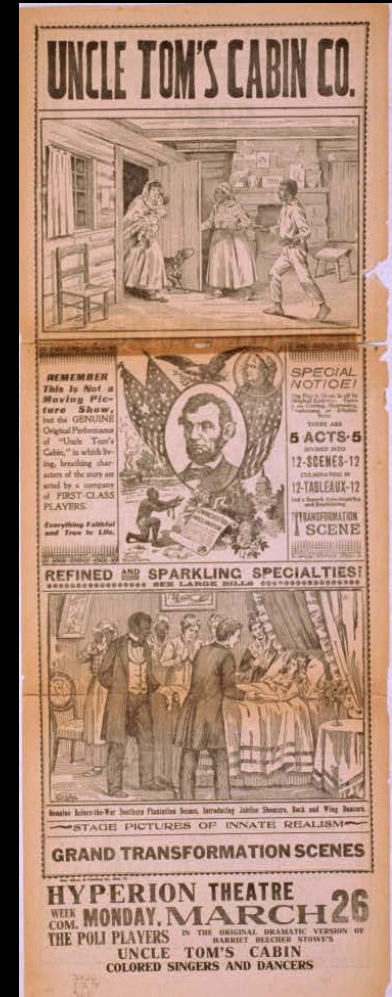


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Harriet Beecher Stowe House

Special Resource Study Public Scoping Meeting

April 2011



Study Background

- Harriet Beecher Stowe House designated as a National Historic Landmark on December 29, 1962
 - Significant in the history of literature in America
- Federal Street Historic District listed in December 1975
- Historic Structures Report, Barbā + Wheelock, 2007
- National Park Service Site Visits, Summer and Fall 2010



Public Law 111-11: Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009

- Authorized the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the national significance of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and surrounding land and the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a unit of the National Park System.
- The study is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Why a Study ?

Before Congress considers the potential establishment of a new park it requires the NPS to gather information about the quality of the resource and whether it meets established criteria.



Special Resource Study Criteria

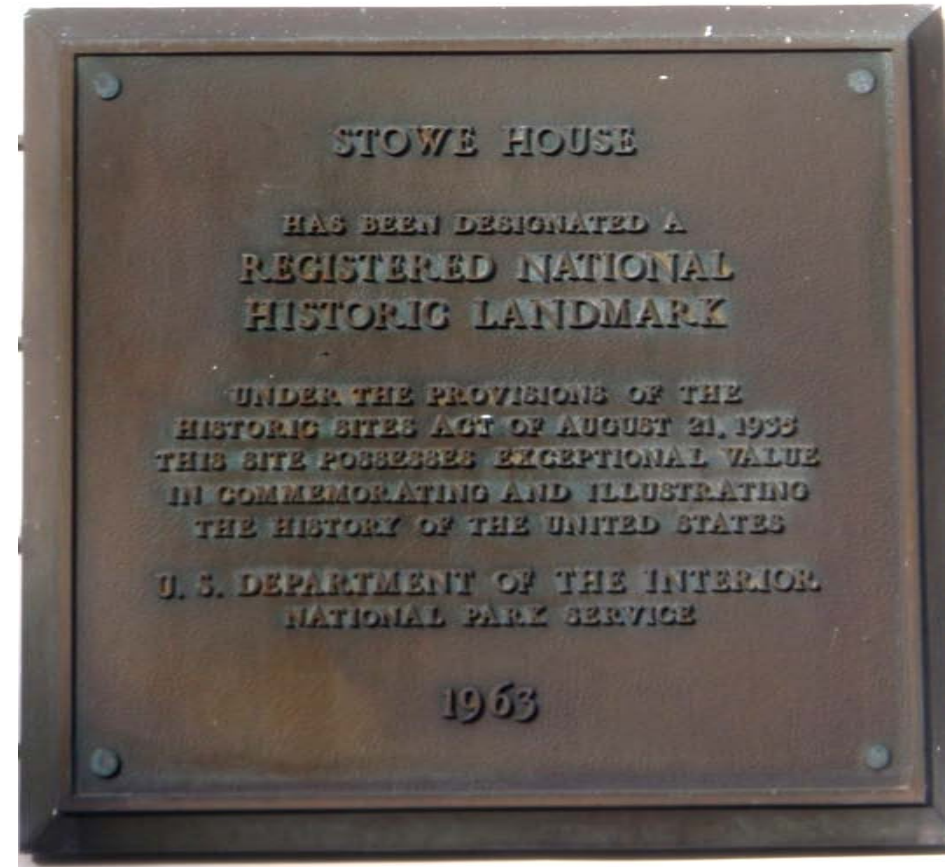
The study must meet the following criteria:

