

Protecting & Restoring African-American History & Culture in our National Parks

Our national parks and public lands document the diverse histories, cultures, and spiritualities that are a part of our nation, including those of African-Americans. It is critical to properly preserve and ensure access to sites that protect and tell the stories of slavery, Reconstruction, Civil Rights, and the many contributions of African-Americans such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and the Tuskegee Airmen, so that future generations can learn about the highs and lows of our country's heritage.



The nearly \$12 billion deferred maintenance needs throughout our national parks pose one of the greatest risks to protecting sites that document African-American history and contributions to our society.

Deferred Maintenance Highlight: Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site



The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Tuskegee, Alabama is important to telling the unique story of the Tuskegee Airmen who fought to defend their country and advance liberty and equality abroad and at home. Although African-Americans have for generations been a part of our nation's military as far back as the Civil War, they continued to encounter prejudice in their pursuit for inclusion.

The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site tells the story of the brave men who served as pilots, engineers, and service members in WWII, the men and women who supported them and their contributions to desegregation and full integration of the nation's military.

As of 2018, the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site has repairs needs of over \$2 million.

Two of the site's major features, the Hangars, have maintenance needs that include \$1.3 million of repairs to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning in one building and a total HVAC replacement in the other. The Hanger 1 served as the center of operations for the base.

National parks need adequate funding to repair these important sites.

Key Information



Location:
Tuskegee, AL



Visitors in 2018:
26,829



Deferred
Maintenance
Amount:
\$2,427,661



“It is important to tell the story of the African-American experience in the United States. We must invest in the protection and restoration of national parks that preserve this history for future generations.”

Audrey Peterman, Co-founder Diverse Environmental Leaders

Examples of African American Heritage National Parks with Deferred Maintenance:

National Park Service Unit:	State:	Deferred Maintenance Amount:
Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument	AL	\$1,300,000.00
Booker T. Washington National Monument	VA	\$1,418,420.00
Boston African American National Historic Site	MA	\$1,796,616.00
Brown vs. Board of Education National Historic Site	GA	\$50,125.00
Cane River Creole National Historical Park	LA	\$4,499,218.00
Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument	OH	\$2,409,774.00
Colonial National Historical Park	VA	\$433,899,266.00
Fort Davis National Historical Site	TX	\$4,741,523.00
Fort Scott National Historic Site	KS	\$4,366,535.00
George Washington Carver National Monument	MO	\$999,565.00
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	WV, MD, VA	\$10,492,318.00
Jean Lafitte National Historical Park	LA	\$6,028,728.00
Maggie L Walker National Historic Site	VA	\$702,422.00
Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park	GA	\$13,897,049.00
New Orleans Jazz National Historic Park	LA	\$956,338.00
Nicodemus National Historic Site	KS	\$1,089,552.00
Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial	OH	\$48,422,372.00
Petersburg National Battlefield	VA	\$8,924,807.00
Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial	CA	\$3,874.00
Richmond National Battlefield Park	VA	\$5,261,371.00
Selma To Montgomery National Historic Trail	AL	\$4,569,417.00
Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site	AL	\$2,427,661.00
Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site	AL	\$3,175,032.00
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	FL	\$2,887,179.00
Virgin Islands National Park	VI	\$33,299,680.00