# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS UNDER THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE Year Ended June 30, 2024

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates

# **Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

# **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial positions as of June 30, 2024, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# **Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

# **Other Matters**

#### Report on the Comparative Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, were audited by other auditors, whose report dated December 18, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on these statements.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

# **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2025, on our consideration of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting ot over financial reporting ot over finance.

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Bethesda, Maryland February 4, 2025

#### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2024 and 2023

—		2024	2023
	ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Pledges receivable, net (Note 4) Inventory Prepaid expenses and deposits Investments (Note 5) Website and app development, net (Note 6) Operating lease right-of-use assets (Note 10)	5	\$ 1,201,808 145,965 273,211 111,354 365,887 3,612,937 - 168,216	\$ 1,949,427 79,055 446,360 93,012 1,070,478 1,057,273 70,408 249,598
Real estate and related holdings Conservation easement (Note 11) Property held for parks (Note 13) Total real estate and related holdings Total assets	-	1,465,100 95,520 1,560,620 \$ 7,439,998	1,465,100 795,426 2,260,526 \$ 7,276,137
LIABILITIE	CS AND NET ASS	SETS	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred revenue Loan payable, related party (Note 9) Operating lease liabilities (Note 10)		\$ 172,403 60,055 - 174,169	\$ 197,848 300 155,000 254,890
Total liabilities	-	406,627	608,038
Net assets Without donor restrictions - Undesignated Without donor restrictions - Board-designated		2,550,076	2,352,374
Property held for exempt purposes Park Preservation Fund (Note 17) Total without donor restrictions	-	1,560,620 873,846 4,984,542	1,629,137 850,000 4,831,511
With donor restrictions (Note 8) Total net assets	-	2,048,829 7,033,371	1,836,588 6,668,099
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>:</u>	\$ 7,439,998	\$ 7,276,137

#### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without donor restrictions		With donor restrictions			Total
Support and revenue						
Contributions and grants	\$	3,408,006	\$	707,389	\$	4,115,395
Program service fee revenue		1,040,647		-		1,040,647
Consignment and other sales income, net of COGS (Note 15)		46,271		-		46,271
Investment income, net (Note 5)		173,782		24,438		198,220
In-kind contributions (Note 12)		212,248		-		212,248
Other income		11,056		-		11,056
Net assets released from restrictions		519,586		(519,586)		-
Total support and revenue		5,411,596		212,241	_	5,623,837
Expenses						
Program services		4,446,432		-		4,446,432
Management and general		316,731		-		316,731
Fundraising		495,402		-		495,402
Total expenses		5,258,565		-		5,258,565
Change in net assets		153,031		212,241		365,272
Net assets, beginning of year		4,831,511		1,836,588		6,668,099
Net assets, end of year	\$	4,984,542	\$	2,048,829	\$	7,033,371

#### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2023

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	Without donor	With donor	
	restrictions	restrictions	Total
Support and revenue			
Contributions and grants	\$ 3,748,125	\$ 486,000	\$ 4,234,125
Program service fee revenue	105,165	-	105,165
Consignment and other sales income, net of COGS (Note 15)	27,204	-	27,204
Investment income, net (Note 5)	104,857	14,578	119,435
In-kind contributions (Note 12)	260,000	-	260,000
Other income	17,892	-	17,892
Net assets released from restrictions	811,049	(811,049)	-
Total support and revenue	5,074,292	(310,471)	4,763,821
Expenses			
Program services	3,599,511	-	3,599,511
Management and general	289,001	-	289,001
Fundraising	295,721	-	295,721
Total expenses	4,184,233		4,184,233
Change in net assets	890,059	(310,471)	579,588
Net assets, beginning of year	3,941,452	2,147,059	6,088,511
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,831,511	\$ 1,836,588	\$ 6,668,099

#### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Program Services					Supporting Services					
	Youth and Family Programs	Lands and Parks Preservation Programs	Grant Manageme		Total Program Services	Management & General Fundraising		Total Supporting Services		Total	
Grants & scholarships	\$ 885,0	13 \$ 90,61	5 \$ 63,6	40 5	\$ 1,039,268	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,039,268
Payroll expenses	689,8	36 72,632	2 31,1	98	793,716		414,637	176,426	591,063		1,384,779
Professional services	185,94	140,07	7 -		326,023		52,197	208,517	260,714		586,737
Consulting services	5,5	- 00	-		5,500		-	1,250	1,250		6,750
Office expenses	34,92	10,60	) 3,5	09	49,038		53,301	26,768	80,069		129,107
Advertising & promotion	6,7	- 16	-		6,716		481	-	481		7,197
Information technology	24,0	18 39	5 -		24,414		658	149	807		25,221
Occupancy	59,0	3,65	1 3,6	52	66,380		18,917	3,651	22,568		88,948
Depreciation & amortization	59,0	4,88	5 3	26	64,221		2,931	3,256	6,187		70,408
Travel and meals	96,4	57 2,99	1 -		99,458		10,944	3,541	14,485		113,943
Meetings & conferences	4,3	- 32	-		4,332		18,505	18,736	37,241		41,573
Cost of park lands sold	-	911,90	5 -		911,906		-	-	-		911,906
Miscellaneous expenses	5,4	15,47	)	80	21,035		55,721	8,831	64,552		85,587
Toolkit and field trips	767,1	- 57	-		767,157		(16)	-	(16)		767,141
Allocated overhead	249,6	13,32	5 4,2	72	267,268		(311,545)	44,277	(267,268)		-
Total expenses	\$ 3,073,1	98 \$ 1,266,55	7 \$ 106,6	77 5	\$ 4,446,432	\$	316,731	\$ 495,402	\$ 812,133	\$	5,258,565

#### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES Year Ended June 30, 2023

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		Program Services Supporting Services						Supporting Services														
	Youth an Family Programs	l Parks Preservat	on	Grant Management				U		Management & General		e		e		e		Fundraising		Total Supporting Services		Total
Grants & scholarships	\$ 1,074,5	13 \$ 7	137 \$	198,500	\$	1,280,150	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,280,150									
Payroll expenses	607,7	56 73	473	29,037		710,266		388,908		125,479		514,387	1,224,653									
Professional services	277,6	27 129	231	-		406,858		37,782		40,121		77,903	484,761									
Office expenses	22,4	81 13	998	8,245		44,724		33,190		26,023		59,213	103,937									
Advertising & promotion	1	59	-	-		159		105		-		105	264									
Information technology	18,2	41	396	-		18,637		1,432		-		1,432	20,069									
Occupancy	58,1	57 3	755	3,755		65,667		18,776		3,755		22,531	88,198									
Depreciation & amortization	62,8	69 4	688	313		67,870		2,813		3,126		5,939	73,809									
Travel and meals	66,2	46 1	069	-		67,315		14,172		362		14,534	81,849									
Meetings & conferences	4,4	97	136	-		4,633		21,391		47,026		68,417	73,050									
Miscellaneous expenses	2,8	95 15	018	724		18,637		38,007		7,440		45,447	64,084									
Toolkit and field trips	685,8	79	-	-		685,879		-		-		-	685,879									
Credit losses			-	-		-		-		3,530		3,530	3,530									
Allocated overhead	200,0	20 21	066	7,630		228,716		(267,575)		38,859		(228,716)	-									
Total expenses	\$ 3,081,3	40 \$ 269	967 \$	248,204	\$	3,599,511	\$	289,001	\$	295,721	\$	584,722	\$ 4,184,233									

# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>)23</u>
Cash flows from operating activities			
Change in net assets	\$ 365,272	\$	579,588
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash			
from operating activities			
Realized/unrealized gain on investments	(78,615)		(54,238)
Depreciation and amortization	70,408		73,808
Amortization of right-of-use asset	81,382		69,597
Donated securities	(171,210)	(	250,356)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets			
Accounts receivable	(66,910)		38,634
Pledges receivable	173,149		253,890
Inventory	(18,342)		2,450
Prepaid expenses	704,591		105,363
Property held for parks	699,906	(	(632,701)
(Increase) decrease in operating liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(25,445)		49,104
Deferred revenue	59,755		300
Operating lease liabilities	 (80,721)		(65,935)
Net cash provided by operating activities	 1,713,220		169,504
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sales of investments	324,045		870,405
Purchase of investments	(2,629,884)	(	(141,412)
Acquisition of PP&E (includes web & app development)	 -		(9,843)
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities	 (2,305,839)		719,150
Cash flows from financing activities			
Forgiveness of loan payable, related party	 (155,000)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(747,619)		888,654
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 1,949,427	1,	060,773
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,201,808	<u>\$ 1,</u>	949,427

#### 1. Organization

National Park Trust, Inc. is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the District of Columbia and, as such, its purposes shall be limited to only charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Park Trust includes several affiliates. Those affiliates are listed below:

Canonie IDNL Acquisition, LLC is a Limited Liability Company formed on March 14, 2014, under the laws of Indiana. Its sole member is the National Park Trust. It is organized and operated exclusively for the tax exempt purpose of acquiring privately-owned parcels of land within or adjacent to Indiana Dunes National Park (formerly known as Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore [IDNL]), or anywhere within Indiana, holding them for conservation and donating them to the US National Park Service.

