



Monumental Changes

By Joy M. Oakes

During the March on Washington, the assembled crowd stretched along the National Mall between the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument grounds, a distance of nearly one mile. A participant in the March returning to the area for the first time in 50 years immediately would notice the changed appearance of the Washington Monument.

“The Washington Monument project symbolizes the potential for greater public involvement with our national parks.”

The 555-foot tall memorial to George Washington has been closed to visitors since a 5.8-magnitude earthquake shook the East Coast in August 2011. The quake loosened stones and mortar, and chipped or cracked many stones.

When philanthropist David Rubenstein heard the repair bill was expected to reach \$15 million, the co-founder of The Carlyle Group offered to help. He donated

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A Legacy Marches On Making History in the National Parks

By Katherine McKinney

On an August afternoon 50 years ago, approximately 250,000 people united in the “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.” At a time when many nonviolent demonstrations resulted in shocking, deadly violence, people from all walks of life gathered to advocate for equality. Spurred by an unwavering belief in their power to create change, they came together in the heart of our nation’s capital, on the National Mall, considered by many the nation’s “town square.” The reverberations of the March, which ended in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s iconic “I Have a Dream” speech, continue to echo through the life of the nation, including in the lives of members of Congress from the Mid-Atlantic region. Today, we look back at the memories and legacy of that historic day five decades ago.

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) District of Columbia

As a Yale law school student involved in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Rep. Norton helped organize the March. Asked to describe the day’s atmosphere, Rep. Norton first notes that the March itself, to speak nothing of its impact, was a momentous feat. She says, “There had not been, in memory, a mass march on Washington.”

To Rep. Norton, the March on Washington represented “the crescendo in the civil rights struggle...it influenced all the great movements that followed. People realized, ‘If you want something from your government, you have to get into the streets to get it.’”



Rep. E. Scott Rigell (R) Virginia Beach, Virginia

As he embarked on his political career years ago, someone asked Scott Rigell whom he most admired from American history. His response included George Washington,

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Top: On August 28, 1963, 250,000 Americans united in the remarkable “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom” on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. ©AP Images. **Above:** Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addresses the crowds during the March. Wikimedia Commons.

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Mid-Atlantic Staff News

A traveler at heart, **Katherine McKinney**—NPCA's new Mid-Atlantic Program Coordinator—has worked as a naturalist in Colorado, a steward of conservation easement properties in New Mexico, an interpretive guide in Yellowstone National Park, and for the Wildlife Brigade in Grand Teton National Park. In May 2013 she left the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in Warrenton, Virginia to join NPCA's Mid-Atlantic team.

Ceryse Devaney, a sophomore majoring in International Studies at American University in Washington, D.C., joined us in June as our summer intern. Ceryse tracked our region's Congressional delegation's votes on key park-related bills and initiatives, assisted with "Freedom to Float" events, and created note cards featuring national parks in our region. Thank you, Ceryse!

Nick Lund, NPCA's Civil War Associate from 2011-2013, has left the Mid-Atlantic team to work on NPCA's national Landscape Conservation Program, engaging in issues including oil and gas development near national parks. As Civil War Associate, Nick worked to protect key lands at Gettysburg, Petersburg, and Vicksburg, helped organize the campaign to protect Manassas National Battlefield from a proposed highway, and contested a trash incinerator proposed at Monocacy National Battlefield.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Chris Marker**, who served on a temporary basis as the region's Program Coordinator. Chris spent most of his first six weeks helping to organize the June 2012 Ritchie Boys symposium. Other projects included producing a brochure for the new Friends of Fort Hunt, and helping organize regional events. We look forward to learning about his next adventures!

Good news—an unexpected, generous grant from an anonymous donor enables **Ed Stierli** to lead outreach for our National Parks in the Chesapeake program for at least another year. We—and our many new partners in the watershed—are thrilled!

After 7 1/2 years serving as NPCA's first Pennsylvania-based staff, **Cinda Waldbuesser** is taking on a new role in the National Park Service's Partnerships office in Philadelphia.

