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Mr. KLEIN (for himself, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. GALLO, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BEILENSEN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. LAROCO, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MINK, and Mr. FROST

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 10, 1993]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Great Falls Preservation*
5 *and Redevelopment Act of 1994”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *The Congress finds that—*

8 *(1) the Great Falls Historic District in the State*
9 *of New Jersey is an area of historical significance as*
10 *an early site of planned industrial development, and*
11 *has remained largely intact, including architecturally*
12 *significant structures;*

13 *(2) the Great Falls Historic District is listed on*
14 *the National Register of Historic Places and has been*
15 *designated a National Historic Landmark;*

16 *(3) the Great Falls Historic District is within a*
17 *half hour drive of New York City, and within two*
18 *hours of Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, and*
19 *Wilmington;*

20 *(4) the District was originally established by the*
21 *Society of Useful Manufactures, an organization*
22 *whose leaders included a number of historically re-*
23 *nowned individuals, including Alexander Hamilton;*
24 *and*

1 (5) *the Great Falls Historic District has been the*
2 *subject of a number of studies which have shown that*
3 *the District possesses a combination of historic sig-*
4 *nificance and natural beauty worthy of and uniquely*
5 *situated for preservation and redevelopment.*

6 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

7 *The purpose of this Act is to preserve and interpret*
8 *for the educational and inspirational benefit of the public,*
9 *the contribution to our national heritage of certain historic*
10 *and cultural lands, waterways and edifices of the Great*
11 *Falls Historic District with emphasis on harnessing this*
12 *unique urban environment for its educational and rec-*
13 *reational value, as well as to enhance economic and cultural*
14 *redevelopment within the District.*

15 **SEC. 4. GREAT FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

16 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is hereby established in*
17 *the city of Paterson in the county of Passaic in the State*
18 *of New Jersey the Great Falls Historic District.*

19 (b) *BOUNDARIES.*—*The boundaries of the District shall*
20 *be the boundaries as specified for the Great Falls Historic*
21 *District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

22 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary is authorized to*
24 *enter into cooperative agreements in accordance with this*
25 *Act. In expending moneys appropriated pursuant to this*

1 *Act, the Secretary may make grants to and enter into coop-*
2 *erative agreements with State or local government agencies*
3 *or nonprofit entities for each of the following:*

4 (1) *The preparation of a plan for the develop-*
5 *ment of historic, architectural, natural, cultural, and*
6 *interpretive resources within the District. The plan*
7 *shall include each of the following:*

8 (A) *An evaluation of—*

9 (i) *the existing condition of historic*
10 *and architectural resources; and*

11 (ii) *the environmental and flood haz-*
12 *ard conditions within the District.*

13 (B) *Recommendations for—*

14 (i) *rehabilitating, reconstructing, and*
15 *adaptively reusing such historic and archi-*
16 *tectural resources;*

17 (ii) *preserving viewsheds, focal points,*
18 *and streetscapes;*

19 (iii) *establishing gateways to the Dis-*
20 *trict;*

21 (iv) *establishing and maintaining*
22 *parks and public spaces;*

23 (v) *restoring, improving, and develop-*
24 *ing raceways and adjacent areas;*

25 (vi) *developing public parking areas;*

1 (vii) improving pedestrian and vehicu-
2 lar circulation within the District;

3 (viii) improving security within the
4 District, with an emphasis on preserving
5 historically significant structures from
6 arson; and

7 (ix) establishing a visitor's center.

8 (2) Implementation of projects approved by the
9 Secretary pursuant to the Plan.

10 (b) RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE, AND INTERPRETA-
11 TION.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
12 ments with the owners of properties within the District of
13 historical or cultural significance as determined by the Sec-
14 retary, pursuant to which the Secretary may mark, inter-
15 pret, improve, restore, and provide technical assistance with
16 respect to the preservation and interpretation of such prop-
17 erties. Such agreements shall contain, but need not be lim-
18 ited to, provisions that the Secretary shall have the right
19 of access at reasonable times to public portions of the prop-
20 erty for interpretive and other purposes, and that no
21 changes or alterations shall be made in the property except
22 by mutual agreement.

23 (c) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—(1) Application for funds for
24 capital projects and improvements under this Act shall be
25 submitted to the Secretary and shall include a description

1 *of how the project proposed to be funded will further the*
2 *purposes of the District.*

3 (2) *In making such funds available, the Secretary shall*
4 *give consideration to projects which provide a greater lever-*
5 *age of Federal funds. Any payment made shall be subject*
6 *to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the*
7 *project so assisted for purposes contrary to the purposes of*
8 *this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a*
9 *right of the United States of reimbursement of all funds*
10 *made available to such project or the proportion of the in-*
11 *creased value of the project attributable to such funds as*
12 *determined at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal,*
13 *whichever is greater.*

14 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

15 *As used in this Act—*

16 (1) *the term “District” means the Great Falls*
17 *Historic District established by section 4; and*

18 (2) *the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
19 *the Interior.*

20 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 *There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary*
22 *to carry out this Act not more than—*

23 (1) *\$3,000,000 for capital projects;*

24 (2) *\$250,000 for planning; and*

25 (3) *\$50,000 for technical assistance.*

- 1 *Funds made available pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2)*
- 2 *shall not exceed 50 percent of the total costs of the project*
- 3 *to be funded. The authority to expend funds under this Act*
- 4 *shall expire 5 years from the date of enactment.*