NPT Range Light Acquisition, LLC is a Limited Liability Company formed on August 25, 2017, under the laws of Michigan. Its sole member is the National Park Trust. It is organized and operated exclusively for the tax exempt purpose of acquiring privately-owned parcels of land within or adjacent to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan, or anywhere within Michigan, holding them for conservation and donating them to the US National Park Service.

NPT Virginia Parks Projects, LLC is a Limited Liability Company formed on June 10, 2019, under the laws of Virginia. Its sole member is the National Park Trust. It is organized and operated exclusively for the tax exempt purpose of acquiring privately-owned parcels of land within or adjacent to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Virginia, or anywhere within Virginia, holding them for conservation and donating them to the US National Park Service.

NPT Kansas Park Projects, LLC is a Limited Liability Company formed on April 16, 2021, under the laws of Kansas. Its sole member is the National Park Trust. It is organized and operated exclusively for the tax exempt purpose of acquiring privately-owned parcels of land within or adjacent to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Kansas, or anywhere within Kansas, holding them for conservation and donating them to the US National Park Service.

National Park Trust's goal is to preserve our national parks. National Park Trust accomplishes this goal by 1) acquiring land to "complete" our national parks and 2) engaging youth and families with public lands and waters to cultivate future caretakers of our parks. National Park Trust's mission is to preserve parks today and create park stewards for tomorrow.

#### 1. Organization (continued)

The programs of National Park Trust, Inc. are as follows:

- Lands and Parks Preservation Programs – Preserve parks today: since 1983, National Park Trust has completed 86 land acquisition, restoration, and mitigation projects to protect more than 32,000 acres in 33 states, one U.S. Territory, and Washington, D.C. Seventy of these projects have benefited 55 units of the National Park Service. While the earlier work included the preservation of various federal, state, and local public lands, currently work focuses solely on national park sites.

The National Park Trust selects land projects in response to direct requests from the National Park Service (NPS) for real estate assistance to acquire privately owned parcels from willing sellers. The acquired lands are located within current national park boundaries as well as adjacent lands to national parks.

All lands acquired are sold or donated to the National Park Service for permanent protection. National Park Trust often works as the sole non-profit partner with the NPS on a particular project; National Park Trust also works with other partners including national and local land trusts and friends groups to complete park preservation projects.

— Youth and Family Programs – Create park stewards for tomorrow: to ensure the preservation of our parks and public lands and waters in perpetuity, the National Park Trust gets kids and families to parks to cultivate future park stewards and outdoor enthusiasts. National Park Trust has four national initiatives to engage youth and families: 1) Buddy Bison Programs, 2) National Kids to Parks Day, 3) Military Family Program, and 4) College Ambassador Program. These initiatives provide park experiences for underserved youth, teachers, military families, college/university communities, and the general public. The goals of all National Park Trust youth and family programs are to 1) use parks as outdoor classrooms, 2) promote health and wellness through outdoor recreation, and 3) foster park stewardship through career awareness and volunteer opportunities.

Since 2009, the National Park Trust's youth and family programs have impacted more than 3,225,000 children and families in collaboration with the White House, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and numerous education and conservation partners.

Since the pandemic when programs evolved to virtual/digital formats, the National Park Trust has responded to requests from educators across the country and now employs a hybrid educational approach to connect kids to parks. This blends the best of local park trips and virtual programs with rangers to connect children with public lands and waters in their community and across the country.

### 1. Organization (continued)

- Grant Management – Another way the National Park Trust works to foster park stewards is through grants management. The National Park Trust grant management program provides turn-key services that enable national and local funding partners to provide a robust giving opportunity that benefits youth and families. The National Park Trust currently manages six grant-making programs and to date, has awarded more than \$3.3 million to schools and nonprofits that connect people with the outdoors.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements of the National Park Trust, Inc. and Affiliates have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

#### Net Assets

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates those resources be maintained in perpetuity.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of National Park Trust, Inc., Virginia Parks Projects LLC, Kansas Park Projects LLC and other Affiliates (Canonie IDNL Acquisition LLC and Range Light Acquisition LLC). All material intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

Except when referred to separately, all entities are collectively referred to as "the Trust" throughout the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes.

# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the consolidated statements of financial position and cash flows, the Trust considers all highly liquid investments which can be converted into known amounts of cash and have a maturity period of 90 days or less at the time of purchase, to be cash equivalents. Short-term investments are not considered to be cash equivalents.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Trust to significant concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, and investments. The Trust maintains cash deposit and transaction accounts, along with investments, with various financial institutions and these values, from time to time, exceed insurable limits under the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). The Trust has not experienced any credit losses on its cash and cash equivalents, and investments to date as it relates to FDIC and SIPC insurance limits. Management periodically assesses the financial condition of these financial institutions and believes that the risk of any credit loss is minimal.

# Prepaid Expenses and Deposits

Payments made in advance of future performance of services, receipt of goods or incurrence of expenses are recorded as prepaid expenses and deposits in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position. Prepaid expenses and deposits include \$326,713 and \$1,022,000 on June 30, 2024 and 2023 of matching funds advanced to the NPS in requirement of the Centennial Challenge award.

# Inventory

Inventory is comprised of Buddy Bison plush toys, t-shirts, books, and other items held for resale or use in its program activities. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in, first-out basis) or market value. The Trust periodically reviews inventory for slow-moving or obsolete items and determines if a reserve is necessary. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, there was no obsolete inventory.

# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Investments

The Trust records investment purchases at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Net investment income is reported in the consolidated statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

# Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable principally represent amounts due from consignment sales and other nominal items. The entire amount of accounts receivable is expected to be collected within one year and is recorded at net realizable value. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded, as management believes that all receivables are fully collectible.

# Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable represent unconditional amounts committed to the Trust. Amounts receivable in more than one year are initially recorded using a discount rate that considers market and credit risk. No discount was recorded on multi-year pledges receivable due to immateriality. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based upon review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information, and existing economic conditions. When a restriction is satisfied, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the consolidated statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. An allowance for doubtful accounts of \$20,000 was recorded as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

# Property and Equipment

The Trust capitalizes all property and equipment over \$5,000. Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Equipment is being depreciated over estimated useful lives, primarily five years. Upon disposal of depreciable assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is credited or charged to income. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

# Endowment Funds

Endowment gifts are recognized as support when received. The principal amount of the gift is maintained intact. Investment income on endowments is recognized as an increase in net assets without restrictions, unless the income is restricted by donor or law and such restrictions have not been met in the same fiscal year. The Trust follows the enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA) reporting. The required expanded disclosures are included in Note 18.

# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# **Operating** Lease

The Trust determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating lease is included in right-of-use ("ROU") assets, which represent the Trust's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the Trust's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating ROU lease assets and liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As the Trust's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Trust used a risk-free rate based on the information available at the commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

The ROU assets also include any lease payments made and exclude lease incentives. The Trust's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Trust will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Trust has elected not to recognize an ROU asset and obligation for leases with an initial term of 12 months of less.

# Real Estate and Related Holdings

Real estate and related holdings are recorded at cost if purchased, or, if donated, at fair market value on the date of the donation as determined primarily by one of the following valuation procedures:

- For material donations where a current appraisal is available from a professional qualified appraiser, such value may be adopted when the Trust is satisfied that the appraisal is reasonable.
- For immaterial donations where a current appraisal is not available, the Trust may use alternative methods that are cost effective for the individual circumstances. These methods may include self- appraisal and/or information provided by third parties including brokers, agents and others.

The Trust acquires, either through purchases or donation, real estate and related holdings with the intention of holding, selling or transferring for the purpose of preserving the National Park System.

# Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying consolidated statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Revenue Recognition

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in restricted net assets where their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of restrictions on net assets by fulfillment of the donor stipulated purposes or by passage of the stipulated time period are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets. If the restriction is met in the same period in which the revenue is received, the revenue is recognized as support without donor restrictions.

Grants and contributions are recognized as revenue in the period received or promised. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, at the time when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions to be received after one year are discounted at a rate commensurate with the risks involved. Grant funds received where the Trust is acting as an intermediary for disbursing to identified grant awardees are not recognized as revenue, but instead as a liability, which is removed from the books upon disbursement.

