



*Rooted in History*  
**Preserved for the Future**





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# A Letter To You From Theresa & Elizabeth

We are so pleased to share National Park Conservation Association’s 2022 annual report, **Rooted in History, Preserved for the Future**, with you. Each victory — outlined here and online — is a testament to the commitment you have made to protecting and enhancing America’s national parks for present and future generations. Thank you.

We were grateful to begin gathering in person once again. Across the country, our regional and field offices hosted service projects to bring people back into the parks. We convened NPCA supporters for our Annual Meeting Week in Washington, D.C. and met with congressional lawmakers on Capitol Hill to advocate for our national parks. We launched our Veterans Council and expanded our Young Leaders Councils in cities nationwide.

Although the past 12 months have been full of incredible park victories and overdue reunions, we also want to recognize the losses, both for NPCA and for our parks.

This summer, historic flooding in Yellowstone washed out roads, cut off communities and closed the park’s northern entrances for months. In California, wildfires threatened the iconic sequoia trees in Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks, while Hurricane Ian tore across Florida’s Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks. Severe droughts in the Southwest continue to shrink water levels in Lake Mead and Glen Canyon National Recreation Areas and to starve the Colorado River, lifeblood of the Grand Canyon.

On a more personal note, NPCA mourned the passing of Victor “Vic” Fazio, Chair of NPCA’s Board of Trustees and longtime board member. Vic was a dedicated defender of national parks who fought for wild places both in his 20-year tenure in the U.S. Congress, in California state office and as a private citizen. But Vic was much more than an advocate for parks and climate. He was a kind and compassionate man, a generous leader, and a good friend to many. We miss Vic dearly and are honored to continue his legacy defending our national parks.



Through it all, you have continued to stand up and speak out for parks. It is making a difference. From historic investments in climate resiliency to the establishment of new national parks that help tell a fuller, richer American history, your efforts are building a better and brighter future for our national parks that will carry on for generations to come.

We are so grateful for your support of NPCA and our national parks. Because of you, NPCA has protected parks for over 100 years. And thanks to you, we will continue to protect them for 100 more.

*Theresa Pierno*

Theresa Pierno  
**President & CEO**



*Elizabeth Waddill*

Elizabeth Waddill  
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# National Parks Conservation Association

## Who We Are

Since 1919, the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has been America's only nonpartisan, independent voice for the national parks. From opposing logging in Olympic National Park's old-growth forests during World War II to advocating for new parks, such as Pullman National Monument, NPCA has fought to protect America's most treasured places and preserve our most important stories.

NPCA founder Robert Sterling Yard knew that our parks needed a community of voices, independent of government, to speak out and protect them. Today, we are that community of voices. NPCA and our 1.6 million members and supporters are safeguarding the landscapes, stories and cultures that make up the unique fabric of our nation for the next century and beyond.

Over the last year, we have secured victories that will help national parks thrive. Congress invested \$2 billion to restore waters in the Florida Everglades and across the Great Lakes region. The designation of Amache National Historic Site permanently preserves the experiences of Japanese Americans incarcerated in Granada, Colorado during World War II. Years of NPCA advocacy paid off when President Biden restored protections to three national monuments in Utah and off the New England coast.

As an organization, NPCA continues to find creative ways to engage a new and diverse coalition of park supporters. We launched our Veterans Council to provide an avenue for the military community to defend parks through service projects and advocacy. We hosted our first hybrid Salute to the Parks gala. You can learn about these victories, events and more online at: [WWW.NPCA.ORG](http://WWW.NPCA.ORG)

Generations of park advocates helped create the national parks we enjoy today. With your help, NPCA can continue to preserve the stories of our past while strengthening the parks of today and planning for the parks of tomorrow.



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## Amache Designation Tells the Story

This spring, after years of advocacy from NPCA, Amache survivors, and our partners and supporters, President Biden signed the bipartisan Amache National Historic Site Act into law, permanently preserving the World War II-era Japanese American incarceration site in Granada, Colorado.

NPCA has been a strong advocate on Capitol Hill and in Colorado for the preservation of this important piece of American history. We worked with partners and allies to mobilize grassroots advocates and amplified the voices of Amache survivors and descendants at the national level. We hosted two virtual roundtable discussions with bill sponsors and organized a high-profile site visit during this year's national Day of Remembrance, the day after the bill unanimously passed the U.S. House and Senate. NPCA worked with the NPS and U.S. Department of Interior to organize a visit to the Amache site for Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and Congressman Joe Neguse, and Amache stakeholders.