Cinda led multiple campaigns to protect national parks in Pennsylvania, secured support for park protection initiatives among the state's Congressional delegation, and built productive relationships with allies. She led campaigns to protect Gettysburg and Valley Forge from inappropriate developments. Her top priority recently has been to protect our Delaware River parks from harmful impacts of shale gas fracking.

While NPCA will miss Cinda dearly, we expect our paths will continue to cross in her new role.



Above: Katherine McKinney, Ceryse Devaney, Nick Lund, and Ed Stierli enjoy the rooftop deck at NPCA's headquarters in Washington, D.C. (Pictured on Page 4: Cinda Waldbuesser. Not pictured: Chris Marker). ©NPCA/Adam Graves

HAVE A PHOTO TO SHARE? We welcome photos from members enjoying national parks, particularly those in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Your pictures may be included in future NPCA publications! **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** For this issue we chose less glossy paper, and a fold-out design. Love it? Hate it? Do you have other suggestions for this publication? Please send digital photos and any feedback to Katherine McKinney, kmckinney@npca.org

MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM



Left: Crowds stretch out along the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. Wikimedia Commons.

Above: A young girl participates in the March. U.S. Federal Government; Public Domain.

A Legacy Marches On: Making History in the National Parks

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Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ronald Reagan. Besides Dr. King's resonant and unparalleled speaking voice, he most respects Dr. King's ability and willingness "to speak truth to power" and "to stand for what he believed in."

The March was one of those "definitive moments in our [nation's] journey where you can point...and say, 'That was a turning point. That was a pivotal moment,'" Rep. Rigell says.

Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz (D) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Though Rep. Schwartz was only 14 years old at the time, and not present at the March, the legacy of that day "left an indelible impression of the power of people," she says. The March participants came together "to push our government to do what was right. And, they did it with the unyielding belief that they would make a difference."

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D) Baltimore, Maryland

Senator Cardin remembers attending elementary school in Baltimore when the

city's public schools were still segregated by race. He laments "how discrimination was not only condoned but, more often than not, actually encouraged..." So, while "Brown vs. Board of Education changed the law," Sen. Cardin says, "the March on Washington changed minds, and brought a roaring voice to [the] need for racial equality and justice for all."

"For my generation, the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. resonate as deeply as the words of John F. Kennedy," says Sen. Cardin. "Their calls to service crossed racial, ethnic, and gender lines."

Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R) Chesapeake, Virginia

Rep. Forbes, a pre-teen in rural Norfolk County (now Chesapeake), Virginia at the time of the March, describes how Dr. King's speech, "delivered to the immense, peaceful, multiracial throng and broadcasted to the nation...sounded the clarion call for racial equality, set the tone for a massive, national movement in support of civil rights for all Americans, and struck a resonant chord of fairness and faith in my youthful heart that continues to inspire and motivate me today."

Furthermore, he says, "For all of the significance that the March on Washington held on that day, its full impact has resonated most clearly in my life as a gradual and continuous stream of developments as I have witnessed and experienced around me the dismantlement of the institution of racial segregation."

With many national parks dedicated to telling the story of America's Civil War to civil rights journey, and in light of the powerful example set by the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, it is humbling to remember that each of us adds a piece to history. Our unique perspectives and memories, diverse and distinct, enrich and inform the stories being told, preserved, and passed down through the generations. And, united, our voices have the power to change the future.

To read the reflections of other members of Congress from our region, and to view the full article, visit www.npca.org/march. Many sites in the National Park System protect places significant in our country's civil rights journey—learn more at www.nps.gov.

Balancing Energy Needs, Nature, and America's National Heritage

By Cinda Waldbuesser

With heated debates continuing over the safety of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” NPCA has released a report examining fracking’s impacts on national parks. *National Parks and Hydraulic Fracturing: Balancing Energy Needs, Nature, and America’s National Heritage* recommends policies to ensure our national parks are protected for future generations.

The report analyzes the known, potential, and unknown impacts of fracking on the air, water, animals and plants of our national parks. Of the five case studies included in the report, one evaluates potential threats to two national parks along the Delaware River in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania: the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (SRR) and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (NRA). Each of these parks lies above or near the natural gas-rich Marcellus Shale formation.



