

Public Law 100-249
100th Congress

An Act

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to preserve certain wetlands and historic and prehistoric sites in the St. Johns River Valley, Florida, and for other purposes.

Feb. 16, 1988

[H.R. 1983]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

National parks,
monuments, etc.

TITLE I—FORT CAROLINE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

SECTION 101. AMENDMENTS OF 1950 ACT.

The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the acquisition, investigation, and preservation of lands to commemorate the historic Fort Caroline settlement, Saint Johns Bluff, Florida”, approved September 21, 1950 (64 Stat. 897), is amended as follows:

(1) Section 2 is amended by adding the following after the final period: “Such historical park shall serve as the principal interpretive center and administrative facility for the ecological, historic, and prehistoric resources made available under this legislation. In furtherance of the interpretive and administrative functions referred to in the preceding sentence, the Secretary shall construct and maintain appropriate museum facilities for the display of important artifacts and materials that illustrate the history and prehistory of the region.”

(2) Section 3 is repealed, and sections 4 and 5 are redesignated as sections 3 and 4, respectively.

(3) Section 4, as so redesignated, is amended by striking out the phrase “, not to exceed \$40,000,”.

TITLE II—PRESERVATION OF ST. JOHNS RIVER VALLEY ECOLOGICAL AREA AND PROTECTION OF SIGNIFICANT HIS- TORIC ASSETS

SEC. 201. TIMUCUAN ECOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVE.

16 USC 698n.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the St. Johns River Valley, Florida, where the Timucuan Indians lived in prehistoric and historic times, the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Preserve”). The Preserve shall comprise the lands, waters, and interests therein within the boundaries generally depicted on a map of Duval County, Florida, entitled “Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve” numbered NA-TEHP 80,003-A and dated July 1987. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The Secretary of the

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information.

Interior may make minor revisions in the boundary of the Preserve in accordance with section 7(c) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. The Preserve shall also include within its boundaries all that land consisting of approximately 500 acres adjacent to Fort Caroline National Memorial and known as the Theodore Roosevelt Preserve, being land formerly owned by one Willie Brown and donated by him to The Nature Conservancy.

Gifts and
property.

(b) **LAND ACQUISITION.**—The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized to acquire lands and interests therein within the Preserve by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, but no lands other than wetlands or interests therein may be acquired without the consent of the owner. For purposes of this subsection, the term “wetlands” has the same meaning as provided by section 3 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986. Lands, interests in lands, and improvements thereon within the boundaries of the Preserve which are owned by the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof may be acquired only by donation or exchange. On lands acquired for inclusion within the Preserve, the Secretary shall not impair any legal riparian right of access nor shall he preclude the continued use of any legal right of way.

(c) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall administer those lands acquired for inclusion within the Preserve in such a manner as to protect the natural ecology of such land and water areas in accordance with this Act and the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4). The Secretary shall permit boating, boating-related activities, hunting, and fishing within the Preserve in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws. The Secretary may designate zones where, and establish periods when, no hunting or fishing shall be permitted for reasons of public safety.

Boating.
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(d) Nothing in this Act shall affect development of a multiunit residential/resort project currently proposed for Fort George Island, nor shall any provision of this Act be construed to affect any Federal, State or local law applicable to such project.

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16 USC 698a.

SEC. 202. PROTECTION OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC ASSETS.

The Secretary, with the consent of the owners thereof, may acquire by donation or purchase with donated funds the following properties or sites of significant historic interest in Duval County, Florida:

- (1) Spanish sixteenth century forts San Gabriel and San Estaban.
- (2) Spanish eighteenth century fort Dos Hermanas.
- (3) English eighteenth century forts at Saint Johns Bluff and Fort George Island.
- (4) Spanish sixteenth and seventeenth century mission San Juan del Puerto.
- (5) Site of the American Revolutionary War battle of Thomas Creek.
- (6) The Zephaniah Kingsley plantation, with its eighteenth and nineteenth century buildings.
- (7) The Spanish American War fortification on Saint Johns Bluff.
- (8) The confederate fort known as the Yellow Bluff Fort State Historic Site.

SEC. 203. INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION.

16 USC 698p.

Any properties of historic interest acquired under section 202 shall become part of the Preserve established under section 201. The Secretary shall administer such properties in accordance with a plan that integrates the administration and interpretation of the ecological values of the Preserve and the historical values of the sites so acquired and the historical features of Fort Caroline. Such administration and interpretation shall be conducted through the facilities and staff of Fort Caroline National Memorial consistent with section 2 of the Act of September 21, 1950 (64 Stat. 897).

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