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To establish the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. VENTO (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. DERRICK, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BARLOW, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. FISH, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mr. COYNE, Mr. REED, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOKE, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. STOKES, and Mr. RAHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To establish the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “American Heritage Areas Act of 1994”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—AMERICAN HERITAGE AREAS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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- Sec. 601. Short title.
- Sec. 602. Designation of Southwestern Pennsylvania American Heritage Area.
- Sec. 603. Powers of the commission.

Sec. 604. Federal participation.  
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Sec. 606. Authorization of appropriations.  
Sec. 607. Path of progress.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act:

3 (1) The term “compact” means a compact de-  
4 scribed in section 106(a)(2).

5 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
6 of the Interior.

7 **TITLE I—AMERICAN HERITAGE**  
8 **AREAS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

9 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “American Heritage  
11 Areas Partnership Program Act of 1994”.

12 **SEC. 102. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

13 The Congress finds that—

14 (1) certain areas of the United States represent  
15 the diversity of the national character through the  
16 interaction of natural processes, distinctive land-  
17 scapes, cultural traditions, and economic and social  
18 forces that have combined to create a particular pat-  
19 tern of human settlement and activity;

20 (2) in these areas, natural, historic, or cultural  
21 resources, or some combination thereof, combine to  
22 form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape aris-

1 ing from patterns of human activity shaped by geog-  
2 raphy;

3 (3) these areas represent the national experi-  
4 ence through the physical features that remain and  
5 the traditions that have evolved in the areas;

6 (4) continued use and adaptive reuses of the  
7 natural and cultural fabric within these areas by  
8 people whose traditions helped to shape the land-  
9 scapes enhance the significance of the areas;

10 (5) despite existing Federal programs and exist-  
11 ing efforts by States and localities, the natural, his-  
12 toric, and cultural resources and recreational oppor-  
13 tunities in these areas are often at risk; and

14 (6) the complexity and character of these areas  
15 distinguish them and call for a distinctive system of  
16 recognition, protection, and partnership manage-  
17 ment.

18 **SEC. 103. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

19 The purposes of this title are—

20 (1) to recognize that the natural, historic, and  
21 cultural resources and recreational opportunities of  
22 the United States represent and are important to  
23 the great and diverse character of the Nation, and  
24 that these resources and opportunities must be

1 guarded, preserved, and wisely managed so they may  
2 be passed on to future generations;

3 (2) to recognize that combinations of such re-  
4 sources and opportunities, as they are geographically  
5 assembled and thematically related, form areas that  
6 provide unique frameworks for understanding the  
7 historical, cultural, and natural development of the  
8 community and its surroundings;

9 (3) to preserve such assemblages that are wor-  
10 thy of national recognition, designation, and assist-  
11 ance, and to encourage linking such resources within  
12 such areas through greenways, corridors, and trails;

13 (4) to encourage appropriate partnerships  
14 among Federal agencies, State and local govern-  
15 ments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sec-  
16 tor, or combinations thereof, to preserve, conserve,  
17 and manage those resources and opportunities, ac-  
18 commodate economic viability, and enhance the qual-  
19 ity of life for the present and future generations of  
20 the Nation;

21 (5) to authorize Federal financial and technical  
22 assistance to State and local governments and pri-  
23 vate nonprofit organizations, or combinations there-  
24 of, to study and promote the potential for conserving  
25 and interpreting these areas; and

1           (6) to prescribe the process by which, and the  
2 standards according to which, prospective American  
3 Heritage Areas may be assessed for eligibility and  
4 included in the American Heritage Areas Partner-  
5 ship Program established by this title.

6 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this title:

8           (1) AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.—The term  
9 “American Heritage Area” means an area so des-  
10 ignated under this title.

11           (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe”  
12 means any Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or  
13 other organized group or community, including any  
14 Alaska Native village or regional corporation as de-  
15 fined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Na-  
16 tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.),  
17 which is recognized as eligible for the special pro-  
18 grams and services provided by the United States to  
19 Indians because of their status as Indians.

20           (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “tech-  
21 nical assistance” means any guidance, advice, help,  
22 or aid, other than financial aid.