The moratorium on drilling in the Delaware River Basin set in May 2010 by the Delaware River Basin Commission could be lifted soon, posing a threat to the future of these heavily-visited parks. Drilling in the Basin would shatter the natural quiet visitors seek at the Upper Delaware, and drilling wells would degrade the Basin’s forests and scenic views. Both the Upper Delaware and Delaware Water Gap would not only face proposals for pipelines across their parklands, but would also need to address the noise and other impacts associated with compressor

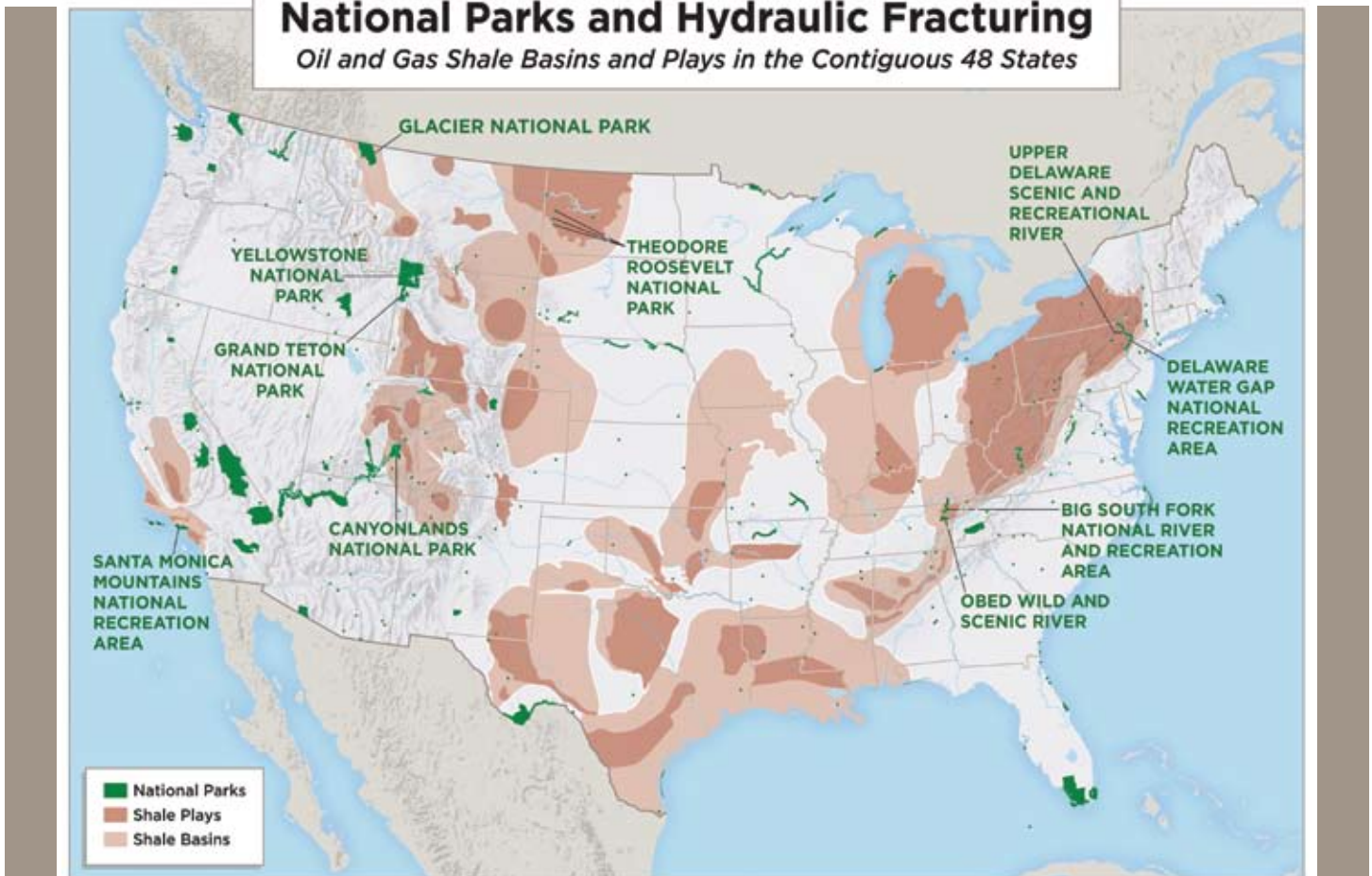
stations. Clean air and water, recreational values, and plant and animal vitality in the parks and their neighboring communities would be in jeopardy.