Revenues from federal and other cost-reimbursable funding sources are recognized when the related expenses are incurred and are included in contributions and grants in the accompanying consolidated statements of activities. Billings for cost reimbursable agreements not yet received are reported as accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position. Expenses charged to federal grants, including allocable indirect costs and fringe benefits, are subject to audit and adjustment. Funds received in advance of the period in which they will be recognized are reported as refundable advances in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

# In-Kind Contributions

The Trust receives in-kind contributions from individuals and organizations interested in the Trust's programs. Contributions of services are recognized if the services received create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributed services and promises to give services that do not meet the above criteria are not recognized. The in-kind contributions include mainly legal services and are recorded as revenue at a value estimated by the donor.

# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Website and App Development

The Trust manages website and app development expenses by expensing costs incurred during the planning stage and day-to-day operations as they occur. Costs related to building the website and app infrastructure are capitalized if they meet specific criteria. Capitalized costs include external development work, such as domain acquisition, coding for web and mobile applications (Android and iOS), design and layout, and other related tasks. Once the website or app is operational, these costs are amortized evenly over a three-year period.

# Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Trust's assets are reviewed for indication of impairment at each reporting date. If any such indication exists, an estimate of recoverable amount is undertaken, which is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. If the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized in the statement of activities. An impairment loss is reversed if there is an indication that there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that it does not exceed original carrying amount as if no impairment loss had been recognized.

# Income Taxes

National Park Trust is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the Trust is required to report unrelated business income to the Internal Revenue Service and the District of Columbia. There were no unrelated business income tax expenses for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Trust's affiliates are disregarded entities for income tax purposes. Since the affiliates are single member LLC's, all items of income and expenditure are attributable to the Trust and are reported on its annual 990. All activities are related to the mission of the Trust.

Management has evaluated the Trust's tax position and concluded that there were no uncertain tax positions at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

# Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications of amounts previously reported have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements to maintain consistency between periods presented. The reclassifications had no impact on previously reported consolidated net assets.

# 3. Liquidity and Availability

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Trust's liquidity and financial resources available within one year for general expenditures, such as operating expenses, were as follows:

Financial assets at year-end	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,201,808	\$ 1,949,427
Accounts receivable	145,965	79,055
Pledges receivable, net	273,211	446,360
Investments	3,612,937	1,057,273
Total financial assets	5,233,921	3,532,115
Less: long-term pledge receivable	-	(93,500)
Less: long-term investments	(625,718)	(631,966)
Less: purpose restricted net assets	(1,890,170)	(1,638,105)
Total financial assets available within one year	\$ 2,718,033	<u>\$ 1,168,544</u>

### 4. Pledge Receivable

Pledges receivables are promised as follows at June 30:

	2024	2023
Due in less than one year	\$ 293,211	\$ 372,860
Due in one to five years	 -	 93,500
Total pledges receivable	293,211	466,360
Less allowance for uncollectible	 (20,000)	 (20,000)
Net pledge receivable	\$ 273,211	\$ 446,360

#### 5. Investments

Certain investments recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that we can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset, and market-corroborated inputs.

#### 5. Investments (continued)

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset. In these situations, we develop inputs using the best information available in the circumstances.

The following schedule summarizes the Trust's investment at June 30:

	2024			2023
Level 1				
Fixed income	\$	139,265	\$	111,883
Equities:				
Small cap		49,191		31,171
Large cap		499,867		288,621
Large cap non-US developed		-		79,695
		688,323		511,370
Money market funds (at cost)		2,924,614		545,903
	\$	3,612,937	\$	1,057,273

The following schedule summarizes investment returns at June 30:

	2024	<u>2023</u>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 119,605	\$ 65,197
Realized (loss) gains on investments	(2,358)	993
Unrealized gains on investments	 80,973	 53,245
	\$ 198,220	\$ 119,435

#### 6. Website and App Development

The following is a summary of website and app development costs at June 30:

	2024	2023
Website	\$ 144,415	\$ 144,415
App	201,525	201,525
Less: accumulated amortization	(345,940)	(275,532)
Website and app development, net	\$	\$ 70,408

Amortization expenses for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$70,408 and \$73,808, respectively.

# 7. Retirement Plan

The Trust maintains a defined contribution plan ("the plan") under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Employees are eligible to participate in the plan on the first day of the month following six months of employment. The plan allows for the Trust to make discretionary contributions to eligible participants equal to employee contributions up to 5% of compensation. Total contributions under the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$50,563 and \$43,836, respectively.

