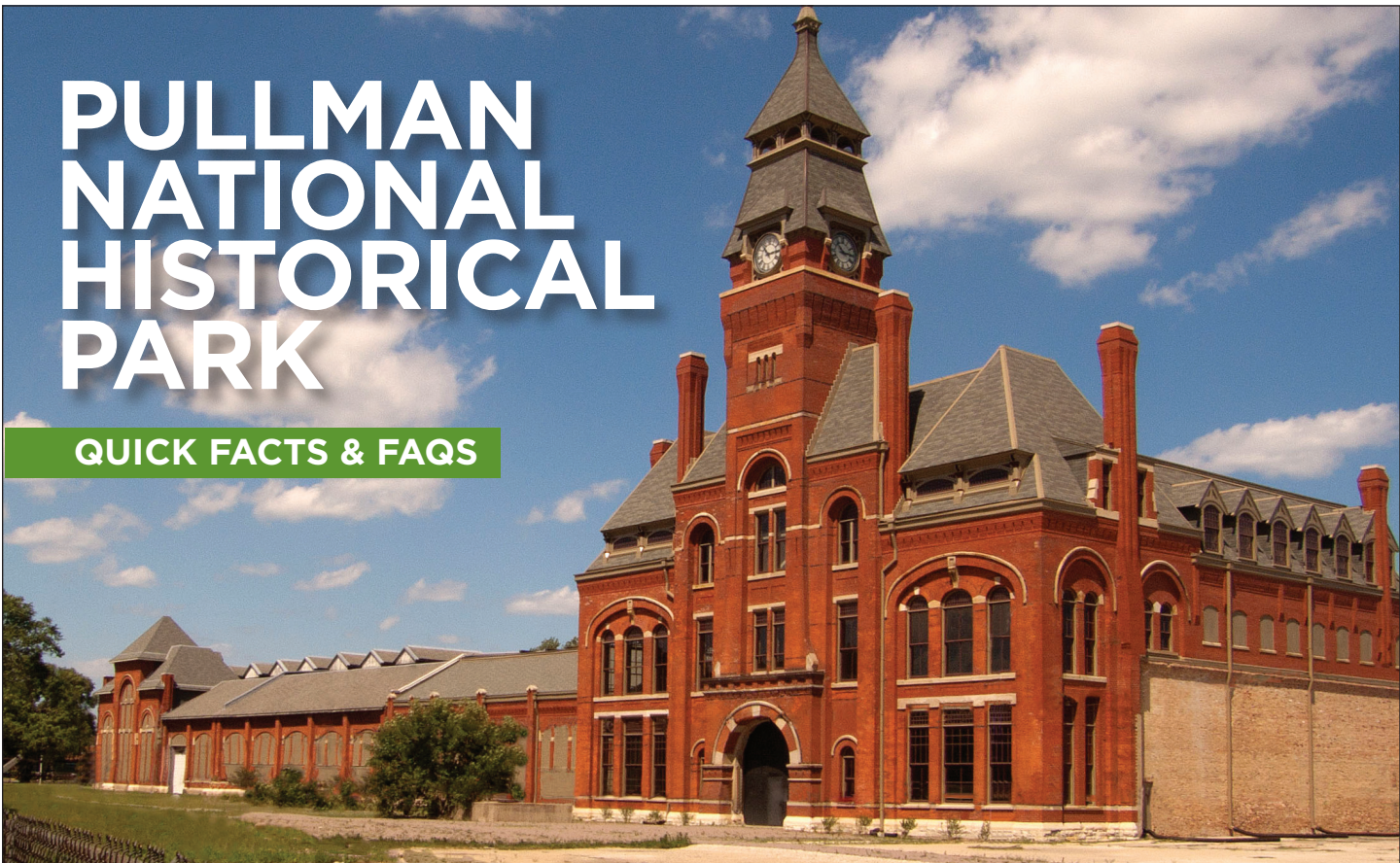


# PULLMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

## QUICK FACTS & FAQs



### FACTS

Few sites preserve the history of American industry, labor, African-American history and urban planning as well as Pullman. The site has deep ties to the nation's first major industry-wide strike in 1894 and early Civil Rights history.

- Pullman was the nation's first planned industrial town and most of the original buildings are still standing today
- George Pullman manufactured the industry's first rail car with sleeping berths
- The Labor Day holiday was created as a result of the violent 1894 nationwide Pullman rail strike

- The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, one of the first African-American unions, was responsible for advancing the black middle class in America

A 2013 National Park Service report stated: **"The Pullman Historic District is conclusively nationally significant."**

### NATIONAL PARKS HELP THE ECONOMY

Every dollar invested in national park operations generates \$10 locally, every two Park Service jobs yields one outside the park. Last year, national park visitors contributed more than \$30 billion to local economies and supported more than a quarter million jobs.

### THE ROAD TO BECOMING A NATIONAL PARK

There are currently 401 national parks. It takes an act of Congress or the President to create a unit of the National Park System. In January, U.S. Senators Richard Durbin and Mark Kirk and U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly introduced a bill to establish the Pullman National Historical Park, which is now moving through Congress. A national monument, also in the National Park System, can be created by the president by using the Antiquities Act.

### THE ECONOMICS

Projected ongoing benefits of a Pullman National Historical Park for Chicago's far south side.\*

By its 10th year of full operation, the Pullman National Historical Park could generate:

**300,000 visitors yearly**

**356 annual jobs**

**\$15 million in annual wages**

**\$40 million in sustained economic output**

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a National Park at  
**Pullman**

\*Ongoing economic activity is impact related to visitation and does not include short-term construction jobs required to renovate historic structures.

## FAQS

**Why a national historical park in Pullman?** Few sites preserve the history of American industry, labor, and urban planning as well as Pullman. National parks are established to protect America's special places and to preserve stories of undisputed national significance. Pullman is such a place, and the stories of the creation of "Pullman Town," the "Pullman Strike," and the birth of one of the first African American labor unions are important stories in our nation's history.

**How do national parks get created?** A unit of the National Park System is created by an act of Congress to establish the park or through use of the Antiquities Act, which allows the President to designate a site as a national monument.

**How much of the neighborhood would be included in a Pullman National Historical Park?** We don't know exactly. But we do know that the Department of Interior has already designated Pullman as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1970. The nationally significant part of the neighborhood extends from 103<sup>rd</sup> Street to 115<sup>th</sup> Street and from Cottage Grove Avenue to Langley Avenue. Ultimately it will be up to Congress to establish the boundary of a national park at Pullman.

**Will the National Park Service own everything in Pullman?** No. In many national park sites across the country, the Park Service owns only buildings or land essential to the operation and maintenance of the park. Urban parks such as Lowell

National Historical Park in Massachusetts feature both private and public ownership within the park boundary. In the case of Pullman, the NPS will likely own and operate the 13-acre Pullman Factory Complex.



**What will change if a national park comes to Pullman?** When a national park is established in an urban area, the surrounding neighborhood benefits in a number of ways. National parks are an economic benefit, creating jobs both at the park and in surrounding businesses. New businesses that support the increase in tourism will open in the Pullman neighborhood. The renovation of row houses and other historic buildings in Pullman will increase with a national park.

**What other changes can we expect?** An increase in visitors in the neighborhood might impact parking, for example. The National Park Service typically creates parking lots near visitor orientation, in this case, at the Factory Complex. But there will likely be an increase in use of street parking during peak visitor times or events.

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