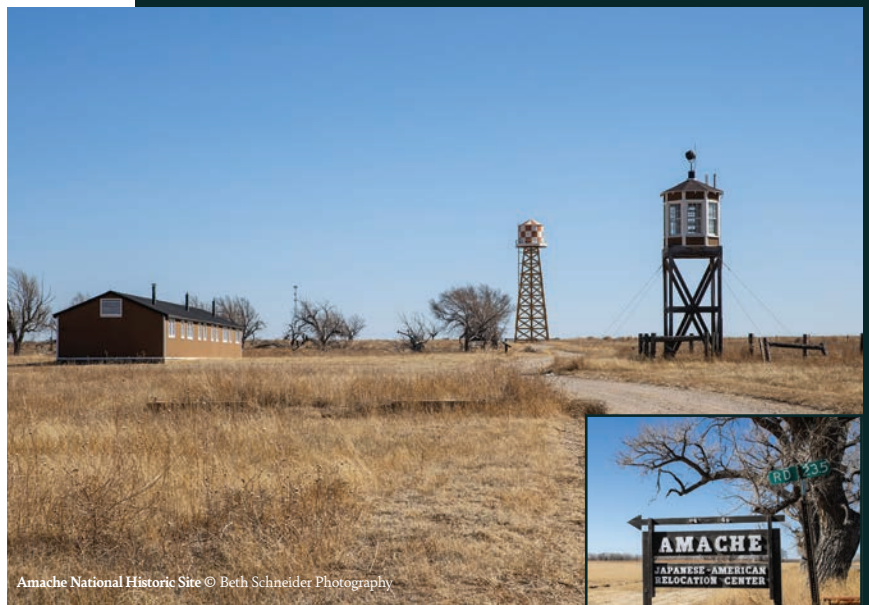
NPCA President and CEO Theresa Pierno joined National Park Service staff and members of Congress at the White House for a special signing ceremony, a recognition of the role NPCA played in preserving Amache.

**This new park site ensures that survivors and descendants of Amache will have their stories heard and honored for generations to come.**



Amache National Historic Site © Beth Schneider Photography

Youth advocates from the Amache Preservation Society met with DOI Sec. Haaland, U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse, U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, Amache survivors and descendants, and NPCA's Colorado Senior Program Manager Tracy Coppola at Amache on the 80<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance on February 19, 2022.



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# The Great Lakes & South Florida

*Water Projects Receive Financial Support*



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NPCA helped secure two of the largest victories for clean water in U.S. history. In January 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a historic **\$1.1 billion investment in Everglades** restoration as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Investment Act. The funding advances critical projects — from wetlands restoration to water storage and treatment — that protect South Florida’s national parks, safeguard the drinking water for millions of Floridians and make South Florida more resilient to climate change impacts. This extraordinary victory is proof of NPCA’s continued leadership in the campaign to restore America’s Everglades, which has involved decades of coalition building and bipartisan outreach.

One month later, the Biden administration announced **an additional \$1 billion** for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to improve the health of fish and wildlife habitat, clean up toxic pollution, reduce harmful farm and city runoff, and manage invasive species in and around Great Lakes parks. This funding victory resulted from years of advocacy through the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, which NPCA co-leads.

(top): NPCA staff and volunteers participated in a restoration project at Voyageurs National Park, where they planted and watered almost 100 trees to stem erosion along a river that is a tributary to the waters of Voyageurs National Park.

(bottom): NPCA Midwest Region Campaign Director Christine Goepfert joined NPCA volunteers, NPS staff, Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, Voyageurs Conservancy, Conservation Corps of MN and IA, and young park advocates for a pier dedication in Voyageurs National Park.











