

National Mall Coalition

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2018 Annual Report

*“Advancing the legacy of the National Mall
through public policy and innovative ideas”*

National Museum of African American History & Culture
and Washington Monument, from “Called to the Mall,”
the Coalition’s collaboration with DC schools.

June 2019

Dear Friends of the National Mall

The National Mall, the Stage for American Democracy, belongs to all Americans. In 2018 the National Mall Coalition continued our important work to promote public appreciation and enjoyment of this nationally significant public space.

In the face of new challenges and threats to the Mall in 2018 – including proposed restrictions on public use of the open space for First Amendment activities and recreation – the Coalition took action to oppose misguided projects and proposals and to advocate for well-thought-out solutions. Read about our efforts in this year's annual report.

Our all-volunteer Board of Directors continually seeks ways to reach out to the local DC as well as the national community to build and fund future programs. We welcome your ideas and your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Scott Feldman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Judy Scott Feldman, Ph.D.
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Citizen Advocacy

Proposed Rules Threaten Public Vitality of the National Mall

The National Mall Coalition, working in collaboration with civic and recreational groups, filed comments with the National Park Service (NPS) expressing great concern about proposed rules that would restrict use of the Mall.

NPS stated its intention to revise regulations related to demonstrations and special events at some park units in the National Capital Region, including NPS-managed parcels on the National Mall. The proposed changes will change how NPS processes permit applications for demonstrations and special events; identify locations where such activities are allowed, not allowed, or subject to restrictions; and seek to recover costs from event organizers. These proposals come on top of discussions to move long-standing recreation leagues and other activities off the Mall.

The Coalition argues that these proposals – which would impose fees for free speech demonstrations, restrict special events and recreational sports, and ban demonstrations in certain places, including around the White House – will continue an unacceptable decline in the Mall's public vitality.

Citizen Advocacy



Washington Post Editorial: "Don't let the Mall become an untouchable relic"

The Post's response to the National Park Service proposal to permanently ban organized sports and recreational activities on the Washington Monument grounds.

Local • Perspective

A National Park Service move that's completely un-American and unconstitutional



Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators were on the Mall on Jan. 21, 2017, for the Women's March. (Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP/Getty Images)

By **Petula Dvorak**
Columnist

Oct. 18, 2018 at 11:50 a.m. EDT



Testimony: Coalition Chair Feldman Addresses Public Use and Recreational Sports on the National Mall

Comments from Judy Scott Feldman, Ph.D. at Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's town meeting.



Innovative Projects: National Mall Underground

A culmination of two years of study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the National Mall Coalition, the National Mall Underground Technical Review concluded that “Flood risk from a storm of the intensity that flooded the Federal Triangle area in 2006 could be reduced significantly during a flood event by implementation of the Underground.” Also, “revenue potential from parking fees and water credits may offer self-financing opportunities that attracts a public-private partnership.”

The Corps noted that because of the multiple jurisdictions involved in Mall management and oversight, there will be a need to “(c)ontinue to coordinate with stakeholders.”

The next step is to identify a temporary task force that can act on the urgent stormwater flooding threat that is predicted to worsen considerably as climate change continues.

**NATIONAL MALL UNDERGROUND
USACE TECHNICAL REVIEW**



*Sectional view represents an early stage concept from 2014. The revised 2017 concept reviewed by USACE has two stories: the upper story for cars would not be flooded; the lower bus level would be used for stormwater storage.

