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Women's Rights National Historical Park



The Votes for Women History Trail Route

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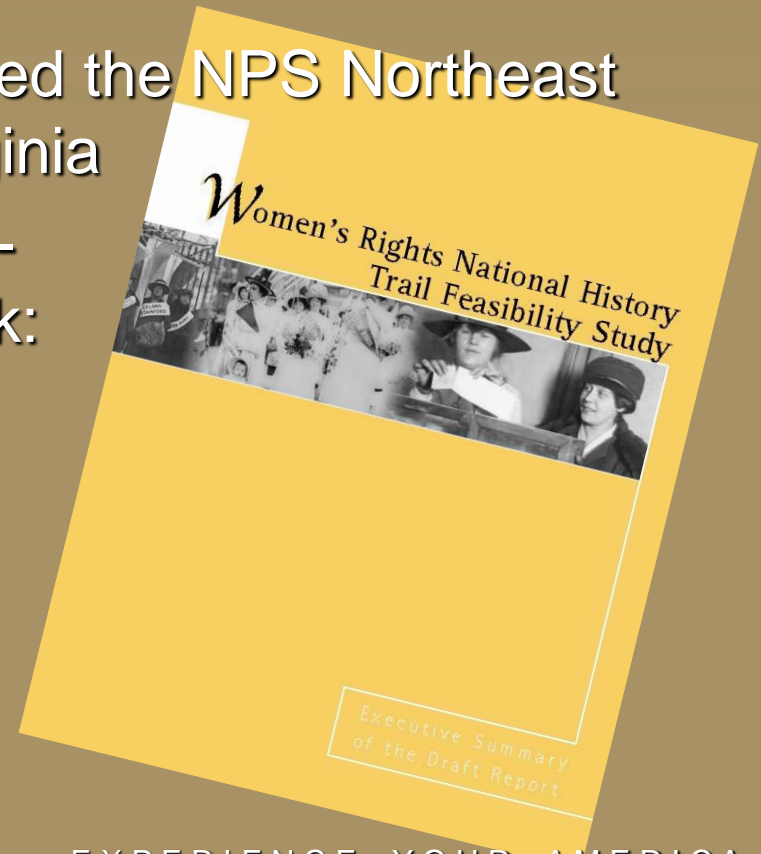


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Overview of Legislative & Planning History

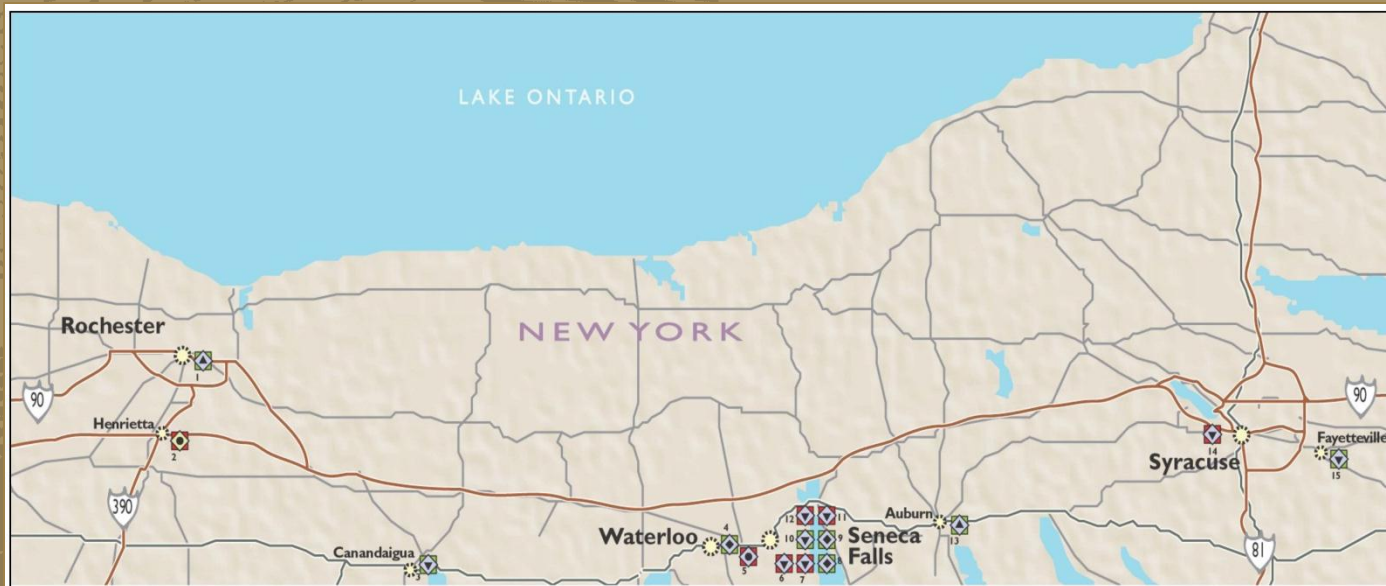
Women's Rights History Trail Feasibility Study

