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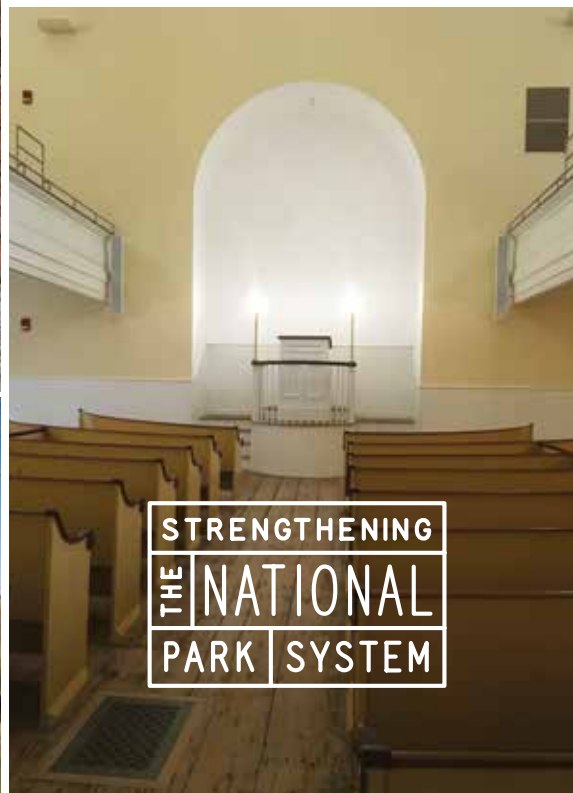


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Top: NPCA's public press event at NYC's Federal Hall National Memorial brought even greater visibility to our campaign to address the maintenance backlog ©NPCA | Cherylynn Tsushima

NPCA addressed the national park repair backlog with a special focus on Massachusetts Revolutionary War historic sites; **Left:** Freedom Trail, Boston National Historical Park ©Sandra Foyt | Alamy **Bottom Left:** Hartwell Tavern, Minuteman National Historical Park ©Danita Delimont | Alamy **Below:** African Meeting House, Boston African American National Historic Site ©Timothy Leonard | NPCA



STRENGTHENING
THE NATIONAL
PARK SYSTEM

For 100 Years, NPCA has Fought for National Parks

PROTECTING
NATURAL
WONDERS



It's because of you that NPCA has been able to accomplish victories and protections for national parks.

In the Northeast some of the greatest victories are the establishment of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Stonewall National Monument, a new general management plan for Gateway National Recreation Area, the inclusion of Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson Great Falls NHP, a sustained campaign to prevent our national parks from further disrepair, and recent accomplishments in transportation to urban national parks.



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One hundred years ago, two people spearheaded the creation of the National Park Service, to ensure many of America's most iconic landscapes would be protected for all who would come long after them. Those same visionaries also knew the parks would need an independent agency, unconnected with and uninfluenced by government, to protect them—and formed National Parks Conservation Association.

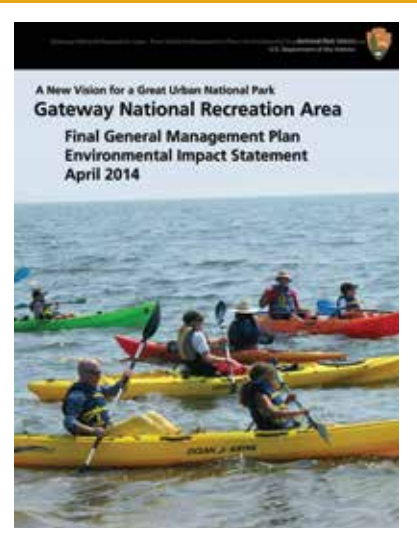
One of the founders, Robert Sterling Yard, said people should join NPCA:

- Because our National Park System is suddenly facing a new and deadly peril, far the greatest in its history which we shall need your help to combat.
- Because our government, being the servant of congress, is unable to fight effectively since congress itself will be the battleground. It is the people who must save their own national parks.

Top: Acadia National Park's Schoodic Peninsula Timothy Leonard | NPCA **Below:** NPCA successfully worked for the expansion of the park boundary of New Jersey's Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, the site of the 1930s Negro Baseball League. ©Chuck Franklin | Alamy **Right:** Appalachian Trail is uniquely accessible via mass transit on the Metro North commuter rails | ©rolla.girl



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BRINGING
PEOPLE & PARKS
TOGETHER



Top: NPCA's work at Gateway National Recreation Area has increased access and enhanced management strategies at the park's three units: Jamaica Bay, Sandy Hook, and Staten Island. ©Jessica Kirste **Above:** NPCA's Northeast Office led the campaign to establish Stonewall National Monument, a major victory towards creating a more inclusive Park Service and expanding the historical narratives told by our national parks. ©Whitney Browne | NPCA **Bottom Left:** Stonewall National Monument sign ©Timothy Leonard | NPCA **Bottom Right:** Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. A 1969 police raid here led to the Stonewall riots, one of the most important events in the history of LGBT rights. This picture was taken on pride weekend in 2016, the day after President Obama announced the Stonewall National Monument, and less than two weeks after the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando. ©Rhododendrites



How the National Parks Conservation Association Came to Be

The National Parks Conservation Association was born of the movement to protect America's public lands in the early 20th century. The same visionaries who spearheaded the creation of the National Park Service in 1916—industrialist Stephen T. Mather and writer Robert Sterling Yard—also recognized the need for an independent, non-governmental organization that could unite the public to safeguard these places. With a mission to educate Americans about their parks as well as inspire protection of these important places, the National Parks Association, known today as the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), was founded in Washington, D.C. on May 19, 1919.