### 8. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

The following is an analysis of net assets with donor restrictions at June 30,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions:		
Purpose restricted		
Youth and Family	\$ 635,507	\$ 537,029
Treasure Forever Revolving Fund	1,010,420	430,307
Land acquisitions and programs	104,113	631,389
Donor-restricted endowment fund	 140,130	 39,380
Total purpose restricted	1,890,170	1,638,105
Time restricted	 158,659	 198,483
Total	\$ 2,048,829	\$ 1,836,588

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# 9. Related Parties

Members of the Board of Trustees made contributions totaling \$408,234 and \$219,178 respectively, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Some of these contributions were received in the form of pledges. Unconditional promises to give from Board members totaled \$163,002 and \$220,358 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are included in pledges receivable in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial positions. The total \$408,234 contributions made by the Board in fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 also includes the loan forgiveness of \$155,000.

On April 2, 2021, the Trust entered into a note agreement with a Board of Trustee member to finance the purchase price of the property in Fort Scott, KS of \$155,000. The note is interest-only, payable quarterly at an annual rate of 3% with a balloon payment of the principal on its maturity date of June 30, 2027. Upon sale of the property in December 2023 to the National Park Service, the Board of Trustee member forgave this note payable.

The \$155,000 loan forgiveness is included in contributions in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

#### **10.** Lease Commitments

The Trust leases office space in Rockville, Maryland. The Trust entered into an operating lease agreement with the lease term commencing on February 1, 2022 and expiring on January 31, 2027. The lease calls for fixed monthly rental payments, with a 3% annual escalation plus pro-rata share of operating expenses.

Lease expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$71,301 and \$72,848, respectively. Future minimum annual lease payments under the terms of existing leases are as follows:

Year ended June 30, 2025	\$ 67,860
2026	69,901
2027	41,482
Total minimum lease payments	179,243
Less: effects of discounting	(5,074)
	\$ 174,169

### 11. Conservation Easement

The Trust received a contribution of a conservation easement known as the Johnnycake Ranch in Arkansas that represents restrictions over the use and development of land not owned by the Trust.

This easement provides for retaining or protecting natural, scenic, historical or open space values of real property, assuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreation, education or open space use, protecting natural features and resources, maintaining or enhancing air quality or preserving the natural, historical, agricultural, archeological or cultural aspects of real property. The fair market value of the conservation easement at the time of donation was \$1,465,100.

# 12. In-Kind Contributions

The Trust received in-kind contributions during 2024 and 2023, they are as follows:

	2024	2023
Donated legal	\$ 212,248	\$ 260,000

### **13.** Property for Parks

During fiscal year 2024, the Trust purchased land in Johnson City, TX for \$330,000. This property plus capitalized costs of \$14,474 was sold to the National Park Service upon completion of governmental documentation/procedures on August 21, 2023 for \$330,000. The sales proceeds plus capitalized costs reimbursements are included in program service revenue in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The removal of the capitalized asset is included in the cost of park lands sold expense in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The removal of the appraisal and environmental site assessments totaling \$16,535 for property in Troutville, VA. This property is expected to be purchased at a future date. This property plus capitalized costs is to be sold to the National Park Service upon completion of governmental documentation/procedures at an unknown future date.

During fiscal year 2023, NPT Virginia Parks Projects LLC purchased land in Morgans Mill, VA for \$544,944. This property was sold to the National Park Service upon completion of governmental documentation/procedures on May 9, 2024 for \$555,000. The sales proceeds are included in program service revenue in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The removal of the capitalized asset is included in the cost of park lands sold expense in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Capitalized appraisal costs of \$6,250 for this property is expected to be reimbursed by the National Park Service and is still included in capitalized property for parks. Also, during fiscal year 2023, NPT Range Light Acquisition LLC purchased property in Ross Township, MI (adjacent to the North Country Trail) for \$66,780. This property plus capitalized costs of \$10,055 is included in property for parks and is to be sold to the National Park Service upon completion of governmental documentation/procedures at an unknown future date. The property consists of land only.