23           (4) UNIT OF GOVERNMENT.—The term “unit of  
24 government” means the government of a State, a  
25 political subdivision of a State, or an Indian tribe.

1 **SEC. 105. AMERICAN HERITAGE AREAS PARTNERSHIP PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve nation-  
4 ally distinctive natural, historic, and cultural resources,  
5 and to provide opportunities for conservation, education,  
6 and recreation through recognition of and assistance to  
7 areas containing such resources, there is hereby estab-  
8 lished within the Department of the Interior an American  
9 Heritage Areas Partnership Program, which shall consist  
10 of American Heritage Areas designated under subsection  
11 (d).

12 (b) GENERAL AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—In ac-  
13 cordance with the purposes of this title, the Secretary is  
14 authorized—

15 (1) to evaluate, in accordance with the criteria  
16 established in subsection (c), areas nominated under  
17 this title for designation as American Heritage  
18 Areas;

19 (2) to advise State and local governments, non-  
20 profit organizations, and other appropriate entities  
21 regarding suitable methods of recognizing and pre-  
22 serving thematically and geographically linked natu-  
23 ral, historic, and cultural resources and recreational  
24 opportunities; and

25 (3) to consider any American Heritage Area,  
26 designated under this or any other Act, for nomina-

1       tion to the World Heritage List if the Secretary de-  
2       termines that such area meets the qualifications for  
3       such nomination.

4       (c) CRITERIA.—To be eligible for designation as an  
5       American Heritage Area, an area shall meet each of the  
6       following criteria:

7             (1) ASSEMBLAGE OF RESOURCES.—The area  
8       shall be an assemblage of natural, historic, or cul-  
9       tural resources that—

10            (A) together represent distinctive aspects  
11       of American heritage worthy of recognition,  
12       preservation, interpretation, and continuing use;  
13       and

14            (B) are best managed as such an assem-  
15       blage, through partnerships among public and  
16       private entities, and by combining diverse and  
17       sometimes noncontiguous resources and active  
18       communities.

19            (2) TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS, BELIEFS, OR  
20       FOLKLIFE.—The area shall reflect traditions, cus-  
21       toms, beliefs, or folklife, or some combination there-  
22       of, that are a valuable part of the story of the  
23       Nation.

24            (3) CONSERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL,  
25       OR HISTORIC FEATURES.—The area shall provide



1 outstanding opportunities to conserve natural, cul-  
2 tural, or historic features, or some combination  
3 thereof.

4 (4) RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPOR-  
5 TUNITIES.—The area shall provide outstanding rec-  
6 reational and educational opportunities.

7 (5) THEMES AND INTEGRITY OF RESOURCES.—  
8 The area shall have an identifiable theme or themes,  
9 and resources important to the identified theme or  
10 themes shall retain integrity capable of supporting  
11 interpretation.

12 (6) SUPPORT.—Residents, nonprofit organiza-  
13 tions, other private entities, and governments within  
14 the proposed area shall demonstrate support for des-  
15 ignation of the area and for management of the area  
16 as appropriate for such designation.

17 (7) AGREEMENTS.—The principal organization  
18 and units of government supporting the designation  
19 shall be willing to commit to agreements to work in  
20 partnership to implement the management plan of  
21 the area.

22 (8) CONSISTENCY WITH ECONOMIC VIABIL-  
23 ITY.—The proposal shall be consistent with contin-  
24 ued economic viability in the affected communities.

1 (d) CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATION.—An area may  
2 be designated as an American Heritage Area only by an  
3 Act of Congress or by the means provided in title II. Ex-  
4 cept as otherwise provided in title II, the Congress may  
5 designate an area as an American Heritage Area only  
6 after each of the following conditions is met:

7 (1) SUBMISSION OF STUDY AND COMPACT TO  
8 SECRETARY.—An entity requesting American Herit-  
9 age Area designation for the area submits to the  
10 Secretary a feasibility study and compact meeting  
11 the requirements of section 106(a). The comments  
12 of the Governor of each State in which the proposed  
13 American Heritage Area lies, or a statement by the  
14 entity that such Governor has failed to comment  
15 within a reasonable time after receiving the study  
16 and compact, accompanies such submittal to the  
17 Secretary.

