

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National
Historical Park Commission

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

493

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/25/2016 03/25/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

09/24/2024

7. Expected Term Date

No

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

8b. Specific Termination Authority
P.L. 91-664, as amended by P.L. 101-320

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 91-664

13. Effective Date

01/08/1971

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Individual members of the commission serve on various volunteer groups and participate in park – sponsored events throughout the year thus staying abreast of park needs and issues. The Commissioners also communicate directly with the park superintendent both during meetings and individually during the course of the year regarding issues facing the park. Commissioners also frequently communicate to their nominating bodies about actions the park is taking as well as bringing issues and concerns from the nominating bodies

to the attention of the full commission and the Department. This is how the Commission provides advice and recommendations to the National Park Service.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is balanced by statute and reflects representation from all of the political jurisdictions along the canal.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Commission meets approximately one to two times annually, and at such other times as designed by the Superintendent. Commissioners in attendance at meetings discuss and give opinions on a variety of timely, important and relevant issues facing the park.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission continues to be necessary because the park is spread across 19 political jurisdictions. Reductions in park staffing make it increasingly difficult to make substantive connections with these various communities. To compensate it has been increasingly useful to seek advice and counsel from members of the commission.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Commission met in FY23, Chair Lewis recommended that the congressional representatives take action on legislation to renew

the commission before it sunsets in 2024 and to fill vacancies within the commission. Chair and DFO agreed on meeting month for FY 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Tina Cappetta Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adkins, Joseph	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Frederick County	Representative Member
Birch, Thomas	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	District of Columbia	Representative Member
Brickley, David	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Commonwealth of Virginia	Representative Member
Cucuzzella, Mark	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	State of West Virginia	Representative Member
Franks III, George	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Washington County, Maryland	Representative Member
Hummer, Angela	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	State of Maryland	Representative Member
Koch, Stella	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Commonwealth of Virginia	Representative Member
Lewis, George	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	At Large	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mackler, Roderick	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Maryland	Representative Member
Nelson, Stephen	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Allegany County	Representative Member
Stull, Walter	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Frederick County, MD	Representative Member
Walzak, Scott	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	District of Columbia	Representative Member
Williams, Evelyn	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	At Large	Representative Member
Zumbrun, Francis	07/26/2016	09/24/2024	Allegany County	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The C&O Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission supports the mission of the park through its deliberation on myriad resource and visitor enjoyment issues facing the park. The Commission engages on issues such as visitor safety along the Potomac River, management of scenic easements, land

exchanges and participating in the park's strategic planning process.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Commission's deliberation and the park's participation in answering questions at the yearly meetings have raised the level of confidence in park operations and management decisions. The Commission engaged on issues such as visitor safety along the Potomac River, management of scenic easements, land exchanges and visitor enjoyment of the park's Canal Quarter's program. The commission has also been supportive of the park's strategic planning process.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

23

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission met in FY23 and made two recommendations. (1) Recommended the park continue its course in planning for Climate Change. (2) Recommended the park continue its course in planning for the new IRA funding.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations expressed support for various park planning and development efforts. In particular, the park's strategic plan process.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The park has continued on its course in planning for Climate Change and IRA funding opportunities.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is given through email, written correspondence and face to face meetings with agency representatives.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

0

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The park provides a lengthy list of briefing statements on a variety of topics and prepares presentations on topics of significant interest and where a recommendation is being contemplated.