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AMERICA'S
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PARKS

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Boston National Historical Park

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Vision Statement

Boston National Historical Park works closely with partners and the public to preserve and protect the places that gave birth to a nation. Places where America's most notable leaders, founders, and framers of liberty and freedom, worked, lived, and worshiped. Places like Old North Church, Old State House, Old South Meeting House, Paul Revere's House and others, were witness to revolutionary ideas that formed a new government for a new country.

Many of these places still fight a battle today to survive and withstand the elements and natural deterioration that over 200 years of existence brings. Our goal to save these structures and tell these stories is shared by our many park partners and very passionate constituents in the Boston Area and around the country.

Preservation and education go hand-in-hand for these significant buildings. You cannot evoke the imagery and significance of the Great Hall without standing where many of our past presidents did and seeing what they saw during town hall meetings. We intend to keep these places, the Roots of America, as they are now for the enjoyment of future generations. We will continue educating America by reaching out through the latest media technology and the way it was done 200 years ago, by speaking to them as they gather in places like the Great Hall.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Terry Savage/David Brouillette

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park will help to provide sustainable systems and best practices for the preservation of historic structures that are among the country's most important assets. These systems and practices will not only preserve history but prevent critical health and life safety risks.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

The park works in concert with other governments and organizations to ensure our historic structures are in the best possible condition. Assets are monitored and evaluated for deficiencies on a regular basis and critical needs are addressed to keep them open and accessible to the public. Programs are developed for public education to take advantage of the resources we preserve so they too play a vital role in the interpretation and education of people.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Our projects address first and foremost the safety and wellbeing of visitors and employees. Every effort is made to preserve resources with the latest and/or most appropriate technology that builds-in health and safety improvements for the resource as well as the people who use it.

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