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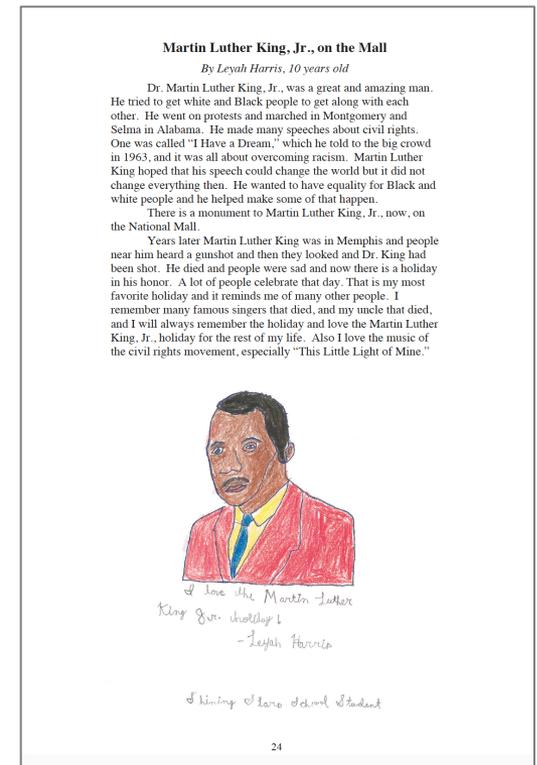
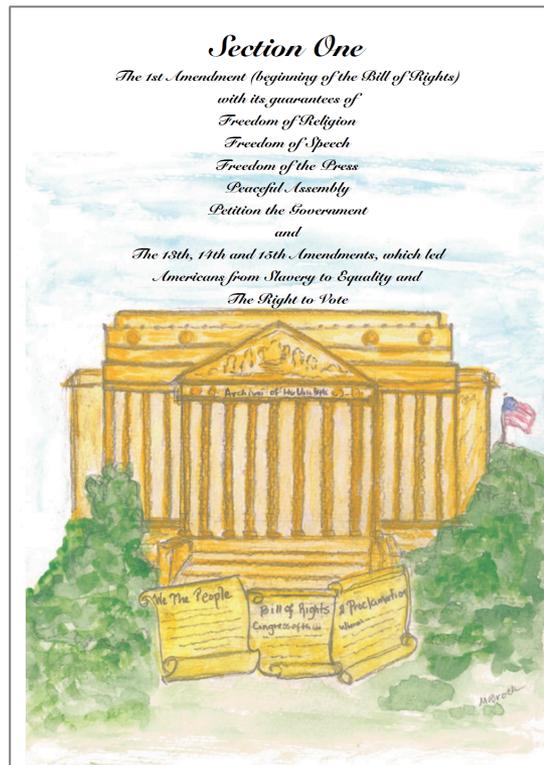
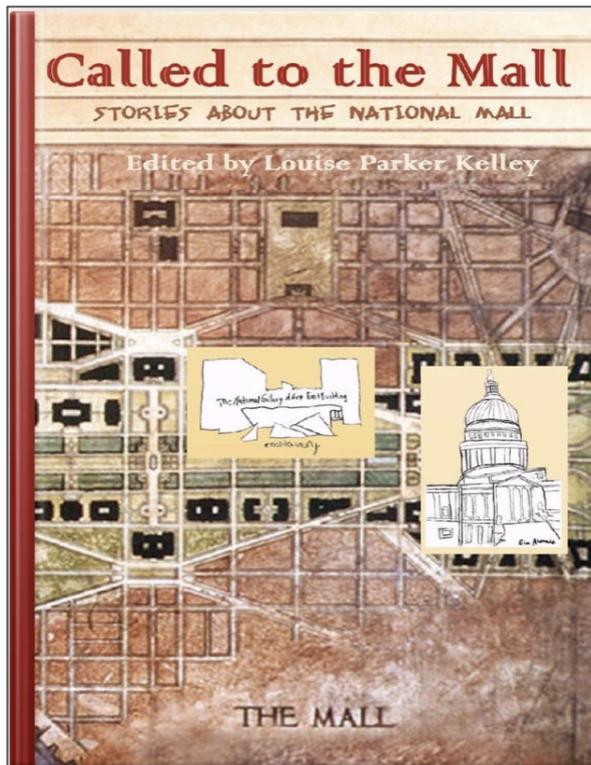
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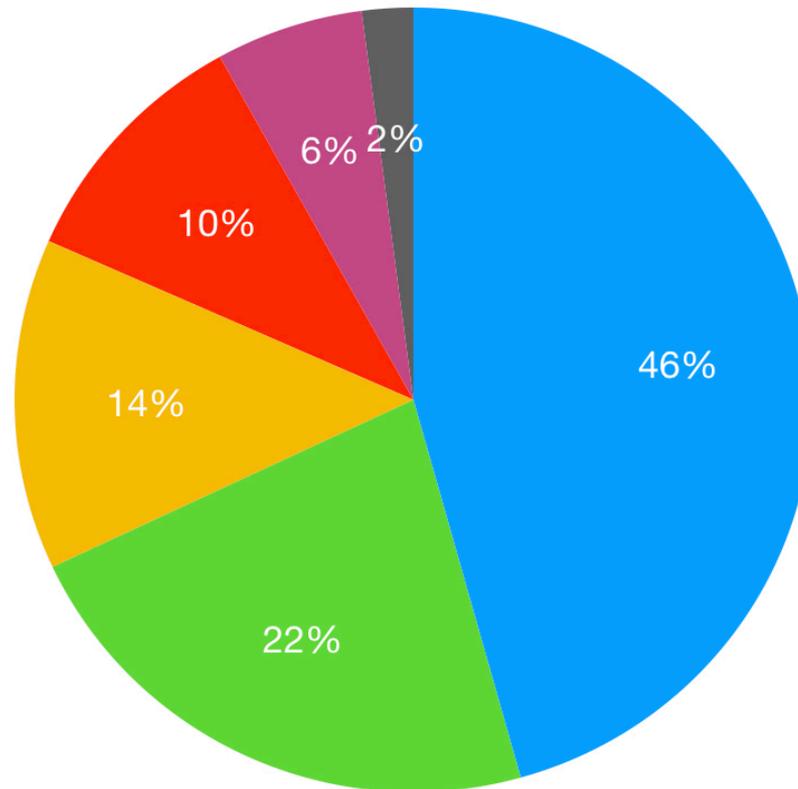
Civics Education with DC Schools

The Coalition published the second edition of “Called to the Mall,” a collection of essays and drawings by local schoolchildren that features the significance of this great public open space in American history and highlights important events and individuals that have shaped our national heritage.



2018 Expenses

- Digital Outreach
- National Mall Map
- Public Exhibitions
- Administrative
- Educational Partnerships
- Dues and Subscriptions



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The Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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