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In March of 1938, Dewey R. Jones, the Acting Adviser on Negro Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior, helped establish the first African American state park areas in South Carolina. At the time, parks in SC were segregated, and no provision had been made for separate parks. Jones and Miller F. Whittaker, who was President of what is now South Carolina State University, met with National Park Service and State Park officials, arguing that they should establish African American parks at Greenwood and Hunting Island.

Without Jones' intervention, the Federal government might never have exerted pressure on state officials to develop African American park areas in South Carolina. The park system was integrated in the 1960s. We thank Mr. Jones for his efforts, as we know parks are for all!

Photograph of Dewey R. Jones is courtesy of Dewey Roscoe Jones II. #BlackHistoryMonth



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