

Activity Summary

Activity: Heritage Partnership Programs

Subactivity: Commissions and Grants

Program Components	2002 Enacted	FY 2003			Change From 2002 (+/-)
		Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Commissions and Grants	13,092	0	-5,476	7,616	-5,476
Administrative Support	117	+7	-5	119	+2
Total Requirements	13,209	+7	-5,481	7,735	-5,474

Authorization

Public Law 104-333	America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership
Public Law 104-333	Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
Public Law 105-355	Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership
Public Law 104-323	Cache La Poudre River Corridor
16 USC 410ccc21 to 26	Cane River National Heritage Area
Public Law 100-692	Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal Commission
Public Law 106-554	Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 104-333	Essex National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 98-398	Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 99-647	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 106-278	Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	National Coal Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 103-449	Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission
Public Law 106-278	Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 104-333	Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area
Public Law 106-291	Wheeling National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-319	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

Overview

Heritage Partnership Programs (National Heritage Areas) have been created by Congress to promote the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups, or by States, not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas continues to rest with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy. These include resource conservation, community attention to quality of life issues, and help to develop sustainable economies.

Heritage areas provide a powerful tool for the preservation of community heritage, combining historic preservation, cultural and ecotourism, local and regional preservation planning and heritage education and tourism. The National Park Service provides administrative assistance and training as partners to encourage resource conservation and interpretation.

Applicable National Park Service Mission Goals

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- Ia** Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
 - II** Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
 - IIb** Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
 - IIIa** Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
 - IIIb** Through partnerships with State and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.
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Program Component: Grants and Commissions
FY 2002 Enacted: \$13.092 million

FY 2002 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Performance goals and achievements for these sites will be measured in acres preserved, and acres will be considered preserved when the Secretary of the Interior approves management plans. During fiscal year 2001, the Secretary approved the management plan for the Automobile National Heritage Area.

1. **America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership** (Silos & Smokestacks) has a completed management plan, an interpretive plan and an identity and graphics package. The next year will focus on implementing the regional tourism tasks including gateway signs, interpretive kiosks, brochures, maps and a guidebook. The partnership will continue the grant program and the web based educational program known as Camp Silos.
2. **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area** has received approval of its management plan by the Secretary. Work this year will focus on completing the interpretive exhibits in the Enterprise Mill on the working of the canal and the history of the region. Additional projects include managing the newly acquired King Mill and building capacity for the water and energy sales side of the project.
3. **Automobile National Heritage Area** submitted their management plan to the National Park Service Director and the Secretary on November 6, 2001. Their next focus will be implementation of the planning document with a focus on education and interpretation, revitalization, and tourism and economic development. Specific activities will be directed toward creating a regional identity for Motorcities, developing regional linkages and building on existing interpretive resources.
4. **Cache La Poudre River Corridor** is awaiting technical correction legislation to clarify their appointment authority for a federal commission and to extend the implementation of the project. Staff provided through the National Park Service continues to do planning for the region.
5. **Cane River National Heritage Area** has a draft management plan prepared by the Denver Service Center. This plan will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior this year. Initiatives in the area include land conservation, cooperative planning with the Cane River National Historical Park and the Creole History Center.
6. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** has a completed management plan and has been re-authorized by Congress. The Corridor will implement a multi-community Main Street program with a circuit rider to provide services in the coming year. Work will continue on the Lehigh portion of the canal trail and signage will be upgraded in the area.
7. **Erie Canalway National Corridor** will be setting up its federal commission in the coming year. The National Park Service has obtained the services of a highly qualified planner on an interagency loan from

the State of New York. Baseline information gathering and public involvement for the management plan will be undertaken as well.

8. **Essex National Heritage Area** has submitted its management plan to the Secretary; however, approval is not required by law. Implementation will focus on adopting a new signage program for the region and a major initiative in the area of education. Innovative school programs will be tested that use community history to teach a number of core topics. Over 25 percent of the grant funding will be given out in educational grants to further this strategy.
9. **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area** has completed its management plan and will be submitting it to the Secretary of the Interior. The implementation of the plan will focus on interpretive planning and developing a regional tourism experience. This process will be coordinated with the extensive state greenway program for the Hudson Valley.
10. **Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** has an older management plan and plans to revisit the plan and update its goals and objectives. The Corridor is initiating a new grant program to encourage resource protection and community revitalization.
11. **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** has an approved management plan and will continue to partner with other organizations to preserve industrial buildings and recreational trails within the Corridor.
12. **Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area** is completing its management plan. They will continue regional education initiatives in partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site. Work will continue on promoting visitation to the Coal Mine Tour and to the Trolley Museum. A new use will be sought for an abandoned railroad station located near the gateway to Steamtown National Historic Site.
13. **National Coal Heritage Area** is drafting its management plan. The preparation of an environmental assessment will be undertaken for the plan. A regional Challenge Grant Program will be offered to conserve historic and cultural resources in the region.
14. **Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor** has received approval of its management plan from the Secretary. Work will continue on Canalway Centers and Gateways for the Journey. More of the missing links in the towpath corridor will be acquired and improved for pedestrian and vehicle access.
15. **Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor** has published *Vision 2010: A Plan for the Next Ten Years*, an updated management plan. The grant programs for the region will continue to be supported as well as the work of the Green Valley Institute. The Corridor will be taking the lead in the development of a state visitor center in the region.
16. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** has received the Secretary's approval for their management plan. Work will continue to develop Journeys in Northern Allegheny, parts of Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties. A series of riverfront development plans will be initiated in Charleroi and for the Pittsburgh pool. The restoration of the Bost Building will be completed and the interpretive exhibits will be planned and developed for installation. The archival and folklore program will be supported and expanded.
17. **Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area** is completing its management plan in cooperation with Valley Forge National Historical Park. The commission will move into their new headquarters in FY 2002. They are continuing identification of canal resources, including desilting basins, and construction of the Schuylkill River land and water trail.
18. **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District** has received approval by the Secretary for their management plan. While some funding will be used for personnel and administration, funding will also be used to continue grants to partner organizations and to implement the management plan particularly in improving land use planning in the region.