- National Significance
- Suitability
- Feasibility
- Need for NPS Management



National Significance

- The Harriet Beecher Stowe House was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 by the Secretary of the Interior
- A Special Resource Study includes an analysis of resource integrity



Suitability

- An area must represent a natural or cultural resource type that is not already adequately represented in the National Park System, or
- Not comparably represented and protected for public enjoyment by others



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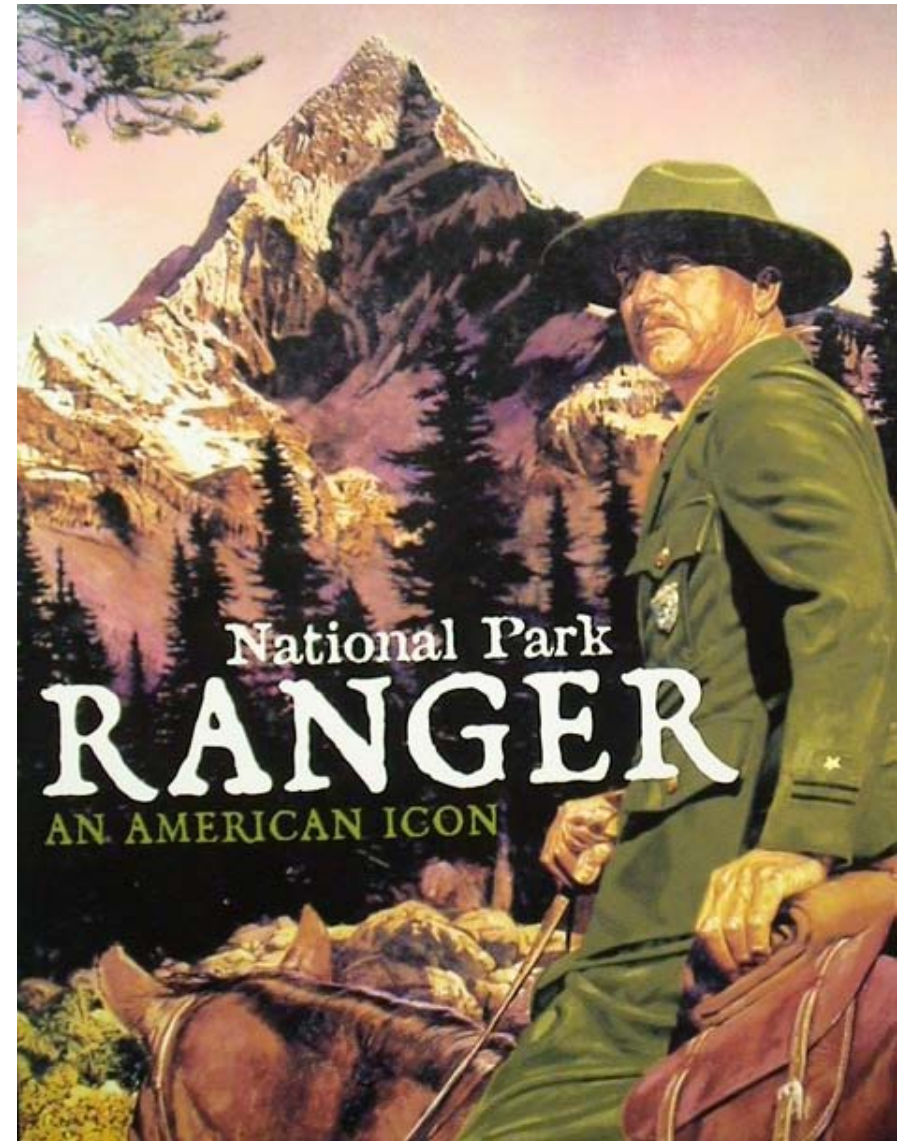
Feasibility

