

King Memorial on National Mall

Foundation showcases construction progress

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Construction progress of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memo-

rial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. was recently outlined in a special report by back-

ers of the effort.

The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project is 50

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— Harry Johnson, President and CEO of the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation

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Construction is underway on the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

percent completed, according to the non-profit group.

The memorial is situated on one of the most prestigious sites remaining on the National Mall.

"The Memorial will capture the essence of Dr. King's passion and vision for all to enjoy a life of freedom, opportunity, and justice," said Harry Johnson, President and CEO of the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation. "As such, it will serve as a stage to honor his national and international contributions to

humankind, acknowledging his unbridled teachings for achieving social change through non-violent methods. The Memorial will remind the world of his dedication to the idea of achieving human dignity through global relationships, and instill a sense of duty within each of us to be responsible citizens and conscientious stewards of freedom and democracy."

The foundation's presentation highlighted how the entire site

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tions from Miller Paint and Russell St. BBQ.

"The design of the volunteer project – with volunteers working alongside clients towards a common goal – honors Martin Luther King's vision of community, in which initial barriers are bridged and individuals learn to see one another as equals," says Melia Tichenor, Hands On Portland Eastside Program Manager.

Anyone interested in this project can learn more or sign up through Hands On Portland at bit.ly/VOAMLKDay or contact Nancy

Loso, VOA VISTA volunteer coordinator at nlosos@voaor.org or 503-595-2009.

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