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The National Park Service strives to support urban projects in Richmond, Virginia. These projects provide urban dwellers and people who live in socio or economically disadvantaged urban communities with the support, knowledge and means to experience the outdoors and build relevancy for all Americans, connecting with their lives where they live. It can also show citizens how to utilize their communities' diversities to expand a network of similar goals and experiences. Richmond, Virginia is one of 10 cities which were chosen to serve as model cities in initiating the Urban Fellow program in 2016. The NPS, Urban Fellow, local governments, and city communities have much to offer the urban dweller: a sense of place, an escape from cubicle confines, recognition that everyone's history is important, a restored and accessible waterfront, and a threshold experience to a greater outdoors. The NPS would like to continue its strategy to engage communities and offer assistance and active participation to help build communities across the urban landscape.

A. Project Goals – Support Enrichmond Foundation with the conservation and promotion of Evergreen Cemetery, which is the burial site and resting place of Maggie L Walker. Evergreen Cemetery is located in an urban area in Richmond, Virginia. The cemetery has been falling into ruin due to lack of preservation and natural plant overgrowth. The Enrichmond Foundation is responsible for trying to restore and preserve the burial site.

Project Objectives – The objective is to support the preservation and restoration of the burial sites which have long been neglected. This involves offering programs and tours to raise awareness to urban citizens of memorialization Maggie L Walker and other prominent African American historical figures buried alongside Ms. Walker. It is also involves providing educational outreach to youths and young people to help foster the relationship between their own lives and their shared history. Eighty percent of Americans reside in urban areas.

NPS Responsibilities

1. Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this Agreement.

2. Substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this task agreement to include:

• Collaborate with recipient and communities to determine the best preservation and restoration methods for a burial site.

• Assisting with the selection of Enrichmond Project staff or interns who will be working on the activities related to the preservation of Evergreen Cemetery.

• Provide guidance to recipient staff on strategies for moving forward with tasks associated with the interpretation, preservation or methods to produce videography and documentation of burial plots to be shared with communities and professionals.

• Work with recipient to develop a strategy of communication and messaging for documenting burial plots and relating community to African American Citizens buried there.