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Study Analyzes Options for Sewall-Belmont House

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service has completed a feasibility study of the Sewall-Belmont House in Washington, D.C., a site important to the women's rights movement. The study, which analyzes different management options to address the site's financial and preservation challenges, was presented to Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell this week.

The study, initiated at the request of former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, notes the historical importance of the house, which has been owned and operated by the National Woman's Party (NWP) since 1929. The site includes a museum, library, and extensive collections and archives associated with the NWP, its founder, Alice Paul, and the mission to advance women's rights throughout the 20th century. It was designated a national historic landmark and a National Park System affiliated area in 1974.

The study has been provided to the House and Senate committees on appropriations, as directed in report language associated with the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015.

An electronic version of the study is available at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sebestudy.

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