Voyageurs National Park © Eric Miller

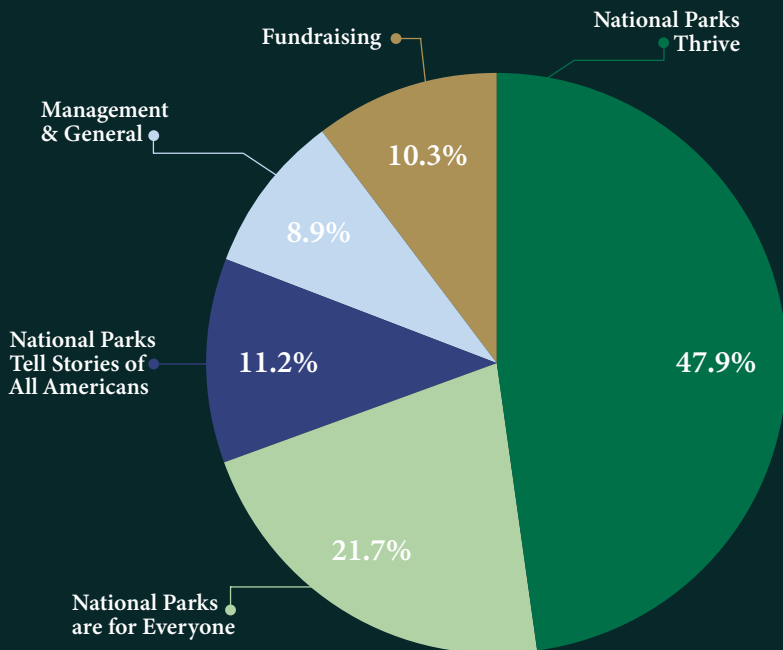
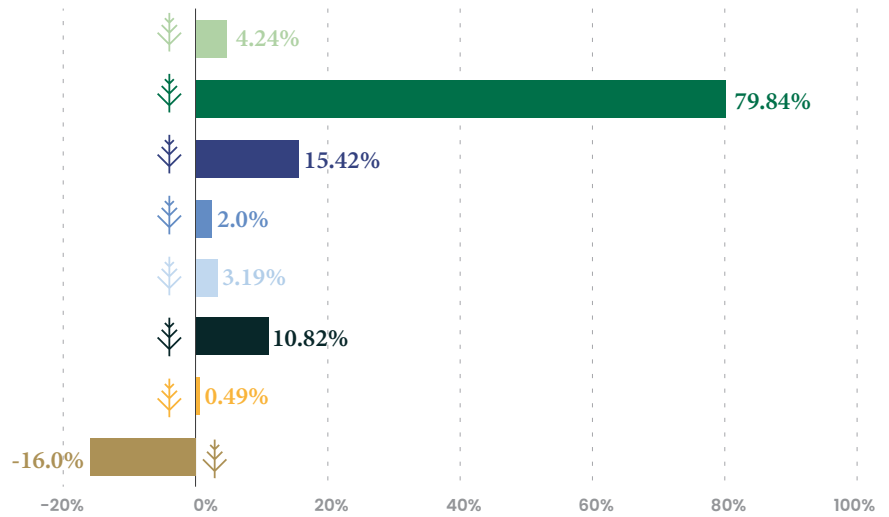


# Financials 2022

## REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT




	Membership Dues	1,783,054
	Contributions	33,590,150
	Grants & Contracts	6,488,835
	Proceeds from Special Events	839,518
	Marketing Income	1,341,046
	Bequests	4,550,832
	Other Income	207,020
	Investment Return	(6,730,969)

**Total Revenue,  
Gains & Other Support** 42,069,486





## EXPENSES

### PROGRAM SERVICES

	National Parks Thrive	24,133,344
	National Parks Are for Everyone	10,939,507
	National Parks Tell Stories of All Americans	5,645,297
	<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>40,718,148</b>

### SUPPORTING SERVICES

	Management & General	4,493,564
	Fundraising	5,153,656
	<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>9,647,220</b>