During fiscal year 2021, NPT Kansas Park Projects, LLC purchased land and a building in Fort Scott, KS for \$155,000, secured by a loan to the Trust from a board member (see note 9). This property plus other capitalized costs of \$25,513 was sold to the National Park Service upon completion of governmental documentation/procedures on December 19, 2023. The sales proceeds plus capitalized costs reimbursements are included in program service revenue in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The removal of the capitalized asset is included in the cost of park lands sold expense in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

# 14. Line of Credit

The Trust maintains a line of credit, which is used to finance short-term working capital needs. The maximum credit under the line is \$450,000, and any excess draws are required to be paid immediately. The line is secured by business personal property, equipment and inventory. Interest is computed monthly at a rate of prime plus 3.5%, which was 12% and 11.5% at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There were no outstanding borrowings on this line of credit at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

### 15. Consignment and Other Sales Income

Consignment and other sales income is stated at net for consolidated financial reporting purposes. As of June 30, 2024, and 2023, consignment and other sales income is as follows:

	2024	2023
Gross consignment sales	\$ 63,306	\$ 38,934
Other sales income	 537	 1,809
Total gross sales	63,843	40,743
Less: cost of goods sold	 (17,572)	 (13,539)
Net consignment and other sales	\$ 46,271	\$ 27,204

#### **16.** Treasure Forever Fund

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Trust established the Treasure Forever Fund ("TFF"), which is a revolving fund used to purchase and preserve critical lands and waters for National Parks, but only where the acquisition is an acknowledged priority for a specific National Park and a committed source of subsequent repayment (such as Land and Water Conservation Fund) has been identified.

The TFF was made up of the following:

	2024	2023
Pledges receivable, due in less than 1 year	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Contributions due from unrestricted funds	250	-
Investments	 1,005,170	 425,307
Total, end of year	\$ 1,010,420	\$ 430,307

During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the TFF had the following activities:

	2024	2023
Pledges and contributions	\$ 675	\$ 2,200
Investment income, net of fees	24,438	14,578
Land conservation purchases	-	(611,524)
Land conservation sales	 555,000	 -
Change in TFF	580,113	(594,746)
Balance, beginning of year	 430,307	1,025,053
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,010,420	\$ 430,307

# 17. Board-Designated Park Preservation Fund

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Park Trust's Board of Trustees designated \$850,000 of net assets without donor restrictions to be used for the Park Preservation Fund. This fund will be used to purchase and preserve critical lands and waters for National Parks. However, unlike the Treasure Forever Fund, the use of any of these funds are not expected to be reimbursed by the National Park Service or other parties. The balance of this fund at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$873,846 and \$850,000, respectively.

#### 18. Endowment Funds

The Trust's endowment funds consist of two endowment funds. The first endowment is the remaining balance of the closed Park Trust Legacy endowment, the earnings of which are to be used for unrestricted operations of the Trust. The second endowment is the "Next Generation" endowment, established in fiscal year 2024, to be used to inspire and mentor future park conservation leaders. The earnings are to be used for the Trust's Fellows program costs, where education and land preservation experts serve as special advisors to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of the Trust has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (the Act), as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Trust classifies the original value of gifts donated as net assets with donor restriction and retain as a fund of perpetual duration. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment classified net assets with donor restriction until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Trust in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence described by the Act.

#### Interpretation of Relevant Law

In accordance with the Act, the Trust considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund;
- The purposes of the Trust's and the donor-restricted endowment fund;
- General economic conditions;
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation;
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of the investments;
- Other resources of the Trust; and
- The investment policies of the Trust.

# 18. Endowment Funds(continued)

# Spending Policy

The Trust currently appropriates funds for the distribution of program support activities based upon the demand for these activities and on the availability of funds during the given year. There were no funds appropriated during 2024.

#### Risk Parameter

The Trust has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to support the current and future operations of the Trust while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Trust must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods. Under the policy, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to maximize return, while protecting the principal.

The following table represents the changes in endowment net assets with donor restrictions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Endowment asset, June 30, 2023	\$ 39,380
Contributions	100,750
Endowment asset, June 30, 2024	\$ 140,130

The old endowment remained due to the inability to reach the donors for release and the Trust is intended to release it in 2031 when the release requirement is met per the District of Columbia Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds.

# **19.** Subsequent Events

In accordance with FASB ASC 855, the Trust evaluated subsequent events through February 4, 2025, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

### NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Agency/Pass-Through Agency/Contract Name	Assistance Listing <u>Number</u>	Grant Identification <u>Number</u>	Federal <u>Expenditures</u>	Amount provided to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service				
Buddy Bison School and Kids to Parks Day	15.954	P23AC00490	\$ 664,803	\$ 173,089
Challenge Cost Share: Supporting Outdoor Recreation Economy	15.954	P24AC00497	386,000	361,000
Outdoor Recreation Engagement Experiences in National Parks	15.954	P23AC00616	400,000	141,000
Buddy Bison School Program, National Kids to Parks Day and				
Outdoor Recreational and Educational Programs	15.954	P21AC10423	23,440	
			1,474,243	675,089
National Park Trust and Bowie State College Ambassadors Explore	2			
the Chesapeake Bay Gateway Region	15.930	P23AC02388	29,284	
Total federal expenditures - U.S. Department of the Interior N	National Park Service		1,503,527	675,089
USDA Forest Service				
Connecting Kids to Nature Through Meaningful Outdoor	10.699	23-CS-11132420-190	180,473	163,866
Total federal expenditures - USDA Forest Service			180,473	163,866
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (pass-through via N		· ·		
National Partnerships for Fisheries Communications and Education	11.454	5300-23-12-105/NA23NMF4540150	60,615	
Total federal expenditures - National Oceanic and Atmosphere	ric Administration		60,615	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 1,744,615	\$ 838,955

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Years Ended June 30, 2024

# A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of National Park Trust, Inc. (the Trust) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Trust, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Trust.

# **B.** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

# C. Federal Audits

The allowability of certain costs under government grants is subject to audit by the contracting agency. Certain indirect costs charged to grants are subject to revisions based on government audits of those costs. Management believes that grant costs are consistent with applicable government cost principles, and costs subsequently disallowed, if any, upon audit by the government would not be material.

# **D.** Indirect Cost Rate

The Trust has elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under Uniform Guidance.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors National Park Trust, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of National Park Trust, Inc. (the Trust), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2025.

# **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A *deficiency* in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidated financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.



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# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the consolidated financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

# **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Bethesda, MD February 4, 2025

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors National Park Trust, Inc.

# **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

# **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited National Park Trust, Inc. (the Trust)'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Trust's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Trust's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Trust complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

# Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Trust's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.



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# **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Trust's federal programs.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Trust's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Trust's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Trust's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Trust's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

# **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Trust's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Trust's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response

# **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance to be material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of ver compliance is a deficiency or a combination of over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Trust's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Trust's response was not subject to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Bethesda, Maryland February 4, 2025

# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended June 30, 2024

# SECTION A – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

# Financial Statements

1.	Тур	Unm	odified		
2.	Inte				
	a.	Material weakness(es) identified?			No
	b.	Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are material weaknesses?	not considered to be		No
3.	Non	compliance material to financial statements noted?			No
Fe	edera	ll Awards			
4.	Inte	rnal control over major programs:			
	c.	Material weakness(es) identified?			No
	d.	Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are material weakness(es)?	not considered to be		Yes
5.	Тур	e of auditors' report issued on compliance for major	programs:	Unm	odified
6.	Any 2 Cl		Yes		
7.	Ider	ntification of major program:			
		Name of Federal Program	Assistance Listing No.	<u>Exp</u>	enditures
		U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service Program	15.954	\$	1,474,243
8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs					750,000
9.	9. Auditee qualified as low-risk?				

# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended June 30, 2024

# SECTION B – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS

None noted.

# SECTION C – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Instance of Non-Compliance</b>	Assistance Listing #	<b>Questioned</b> Cost
2024-001	Reporting	15.954	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Criteria:** According to 2 CFR Section 200.332, all awardees of applicable grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) on all subawards over \$30,000.

**Condition:** The Trust did not provide timely FFATA reporting for ALN #15.954 subawards subject to the FFATA reporting requirements.

Context: This is a condition identified based on review of 2 CFR Section 200.332.

Cause: The Trust was not aware of this reporting requirement.

Perspective information: All required FAFATA reports were not timely submitted.

Effect: The Trust is not in compliance with FFATA reporting requirements for the fiscal year 2024.

Identification of a Repeat Finding: This is not a repeat finding.

**Recommendation:** We suggest that management review all awards for subrecipients and ensure that FFATA reporting is completed in a timely manner for subawards subject to the requirements.

Views of Responsible Officials: The Trust agrees with the finding.

**Planned Corrective Action:** The Trust will review all subawards for subrecipients and ensure that FFATA reporting is completed in a timely manner for subawards subject to the requirements. The Trust will add a clause in the Sub-awards stating this requirement and will submit FFATA reports immediately upon subaward disbursement.

Responsible Official: Mike Hoehn, Senior Director of Finance and Administration

Anticipated Completion Date: This was completed on November 22, 2024.

# NATIONAL PARK TRUST, INC. SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS Year Ended June 30, 2024

This schedule is not applicable as there were no audit findings related to federal awards in the prior year.