18 (2) APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION BY SEC-  
19 RETARY.—The Secretary approves, pursuant to sec-  
20 tion 106(b), the feasibility study and compact re-  
21 ferred to in paragraph (1) and submits the study  
22 and compact to the Congress together with any com-  
23 ments that the Secretary deems appropriate regard-  
24 ing a preferred action.

1 (e) RELATION TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC  
2 PLACES.—The act of designation of an American Heritage  
3 Area shall not be deemed to signify that such American  
4 Heritage Area is included on, or eligible for inclusion on,  
5 the National Register of Historic Places, as established  
6 in accordance with section 101 of the National Historic  
7 Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470a). Designation of an  
8 American Heritage Area shall not preclude the American  
9 Heritage Area or any district, site, building, structure, or  
10 object located within the American Heritage Area from  
11 subsequently being nominated to, or determined eligible  
12 for inclusion on, the National Register.

13 **SEC. 106. FEASIBILITY STUDIES, COMPACTS, MANAGEMENT**  
14 **PLANS, AND EARLY ACTIONS.**

15 (a) CONTENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (1) FEASIBILITY STUDIES.—Each feasibility  
17 study submitted under this title shall include suffi-  
18 cient information to determine whether an area has  
19 the potential to meet the criteria referred to in sec-  
20 tion 105(c). Such information shall include, but need  
21 not be limited to, each of the following:

22 (A) A description of the natural, historic,  
23 and cultural resources and recreational opportu-  
24 nities presented by the area, including an as-  
25 sessment of the quality and degree of integrity

1 of, the availability of public access to, and the  
2 themes represented by such resources and op-  
3 portunities.

4 (B) An assessment of the interest of poten-  
5 tial partners, including units of government,  
6 nonprofit organizations, and other private enti-  
7 ties.

8 (C) A description of tentative boundaries  
9 for an American Heritage Area proposed to be  
10 established in the area.

11 (D) Identification of a possible manage-  
12 ment entity for an American Heritage Area  
13 proposed to be established in the area.

14 (2) COMPACTS.—(A) A compact submitted  
15 under this title shall include information relating to  
16 the objectives and management of an area proposed  
17 for designation as an American Heritage Area. Such  
18 information shall include, but need not be limited to,  
19 each of the following:

20 (i) A delineation of the boundaries of the  
21 proposed American Heritage Area.

22 (ii) A discussion of the goals and objectives  
23 of the proposed American Heritage Area, in-  
24 cluding an explanation of the proposed ap-  
25 proach to conservation and interpretation and a

1 general outline of the protection measures com-  
2 mitted to by the partners referred to in clause  
3 (iv).

4 (iii) An identification and description of  
5 the management entity that will administer the  
6 proposed American Heritage Area.

7 (iv) A list of the initial partners to be in-  
8 volved in developing and implementing the man-  
9 agement plan referred to in paragraph (3) for  
10 the proposed American Heritage Area, and a  
11 statement of the financial commitment of the  
12 partners.

13 (v) A description of the role of the State  
14 or States in which the proposed American Her-  
15 itage Area is located.

16 (B)(i) The compact shall be prepared with pub-  
17 lic participation.

18 (ii) Actions called for in the compact shall be  
19 likely to be initiated within a reasonable time after  
20 designation of the proposed American Heritage Area  
21 and shall ensure effective implementation of the  
22 State and local aspects of the compact.

23 (3) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—A management  
24 plan submitted under this title for an American Her-  
25 itage Area shall present comprehensive recommenda-

1 tions for the conservation, funding, management,  
2 and development of the area. The plan shall take  
3 into consideration existing State, county, and local  
4 plans and involve residents, public agencies, and pri-  
5 vate organizations in the area. It shall include a de-  
6 scription of the actions recommended to be taken, to  
7 protect the resources of the area, by units of govern-  
8 ment and private organizations. It shall specify ex-  
9 isting and potential sources of funding for the pro-  
10 tection, management, and development of the area.  
11 The plan also shall include the following, as appro-  
12 priate:

13 (A) An inventory of the resources con-  
14 tained in the American Heritage Area, includ-  
15 ing a list of property in the area that should be  
16 preserved, restored, managed, developed, or  
17 maintained because of the natural, cultural, or  
18 historic significance of the property as it relates  
19 to the themes of the area.