- Be of sufficient size and appropriate configuration to ensure sustainable resource protection and visitor enjoyment
- Have potential for efficient administration by the NPS at a reasonable cost
- Feasibility factors include land ownership, acquisition costs, access, threats to the resource, staff or development requirements, and public support



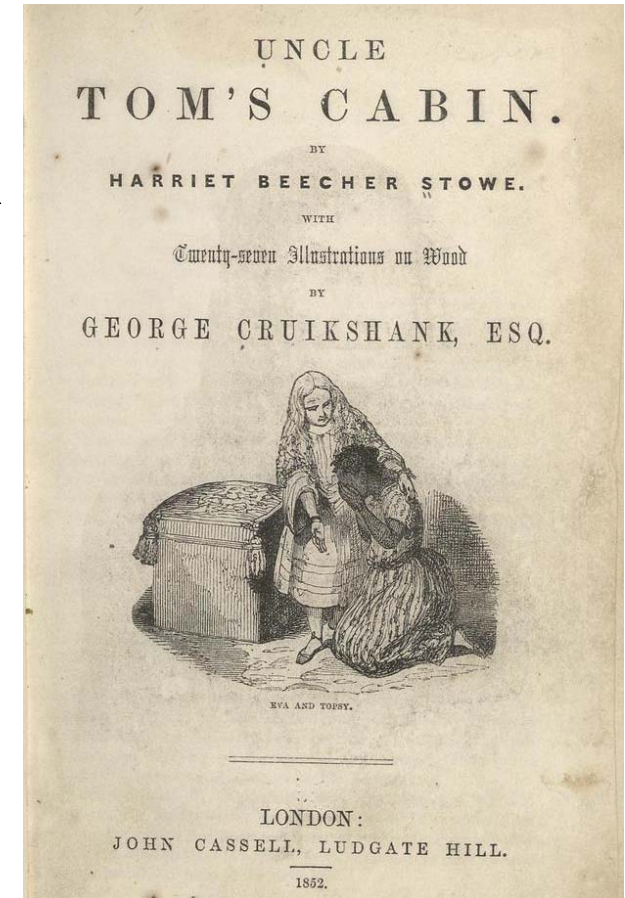
Need for NPS Management

The study will evaluate if direct NPS management is necessary for long-term protection and visitor enjoyment or if other management arrangements are adequate.



Study Findings

- Provided that an area meets the criteria for a potential new unit of the national park system, the study may provide a range of management alternatives
- Only Congress can designate a unit of the National Park System
- If a resource fails to meet any of the criteria, the study will be terminated



Examples of Management Alternatives

- No Action (required)
- Provide assistance through existing authorities
- Potential National Historic Site designation
- Affiliated area - provide technical assistance and limited financial assistance to management entity





Proposed Schedule

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| Internal Scoping | Fall 2010 – Winter 2011 |
| Public Scoping Meeting | April 2011 |
| Research & Writing | Spring – Fall 2011 |
| Internal Review | Winter 2012 |
| Release of Report and Public Comment Period | Spring 2012 |
| Final Report/EA to Secretary of Interior | Summer 2012 |
| Transmittal of Report to Congress | Summer 2012 |

How to Participate

You can continue to stay involved in the study process by:

- Participate in public meetings
- Review and comment on the study report
- Visit the study webpage:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/habe>





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