In response to these threats, the NPCA report urges smart planning, comprehensive pollution monitoring, and the use of widely-available and affordable pollution control practices to help ensure that oil and gas development near national parks will not harm them. It also recommends that the National Park Service be engaged as a formal cooperating partner when energy development may impact national park values, visitor experience, or visitor health.

The full report is available here: <http://www.npca.org/about-us/center-for-park-research/fracking/>.

U.S. Rep. Matthew Cartwright (D-PA) joins Cinda Waldbuesser at a July event at Delaware Water Gap sponsored by NPCA and the Appalachian Mountain Club. Rep. Cartwright is a leader in efforts to protect our national parks from fracking impacts. ©NPCA/Alison Heis

National Parks and Hydraulic Fracturing Oil and Gas Shale Basins and Plays in the Contiguous 48 States



Gettysburg & Petersburg Battlefields Go Native

By Ed Stierli

The hallowed ground of national battlefields and military parks reminds us of the fallen, and elicits quiet reverence from all who visit. As the region becomes more developed, the forests, fields, and wetlands of these parks also provide critical habitat for many native plants and animals.

Gettysburg's Elusive Woodpecker

With its large, bright-red head and stark blocks of black and white, the red-headed woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) evokes a boldly-patterned "flying checkerboard." One of only four North American woodpeckers known to store food, they hide acorns and beech nuts in the crevices of trees. Red-headed woodpeckers have inhabited North America for 2 million years, and their Pleistocene-age fossils have been found in Florida, Virginia, and Illinois.

Don't mistake this bird's elusive nature for timidity. These woodpeckers aggressively defend their territory, removing the eggs of other species, and even raiding duck nests to puncture the eggs they find there. Because of its aggressive reputation, the red-headed woodpecker became a symbol of war to the Cherokee Indians, as noted in Henry Longfellow's poem "The Song of Hiawatha."

The species' population has declined in the last half-century due to habitat loss, so Gettysburg National Military Park's protected mature forests, open pastures, and intermittent streams are of great importance to this rare bird. "Red-headed woodpeckers are the flagship species of the park," says Andrew Wilson, an ecologist and Gettysburg College professor, who notes that their densities in Gettysburg eclipse those found on any of the other 4,000 survey sites in the state.

Visitors are most likely to find these birds near the Rose Farm, at the Wheatfield, at the witness tree in Devil's Den, or in the woods between the Tennessee and Virginia monuments.

Petersburg's Ancient Amphibians

In February 1865, Hatcher's Run witnessed a valiant Union offensive aimed at cutting off Confederate supply lines during the siege of Petersburg, Virginia. Today, Hatcher's

SPECIES SPOT-LIGHT



Run in Petersburg National Battlefield is home to two unusual amphibians that evolved 230 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed North America. The man responsible for discovering the Petersburg salamanders in 1999, retired biologist Joseph Mitchell from the University of Richmond, says, "The aquatic salamanders found in the beaver pond were completely unexpected." When he discovered them, he adds, "their occurrence represented a first for both the county and the Virginia Piedmont."

The two-toed amphiuma (*Amphiuma means*) is an eel-like salamander commonly known as the "congo eel." This amphibian is the largest salamander species in the United



States, reaching four feet in length. With a distinct dark grey appearance and two toes, they are fully aquatic, and spend most of their time burrowed in mud or bottom debris. Petersburg marks the northern extent of this species' range, which spans the swampy southeastern states.