20 (B) A recommendation of policies for re-  
21 source management that consider and detail the  
22 application of appropriate land and water man-  
23 agement techniques, including (but not limited  
24 to) the development of intergovernmental coop-  
25 erative agreements to protect the historical, cul-

1 tural, and natural resources and the rec-  
2 reational opportunities of the area in a manner  
3 consistent with the support of appropriate and  
4 compatible economic viability.

5 (C) A program, including plans for res-  
6 toration and construction, for implementation  
7 of the management plan by the management  
8 entity specified in the compact referred to in  
9 paragraph (2) and specific commitments, for  
10 the first 5 years of operation of the plan, by the  
11 partners identified in the compact.

12 (D) An analysis of means by which Fed-  
13 eral, State, and local programs may best be co-  
14 ordinated to promote the purposes of this title.

15 (E) An interpretive plan for the American  
16 Heritage Area.

17 (4) EARLY ACTIONS.—After designation of an  
18 American Heritage Area but prior to approval of the  
19 management plan for that area, the Secretary may  
20 provide technical and financial assistance for early  
21 actions that are important to the theme of the area  
22 and that protect resources that would be in immi-  
23 nent danger of irreversible damage without such  
24 early actions.

1 (b) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF COMPACTS AND  
2 MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
4 tion with the Governors of each State in which the  
5 relevant American Heritage Area, or proposed area,  
6 is located, shall approve or disapprove every compact  
7 or management plan submitted under this title not  
8 later than 90 days after receiving such compact or  
9 management plan. Prior to approving the compact  
10 or plan, the Secretary shall consult with the Advi-  
11 sory Council on Historic Preservation in accordance  
12 with section 106 of the National Historic Preserva-  
13 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 470f).

14 (2) DISAPPROVAL AND REVISIONS.—If the Sec-  
15 retary disapproves a compact or management plan  
16 submitted under this title, the Secretary shall advise  
17 the submitter, in writing, of the reasons for the dis-  
18 approval and shall make recommendations for revi-  
19 sions of the compact or plan. The Secretary shall ap-  
20 prove or disapprove a proposed revision to such a  
21 compact or plan within 90 days after the date on  
22 which the revision is submitted to the Secretary.

23 (3) AMENDMENTS TO MANAGEMENT PLANS.—  
24 The Secretary shall review substantial amendments  
25 to management plans for American Heritage Areas.



1 Funds appropriated pursuant to this title may not  
2 be expended to implement such amendments until  
3 the Secretary approves the amendments.

4 **SEC. 107. MANAGEMENT ENTITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—Manage-  
7 ment entities that are designated in compacts ap-  
8 proved under section 106(b) for American Heritage  
9 Areas are authorized to receive Federal funds in  
10 support of cooperative partnerships to prepare and  
11 implement the management plans regarding the  
12 American Heritage Areas and to otherwise perform  
13 the functions contemplated in this title.

14 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for designa-  
15 tion as the management entity of an American Her-  
16 itage Area, a unit of government or private nonprofit  
17 organization must possess the legal ability to—

18 (A) receive Federal funds for use in pre-  
19 paring and implementing the management plan  
20 for the area;

21 (B) disburse Federal funds to other units  
22 of government or other organizations for use in  
23 preparing and implementing the management  
24 plan;

1 (C) account for all Federal funds so re-  
2 ceived or disbursed; and

3 (D) sign agreements with the Federal Gov-  
4 ernment.

5 (b) AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The  
6 management entity of an American Heritage Area may,  
7 for purposes of preparing and implementing the manage-  
8 ment plan for the area, use Federal funds made available  
9 under this title—

10 (1) to make grants and loans to States, political  
11 subdivisions thereof, private organizations, and other  
12 persons;

13 (2) to enter into cooperative agreements with  
14 Federal agencies; and

15 (3) to hire and compensate staff.

