

Creating the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park



“All the other pleasures of life seem to wear out, but the pleasure of helping others in distress never does.”

JULIUS ROSENWALD



Everyone working in support of the Rosenwald Park Campaign wishes that you and your loved ones stay safe and remain well during this difficult and frightening time.

Until the coronavirus pandemic subsides, the Campaign has postponed all scheduled events, as well as its activities in support of the legislation to have the National Park Service conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools.

Significant progress had been made on both the House and Senate Bills following their introduction in June 2019. Bipartisan support exists for both Bills, and there are seven cosponsors in the Senate and 42 in the House. The Senate held a hearing on March 4 on its Bill. More importantly, the House Natural Resources Committee approved by unanimous consent the markup of the House Bill on March 11; its next stop will be on the House floor.

The Campaign expects that Congress will be focusing on pandemic-related issues during the months ahead. When the pandemic abates and Congress signals its desire to move forward on other issues, we will be prepared to seek additional co-sponsors and advocate for passage of the legislation. We are still hopeful that the legislation will pass later in 2020.

Some things are continuing, however, including the preparation of reports on the Rosenwald Schools nominated by 14 southern states and on the sites in Chicago that might be appropriate for a park visitor center.

But for now we all need to focus on protecting our population, getting sick people well and bringing our nation back.

If anyone has any questions please contact info@rosenwaldpark.org. We will be checking email regularly and get back to you as soon as possible.

Something to consider during this crisis is that when the stock market crashed in October 1929, Julius Rosenwald promptly safeguarded the stock investments in Sears, Roebuck made by long-term employees. Despite the fact that Rosenwald's own fortune took a huge hit, he bought back stock shares and guaranteed loans that saved 300 employees from financial ruin. Rosenwald's life and legacy are very relevant to today's situation!

Let us all come together to fight this pandemic and help sustain one another.

Dorothy A. Canter
President

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