- FY 1999 \$100,000 appropriated to develop a trail study
- The Study Area encompassed the NPS Northeast Region – from Maine to Virginia
- Declaration of Sentiments -- basis for thematic framework:
 - Politics
 - Education
 - Economy
 - Religion
 - Family & Society



Overview of Legislative & Planning History

- Identified the range of Partnership Concepts now seen in the National Women's Rights History Project Legislation
- The Votes for Women History Trail emerged as a partnership concept because of the large number of political sites concentrated in the Rochester – Seneca Falls – Syracuse Corridor



Source: Feasibility Study 2003

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Overview of Legislative & Planning History

- The Votes for Women History Trail as Described in the Feasibility Study:
 - Auto Tour Route
 - Focus on Rochester -- Seneca Falls – Syracuse Area
 - Sites associated with Women's Suffrage
 - 1848 to 1923
 - Sites on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
 - Gravesites and cemeteries
 - All participation is voluntary



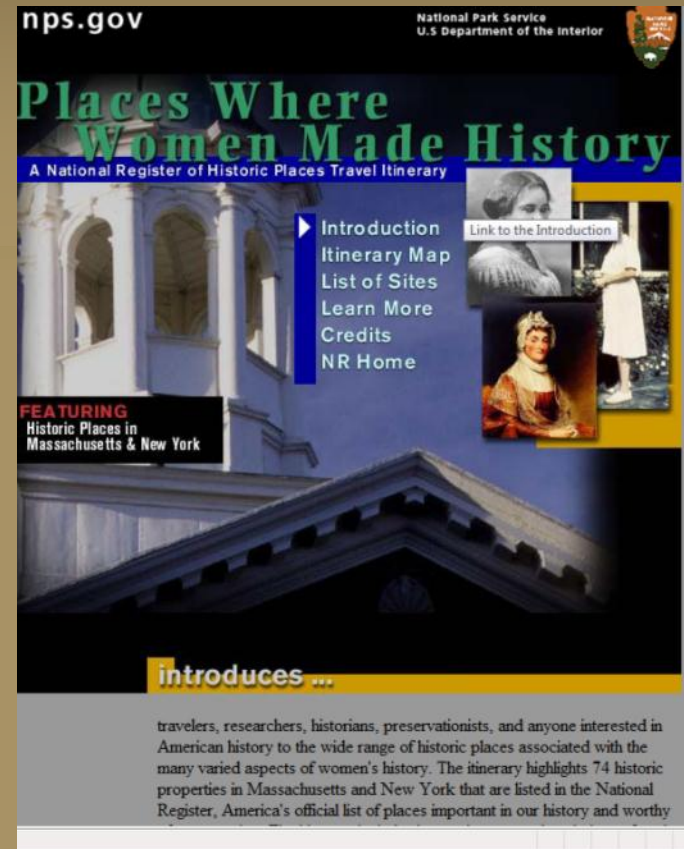
Votes for Women History Trail Legislation

- Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11)- Title VII- Section 7111
- Legislation includes the trail but also introduced the inventory/ documentation and network concepts.
- This legislation was signed into law by President Obama on March 30, 2009.



Votes for Women History Trail Legislation

- Three provisions:
 - Votes for Women Trail Act
 - National Women's Rights History Project National Registry
 - National Women's Rights History Project Partnerships Network



www.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh

Votes for Women Trail

- Differs from Feasibility Study in some ways
- A Vehicular Tour Route
- New York State
- Linking properties historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage in the United States
- Sites with a verifiable connection to the U.S. Women's Suffrage movement including:
 - Units and programs of Women's Rights National Historical Park
 - Other federal, state, local, and private properties
 - Facilities and programs of educational, commemorative, research or interpretive nature

Trails – A Sampling

Star Spangled Banner Trail

www.nps.gov/stsp



Boston Women's History Trail

www.bwht.org



Kennedy Legacy Trail

www.kennedylegacytrail.com

Hudson River School Art Trail

www.hudsonriverschool.org

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Thinking About the Visitor Experience

- Telling the Story of Women's Suffrage
- Accessibility
 - Open to public or just viewable from outside
 - Universal Access
- Modes of transportation
- Proximity of sites
- Programming
 - Static exhibits
 - Personal programming
 - Online
 - Mobile media
- Other



What's Next

Two Phases:

- Phase 1: Auto Tour Route
- Phase 2: Beyond the Auto Tour Route

Immediate Next Steps

- An incremental approach
- Define Selection Criteria and Process

Contact Information

NPS Project Page:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/votesforwomen>

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