the qualities and skills of leadership. In 2019:

- Capacity-building assistance provided to 1,162 organizations.
- 302 educational programs were offered.
- 2,700 grants to support educational programs were awarded totaling $2.1 million.
**National Heritage Areas, 2019**

**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 National Heritage Area • Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area • South Park National Heritage Area

**CONNECTICUT** – **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. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (MA, RI)** • **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)**

**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)** • **Eric Canalway National Heritage Corridor** • **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area** • **John A. Roebling’s Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (PA)** • **Lackawanna Heritage Valley** • **Oil Region National Heritage Area** • **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** • **Schuykill River National Heritage Area** • **Susquehanna National Heritage Area** • **Path of Progress National Heritage Route**

**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** • **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** • **Schuykill River National Heritage Area** • **Susquehanna National Heritage Area** • **Path of Progress National Heritage Route**

**RHODE ISLAND** – **John H. Chaffee 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** – **Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area** • **Washington Maritime National Heritage Area**

**WEST VIRGINIA** – **Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (MD, WV)** • **Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (MD, PA, VA, WV)** • **Wheeling National Heritage Area** • **National Coal Heritage Area**

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*List of NHAs as of Sept. 30, 2019. The six NHAs designated in March 2019 were not required to submit data for this report. **Denotes NHA that spans multiple states.*