16 (c) DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The man-  
17 agement entity for an American Heritage Area shall do  
18 each of the following:

19 (1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The management  
20 entity shall develop, and submit to the Secretary for  
21 approval, a management plan described in section  
22 106(a)(3) within 3 years after the date of the des-  
23 ignation of the area as an American Heritage Area.

24 (2) PRIORITIES.—The management entity shall  
25 give priority to the implementation of actions, goals,

1 and policies set forth in the compact and manage-  
2 ment plan referred to in section 106(a), including—

3 (A) assisting units of government, regional  
4 planning organizations, and nonprofit organiza-  
5 tions—

6 (i) in preserving the American Herit-  
7 age Area;

8 (ii) in establishing and maintaining  
9 interpretive exhibits in the area;

10 (iii) in developing recreational oppor-  
11 tunities in the area;

12 (iv) in increasing public awareness of  
13 and appreciation for the natural, historical,  
14 and cultural resources of the area;

15 (v) in the restoration of historic build-  
16 ings that are located within the boundaries  
17 of the area and relate to the themes of the  
18 area; and

19 (vi) in ensuring that clear, consistent,  
20 and environmentally appropriate signs  
21 identifying access points and sites of inter-  
22 est are put in place throughout the area;

23 (B) consistent with the goals of the man-  
24 agement plan referred to in section 106(a)(3),

1 encouraging economic viability in the affected  
2 communities by appropriate means; and

3 (C) encouraging local governments to  
4 adopt land-use policies consistent with the man-  
5 agement of the area and the goals of the man-  
6 agement plan referred to in section 106(a)(3).

7 (3) CONSIDERATION OF INTERESTS OF LOCAL  
8 GROUPS.—The management entity shall, in develop-  
9 ing and implementing the management plan referred  
10 to in section 106(a)(3), consider the interests of di-  
11 verse governmental, business, and nonprofit groups  
12 within the geographic area.

13 (4) PUBLIC MEETINGS.—The management en-  
14 tity shall conduct public meetings at least quarterly  
15 regarding the implementation of the management  
16 plan referred to in section 106(a)(3).

17 (5) SUBMISSION OF CHANGES IN PLAN.—The  
18 management entity shall submit any substantial  
19 changes to the management plan referred to in sec-  
20 tion 106(a)(3) (including any increase of more than  
21 20 percent in the cost estimates for implementation  
22 of the management plan) to the Secretary for the  
23 approval of the Secretary.

24 (6) ANNUAL REPORT.—The management entity  
25 shall, for any fiscal year in which it receives Federal

1 funds under this title or in which a loan made by  
2 the entity with Federal funds under section  
3 107(b)(1) is outstanding, submit an annual report to  
4 the Secretary setting forth its accomplishments, its  
5 expenses and income, and the entities to which it  
6 made any loans and grants during the year for  
7 which the report is made.

8 (7) COOPERATION WITH AUDITS.—The manage-  
9 ment entity shall, for any fiscal year in which it re-  
10 ceives Federal funds under this title or in which a  
11 loan made by the entity with Federal funds under  
12 section 107(b)(1) is outstanding, make available for  
13 audit by the Congress, the Secretary, and appro-  
14 priate units of government all records and other in-  
15 formation pertaining to the expenditure of such  
16 funds and any matching funds, and require, for all  
17 agreements authorizing expenditure of Federal funds  
18 by other organizations, that the receiving organiza-  
19 tions make available for such audit all records and  
20 other information pertaining to the expenditure of  
21 such funds.

22 (8) LIABILITY FOR LOANS.—The management  
23 entity shall be liable to the Federal Government for  
24 any loans that the management entity makes under  
25 section 107(b)(1).

1           (d) DISQUALIFICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING.—If  
2 a management plan regarding an American Heritage Area  
3 is not submitted to the Secretary as required under sub-  
4 section (c)(1) within the time specified in such subsection,  
5 the American Heritage Area shall cease to be eligible for  
6 Federal funding under this title until such a plan regard-  
7 ing the American Heritage Area is submitted to the Sec-  
8 retary.