The amphiuma's neighbor in Hatcher's Run is the lesser siren (*Siren intermedia*), a dark green, eel-like salamander with small forelimbs and feathery gills. These territorial salamanders defend their den using pulsed sounds and head movements. They can survive hostile conditions and drought by burrowing deep into sediment, creating waterproof cocoons.

Civil War Battlefields Protect Both History and Nature

Civil War battlefields like Petersburg and Gettysburg not only protect our country's history, but also protect habitat at a time when many species are declining due to habitat loss.

"NPCA launched the 'Birding the Battlefields' initiative to promote awareness of the critical role battlefields play in protecting plants and animals like these," says Nick Lund, NPCA's Landscape Conservation Program Manager. Interested birders can learn more about "Birding the Battlefields" at www.npca.org/birdingthebattlefields.

Want to learn more?

Download the interactive, free NPCA "National Park Field Guide" for iPhone or iPad from the iTunes store.

You can help:

Please ask your Members of Congress to support bills to protect additional lands at Gettysburg and Petersburg. For more information, contact our staff (see p. 2), or visit <http://www.npca.org/protecting-our-parks/history-culture/gett.html> and <http://www.npca.org/protecting-our-parks/history-culture/pete.html>.

Top to bottom: More red-headed woodpeckers have been sighted at Gettysburg National Military Park than at other sites surveyed in Pennsylvania. ©Nick Lund/NPCA. Salamanders and other amphibians face significant challenges including habitat loss from development and poor water quality; Amphiuma ©Kevin Stohlgren; Lesser Siren ©Virginia Herpetological Society.

Why We Give: Dorothy and Jerry Canter

Dorothy and Jerry Canter of Bethesda, Maryland have been involved with NPCA for more than two decades. We asked Dorothy, a leader in the newly-established Friends of Fort Hunt Park, about her love for America's national parks, and her engagement with NPCA.

Q: What led you to become involved with NPCA? A:

My husband's cousin was a member of the NPCA Board of Trustees. In 1988 he recommended that I be elected to the Board because I was a scientist. I have served as an NPCA volunteer in a number of capacities continuously since then.

Q: What was your most transformational or memorable experience in a park? A:

I have had several spiritual and transformative experiences in national parks. The first was on the Kobuk River above the Arctic Circle in Alaska in June 1997. It was a brilliantly sunny day, and we watched caribou swimming across the river, and geese flying overhead. It seemed as if I were at the top of the world. On a visit to the Everglades one February, I was on the Anhinga Trail as the land was drying out, and alligators, herons, anhingas and other wildlife congregated together on the diminishing area of wetland. I felt then as if I were present at the creation of the world.

Q: What is your philanthropic philosophy? A: Jerry and I believe in giving to organizations that can and do make a difference for the causes in which we most strongly believe.

Q: What philanthropists do you most admire and why? A: I admire those people

of limited means who give a significant amount of their earnings to charity, even though it may cause them to make sacrifices in other areas. I also admire people who give to activities that can be transformative for the recipients' lives.



Q: Why is it important to preserve our history, both good and bad? A:

Studying and understanding our history helps us to avoid making the same mistakes over and over. We are fortunate to live in a democracy in which interpreting the dark periods of our nation's history, as well as our successes, is encouraged, especially within the National Park System. This is a great strength of our country.

Q: You and Jerry also appreciate the arts. Do you see a connection between art and national parks? A:

A number of national parks tell the stories of some of the nation's famous artists and writers, including Augustus Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in New Hampshire and Eugene O'Neill's home in Danville, California. The photographs of William Henry Jackson

played a pivotal role in Congress's creation of Yellowstone, the first national park. Famous paintings and photographs of scenes from national parks have increased support for those parks and the National Park System as a whole.

Q: Are there places not yet part of the National Park System you think should be added, and if so, why? A:

I would like to see one or more sites added to the National Park System that tell the story of the development of the computer age. Could the Park Service acquire the California home and garage in which the first Apple computers were made?

Q: Why did you decide to lead efforts to tell the hidden stories of Fort Hunt? A:

Serendipitously, I learned about P.O. Box 1142, the top-secret WWII military intelligence installation that was located at what is now Fort Hunt Park. I was struck by how the Army interrogators, a number of whom had escaped the Nazis and lost family members to the Nazi atrocities, were able to perform the interrogations in a humane and effective way. How different this was from the experience of the Iraq War. Subsequently learning about the park's other important history convinced me even more that its unique stories should be interpreted.