**Total Expenses** 50,365,368

**Changes in Net Assets** (8,295,882)

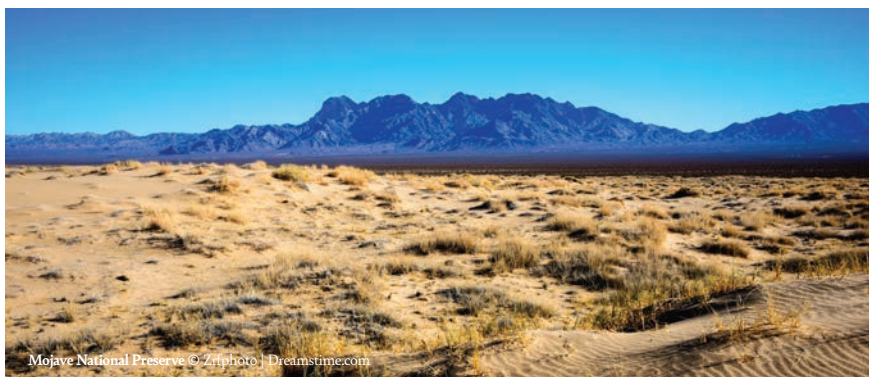




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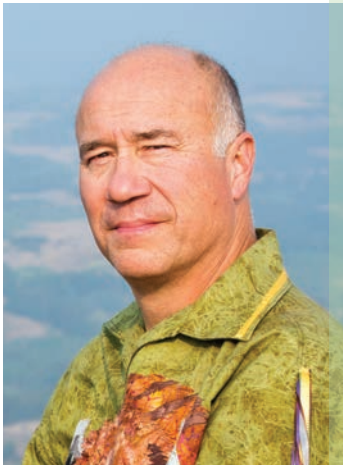
# STTP & NPCA *Award Winners*



In April, NPCA hosted our first hybrid Salute to the Parks, bringing together guests from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several Tribal nations. The in-person event, held at the Museum of the American Indian, was our first since 2019. Guests joined us for a moving panel discussion moderated by NPCA's Senior Director of Cultural Resources Alan Spears.

Our national parks exist today because of the people who stood up and spoke out when it mattered most. In that spirit, we presented awards to three incredible park champions who help ensure that our national parks not only tell a more complete American story, but that they are also welcoming spaces for all visitors. You can read more about our honorees' individual legacies and service to our national parks at:

[WWW.NPCA.ORG](http://WWW.NPCA.ORG)



## Robin W. Winks Award for Enhancing Public Understanding of National Parks

*Jack Gladstone.*

**Blackfeet Cultural Interpreter & Lyricist**

Jack Gladstone uses storytelling and song to make the rich history and spiritual importance of Glacier National Park and its surrounding lands come alive.

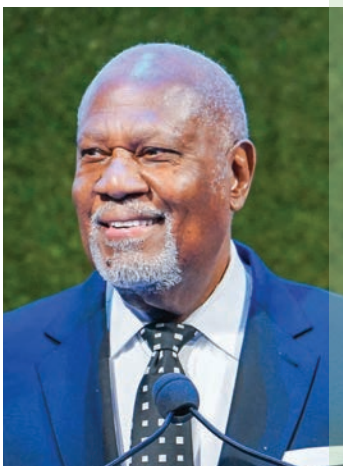


## Centennial Leadership Award

*Audrey Peterman.*

**Author, Advocate & Founder of the Diverse Environmental Leaders Speakers Bureau**

Audrey Peterman works tirelessly to ensure parks are inclusive for all, but especially for Black and brown people.



## William Penn Mott Park Leadership Award

*Robert G. Stanton.*

**15<sup>th</sup> Director (Ret.) of the National Park Service**

Bob Stanton dedicated his National Park Service career to building a park system that preserves and interprets more of the American story.





Big Bend National Park © Ian Shive

## Thank You for Making a Difference...

Over a century ago, NPCA founder Robert Sterling Yard said, “It is the people who must save their own national parks.” He knew that a community of voices, independent of government, is the only thing that would truly protect them. Today, we are that community of voices.

Together with the strength of our more than 1.6 million members and supporters, the National Parks Conservation Association is that voice. Since our founding in 1919, we have been working to protect places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value.



## Get Involved

### Make a Gift

To learn more about how you can support NPCA financially, please visit [NPCA.ORG/DONATE](https://www.nps.gov/donate) or call **800.NAT.PARK (800.628.7275)**.

### Become an Online Activist

Learn more about the threats facing our parks and take action online at [NPCA.ORG/ADVOCACY](https://www.nps.gov/advocacy).

### Attend an Event

We host events, both virtual and in-person, where you can hear from staff, park experts and partners about some of the park stories, victories and threats we most want to share. Find an upcoming event or watch a recording at [NPCA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.nps.gov/events).

### Travel with Us

Check a few more national parks off your list! Join NPCA on one of our small-group education adventures and experience the very best of America’s national parks, from Denali to the Everglades. Tours are limited to just 16 participants plus two guides and include meals, accommodations and on-trip transportation. Find details at [NPCA.ORG/TRIPS](https://www.nps.gov/trips).

### Consider a Planned Gift

Many people like to leave a gift to charity in their will or trust because they care about the causes that are important in their lives. To learn more about making America’s national parks a part of your enduring legacy, contact our staff at **877.468.5775** or [LEGACY@NPCA.ORG](mailto:LEGACY@NPCA.ORG), or visit [MYPARKLEGACY.ORG](https://www.myparklegacy.org).





