

National Park Service Park Cultural Resource Program Comprehensive Assessment Update

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BACKGROUND

Established in 1916, part of the National Park Service (NPS) mission is to preserve the nation's cultural heritage and serve as a steward and manager of cultural resources within the units of the National Park System. Currently, the NPS manages more than 420 individual units that contain a wealth of cultural resources ranging from historic structures to museum objects and archives. The Park Cultural Resource Programs (PCRP) represent the disciplines of archeology, cultural landscapes, historic and prehistoric structures, ethnography, park history, and museum management. The PCRP's are responsible for research, planning, and stewardship so that those resources may be preserved unimpaired for future generations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Academy will assess the current state and the desired state of the PCRP and develop findings and recommendations to support the program's efforts to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the future. This project builds off a previous Academy study for the PCRP published in October 2008, "Saving Our History: A Review of National Park Cultural Resource," and will assess the progress made on recommendations and provide additional guidance to improve NPS stewardship of park cultural resources.

The Academy has formed a five-member Panel of Fellows to direct the study team and author the report. Information on the Panel and study team is provided on the next page.

The Panel's assessment will conclude in July 2022.

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