



Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, Washington DC  
Image by the National Park Service

## FACT SHEET

# Interior Department's Commitment to Investing in Women's History

The Department of the Interior is committed to telling America's complete story, including the invaluable contributions of women throughout our nation's history. Since Day One of the Biden-Harris administration, the Department has worked to commemorate the places and spaces that form the physical memory of women's stories, contributions and legacy.

Through the National Park Service (NPS), the Department is preserving and protecting parks, historic landmarks and historic sites where these stories continue to inform and inspire our ongoing work for a more equitable future.

Under Secretary Deb Haaland and NPS Director Chuck Sams' leadership, the NPS has invested more than \$38 million in infrastructure and preservation projects for parks commemorating women across the nation. These funds are supported by the NPS Centennial Challenge, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and the Great American Outdoors Act's Legacy Restoration Fund. Projects include:

- **\$18.4 MILLION** for the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Maryland
- **\$10 MILLION** for the Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts
- **\$5.2 MILLION** for the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument in Washington, D.C.
- **\$2.2 MILLION** for the First Ladies National Historic Site in Ohio

Additionally, the Department has awarded \$3.7 million in Historic Preservation Fund grants for sites that are helping tell women's history through the following grant programs: History of Equal Rights, Underrepresented Communities, Saving America's Treasures, and African American Civil Rights. These projects include:

- **\$1.2 MILLION** for the rehabilitation of the Eleanor B. Rainey Memorial Institute in Ohio
- **\$750,000** for the rehabilitation of Peoria Women's Club in Illinois
- **\$538,200** for the preservation of Shaw University's Estey Hall in North Carolina
- **\$500,000** for the preservation of the Flora MacDonald campus in North Carolina

**National Historic Landmarks** are some of the nation's most historically important buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts, which communicate themes in history, archeology, architecture, engineering and cultural significance. An NHL designation is the highest federal recognition of a property's historical, architectural or archeological significance. Secretary Haaland has designated the following NHLs that honor women's history:

- Andalusia Farm (Flannery O'Connor Home) in Milledgeville, GA
- Pond Farm Pottery in Guerneville, CA
- Sam and Ruth Van Sickle Ford House in Aurora, IL



Kigigak Island, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
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