From its earliest days, NPCA attracted influential advocates—including notable scientists and naturalists, authors and artists, captains of industry and civic



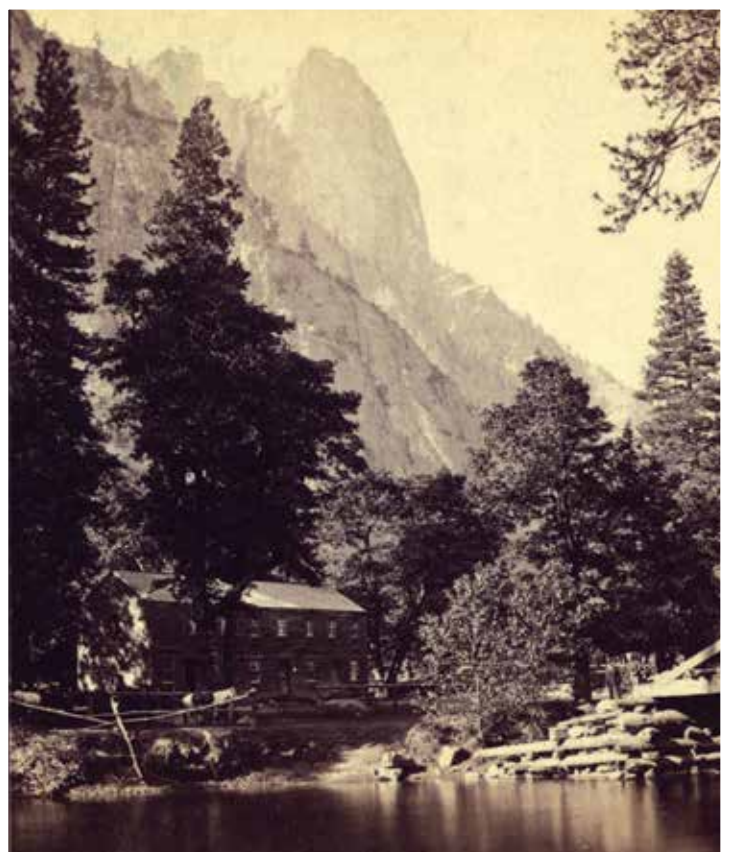
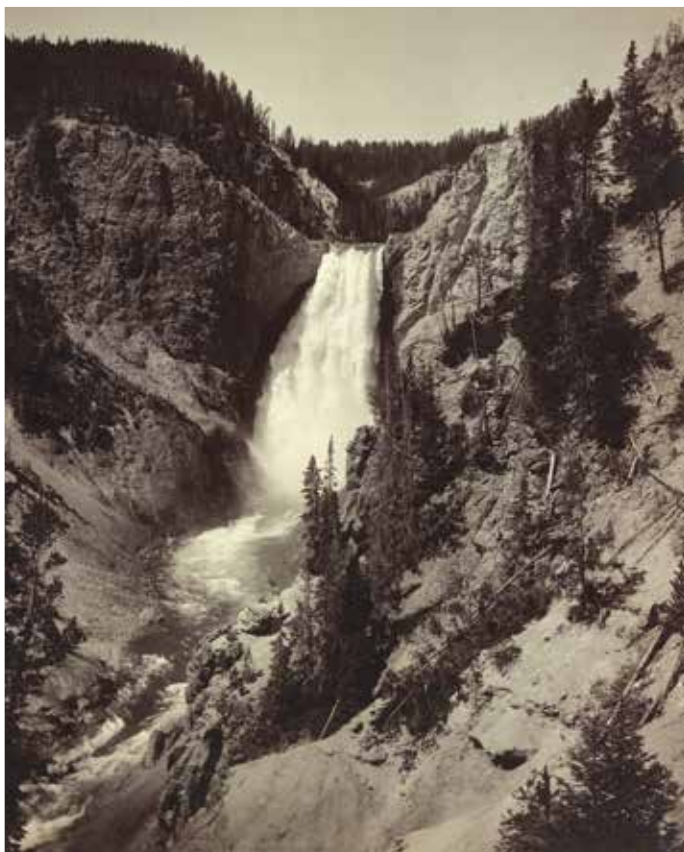
leaders—and demonstrated the power of concerned citizens to defend public lands. Founder Robert Sterling Yard called the organization “the fearless and outspoken defender” of the parks, and over the course of its first century, NPCA has protected places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value from an endless succession of threats—from inappropriate development within and

along their borders to irresponsible decision-making that compromises park air, water and land and risks the well-being of both people and wildlife.

Today, NPCA relies on the strength and voice of 1.3 million members and supporters and boasts 160 staff working across the country with local and tribal communities, in the courtroom and on Capitol Hill. As it marks its second century, NPCA continues the tireless work of not only defending the parks but of building and strengthening a park system that is welcoming, relevant and inspiring to all.

Above Left: Stephen T. Mather ©Marian Albright Schenk | Wiki **Above Right:** Robert Sterling Yard ©NPS **Bottom Left:** Lower Falls of Yellowstone ©William Henry Jackson | Detroit Publishing Co. **Bottom Right:** Sentinel Rock and Hutchings' Hotel in Yosemite Valley, CA in 1870 ©John P. Soule

Yard wrote...NPCA had become the “fearless and outspoken defender of the people’s parks...against the constant, and just now the very dangerous, assaults of commercial interests.





**Your park...
Your turn...
to leave a legacy.**

NPCA's Centennial Gala

Ellis Island, October 17, 2019

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