Left: Jerry and Dorothy Canter enjoy exploring beautiful and meaningful places in America's national parks, and around the world—here they are exploring Turkey's Turquoise Coast. Photo courtesy of the Canter family.

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UPCOMING NPCA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Mid-Atlantic Leadership Council Meeting and Park Tours, Fredericksburg, VA. Contact Katherine McKinney, 202.454.3328, kmckinney@npca.org.

SEPTEMBER 21-25

2013 NYC to D.C. Climate Ride: Seven members of NPCA's staff will bike the 325 miles from New York City to D.C. to raise awareness about climate change, sustainability issues, and bike advocacy. Learn more at <http://www.climateride.org>.

SEPTEMBER 28

National Public Lands Day: Volunteer with NPCA at **Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens** in **Washington, D.C.**, or **Valley Forge** in **King of Prussia, PA.** Contact Ed Stierli, 202.454.3339, estierli@npca.org.

SEPTEMBER 29

National Public Lands Day: Volunteer with NPCA at **Fort Hunt Park** in **Alexandria, VA.** Contact Pam Goddard, 202.454.3365, pgoddard@npca.org.

OCTOBER 5

Fort McHenry Restoration Project: NPCA joins forces with the National Aquarium in Baltimore on a restoration project at **Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD.** Contact Ed Stierli, 202.454.3339, estierli@npca.org.

OCTOBER 10

Green Carpet Gala: Dress up for a night out with NPCA honoring New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, **New York, NY.** Contact Buckley Hall Events, 914.579.1000, npcabuckleyhallevts.com.

OCTOBER 16

Trustees for the Parks Speaker Series: Join NPCA as we hear wildlife biologist and author Douglas Chadwick's presentation, "The Power of Wolverines, Grizzlies, and Wild Connections," in **Washington, D.C.** Contact Eric Olson, eolson@npca.org.

OCTOBER 20-26

Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventure: NPCA partners with Wilderness Inquiry to get school kids out on the Anacostia River, **Kenilworth Park, Washington, D.C.** Contact Ed Stierli, 202.454.3339, estierli@npca.org.

APRIL 9, 2014

NPCA Annual Awards Gala: Come celebrate with NPCA at our annual awards dinner, **Washington, D.C.** Contact Elizabeth Jordan, ejordan@npca.org.

For more information about events in your area sponsored by the National Park Service, go to www.nps.gov, click on "Find a Park," and search for the park by name or state.

For updated information about NPCA's advocacy campaigns, contact any of our offices (see p.2) or go to www.npca.org.

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Left: Fall is a beautiful season to experience the history preserved at Valley Forge. ©NPCA/Shelley Kapnak Rosenberg





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\$7.5 million to the Trust for the National Mall for the Monument's restoration, and Congress voted to appropriate the other \$7.5 million needed—a remarkable and timely public-private partnership.

In May, workers completed base-to-top scaffolding around the monument's exterior, setting the stage for the actual repair work. Draped in a grid of blue fabric, the scaffolding is lit up at night, evoking a design by architect Michael Graves used during a rehabilitation project completed in 2000.

The Washington Monument project symbolizes the challenges facing America's national park system as we approach its second century in 2016—and the potential for greater public involvement moving forward. NPCA and partners hosted a seminar this spring at the Bi-Partisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C. to explore alternatives for supplemental park funding. To learn more, visit <http://parkpartners.org/fundingparks.html>.

You can follow the monument restoration work in real time on the "Washington Monument Cam," <http://www.earthcam.com/usa/dc/washingtonmonument/>, sponsored by EarthCam in partnership with the National Park Service.

To learn more about NPCA's advocacy for national park funding, visit www.npca.org/billions.

Left: The Washington Monument project symbolizes the challenges facing America's national park system as we approach its second century in 2016—and the potential for greater public involvement moving forward. ©NPCA/Katherine McKinney