19. **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor** has completed its management plan and is developing the necessary compliance. Documents for the second Discovery Center in the heritage area will be opened in Edgefield. The recently completed marketing plan will be implemented for the Corridor. The existing grant program to support local projects will also be continued into the next fiscal year.
20. **Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area** has legislation different from the other areas. A compact is required before designation as a heritage area, and before the Service can disperse funding under this activity. The Secretary has approved the compact and a cooperative agreement will be developed with the National Park Service, to begin work on the management plan.
21. **Wheeling National Heritage Area** will focus on the redevelopment of the historic waterfront from the suspension bridge to Wheeling Creek. An interpretive trail will be developed that showcases industrial artifacts as well as the social and geological history of the area. A plan will be developed to interpret the historic Labelle Nail works.
22. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area** will be preparing their first management plan for the region. Work will include developing a cooperative agreement with the Intermountain Regional Office, scoping and implementing the planning effort.

FY 2002 Enacted Budget by Heritage Area

National Heritage Areas	State	FY 2002 Enacted
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos & Smokestacks)	Iowa	700
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	Georgia	492
3. Automobile National Heritage Area	Michigan	500
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	Colorado	50
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	Louisiana	650
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	Pennsylvania	700
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	New York	210
8. Essex National Heritage Area	Massachusetts	1,000
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	New York	900
10. Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor	Illinois	500
11. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	Rhode Island	800
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	500
13. National Coal Heritage Area	West Virginia	210
14. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	Ohio	1,000
15. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	Connecticut	750
16. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	1,000
17. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	210
18. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	500
19. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	South Carolina	1,000
20. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	Tennessee	210
21. Wheeling National Heritage Area	West Virginia	1,000
22. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Arizona	210
Total		13,092

FY 2003 Budget Request: Commissions and Grants

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	13,092
Programmatic Changes	
• Commissions and Grants	-5,476
TOTAL, Program Changes¹	-5,476
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2003 Budget Request	7,616
Net Change	-5,476

¹Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

Program Component: Administrative Support
FY 2002 Enacted: \$0.117 million

This component provides administrative, budget, policy, and public information support to the Congressionally designated national heritage areas.

Performance Goals**Goal IIIb1. Protect conservation areas and provide recreational opportunities through assistance to state and local government and nonprofit groups**

Target	Measure	Goals	
		Annual FY 2003	Long-term FY 2005
National recreation and preservation areas	Added to NPS since 1997		
	Miles of trail	7,400	8,400
	Miles of river corridor	4,600	6,600
	Acres of park and open space	876,900	1,113,300

Goal IIIb2. Partner with communities to provide additional recreational opportunities and protect resources

Target	Measure	Goals	
		Annual FY 2003	Long-term FY 2005
Community recreation opportunities and resource protection	Percent of communities satisfied with NPS partnership assistance in providing recreation and conservation benefits on land and waters	94.4%	95.0%

FY 2003 Budget Request: Administrative Support

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	117
Programmatic Changes	
• Travel Expenses	-5
TOTAL, Program Changes¹	-5
Uncontrollable Changes	+7
FY 2003 Budget Request	119
Net Change	+2

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FY 2003 Budget Request: Heritage Partnership Programs

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	13,209
Programmatic Changes	
• Support to National Heritage Areas	-5,476
• Travel Expenses	-5
TOTAL, Program Changes	-5,481
Uncontrollable Changes	+7
FY 2003 Budget Request	7,735
Net Change	-5,474

Support to National Heritage Areas: -\$5.476 million

The NPS is requesting a decrease in funding for National Heritage Areas in FY 2003 to support higher priorities. All areas would be reduced by approximately 42 percent from the FY 2002 enacted level except Cache La Poudre River Corridor, which would receive a 10 percent reduction. Changes, by heritage area, are as follows:

FY 2003 Budget Request by Heritage Area

National Heritage Areas	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Request	Change (+/-)
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos & Smokestacks)	700	406	-294
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	492	286	-206
3. Automobile National Heritage Area	500	290	-210
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	50	45	-5
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	650	377	-273
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	700	406	-294
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	210	123	-87
8. Essex National Heritage Area	1,000	580	-420
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	900	522	-378
10. Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor	500	290	-210
11. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	800	464	-336
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	500	290	-210
13. National Coal Heritage Area	210	123	-87
14. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	1,000	580	-420
15. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	750	435	-315
16. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	1,000	580	-420
17. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	210	123	-87
18. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	500	290	-210
19. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	1,000	580	-420
20. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	210	123	-87
21. Wheeling National Heritage Area	1,000	580	-420
22. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	210	123	-87
Total	13,092	7,616	-5,476

Travel Expenses: -\$0.005 million

The NPS proposes to effect savings of \$0.005 million in administrative support by reducing travel and associated costs by implementing management reforms to achieve savings.