9           (e) PROHIBITION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL PROP-  
10 ERTY.—A management entity for an American Heritage  
11 Area may not use Federal funds received under this title  
12 to acquire real property or interest in real property. No  
13 provision of this title shall prohibit any management entity  
14 from using Federal funds from other sources for their per-  
15 mitted purposes.

16           (f) DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AS-  
17 SISTANCE.—

18               (1) IN GENERAL.—A management entity for an  
19 American Heritage Area shall be eligible to receive  
20 funds appropriated pursuant to this title for a 10-  
21 year period beginning on the day on which the  
22 American Heritage Area is designated, except as  
23 provided in paragraph (2).

24               (2) EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—The eligi-  
25 bility of a management entity for funding under this

1 title may be extended, by the Secretary, for a period  
2 of not more than a 5 years after the 10-year period  
3 referred to in paragraph (1), if—

4 (A) the management entity determines  
5 that the extension is necessary in order to carry  
6 out the purposes of this title and notifies the  
7 Secretary of such determination not later than  
8 180 days prior to the end of the 10-year period  
9 referred to in paragraph (1);

10 (B) the management entity, not later than  
11 180 days prior to the end of the 10-year period  
12 referred to in paragraph (1), presents to the  
13 Secretary a plan of its activities for the period  
14 of the extension, including provisions for becom-  
15 ing independent of the funds made available  
16 pursuant to this title; and

17 (C) the Secretary, after consulting with the  
18 Governor of each State in which the American  
19 Heritage Area is located, approves such exten-  
20 sion of eligibility.

21 (3) LACK OF EFFECT OF EXTENSION ON FUND-  
22 ING LIMITATIONS.—An extension provided under  
23 this subsection shall not be construed as waiving any  
24 limitation on funds provided pursuant to this title.

1 **SEC. 108. WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Heritage Area des-  
3 ignation of an area shall continue unless—

4 (1) the Secretary determines that—

5 (A) the American Heritage Area no longer  
6 meets the criteria referred to in section 105(c);

7 (B) the parties to the compact approved in  
8 relation to the area under section 106(b) are  
9 not in compliance with the terms of the com-  
10 pact;

11 (C) the management entity of the area has  
12 not made reasonable and appropriate progress  
13 in developing or implementing the management  
14 plan approved for the area under section  
15 106(b); or

16 (D) the use, condition, or development of  
17 the area is incompatible with the criteria re-  
18 ferred to in section 105(c) or with the compact  
19 approved in relation to the area under section  
20 106(b); and

21 (2) after making a determination referred to in  
22 paragraph (1), the Secretary submits to the Con-  
23 gress notification that the American Heritage Area  
24 designation of the area should be withdrawn.

25 (b) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before the Secretary makes  
26 a determination referred to in subsection (a)(1) regarding



1 an American Heritage Area, the Secretary or a designee  
2 shall hold a public hearing within the area.

3 (c) TIME OF WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The withdrawal of the  
5 American Heritage Area designation of an area shall  
6 become final 90 legislative days after the Secretary  
7 submits to the Congress the notification referred to  
8 in subsection (a)(2) regarding the area.

9 (2) LEGISLATIVE DAY.—For purposes of this  
10 subsection, the term “legislative day” means any  
11 calendar day on which both Houses of the Congress  
12 are in session.

13 **SEC. 109. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF FEDERAL AGEN-**  
14 **CIES.**

15 (a) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—

16 (1) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make match-  
17 ing grants to provide assistance regarding feasibility  
18 studies and compacts described in section 106(a)  
19 and, upon request of the management entity for the  
20 relevant American Heritage Area, regarding man-  
21 agement plans and early actions described in section  
22 106(a) and capital projects and improvements un-  
23 dertaken pursuant to such management plans. The  
24 Secretary may make grants under this section to  
25 units of government, and, in consultation with af-

1        fected units of government, to private nonprofit or-  
2        ganizations. In awarding grants, the Secretary shall  
3        be guided by the criteria for eligibility for designa-  
4        tion referred in section 105(c).

5            (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—(A) The Sec-  
6        retary may provide technical assistance to units of  
7        government and private nonprofit organizations re-  
8        garding feasibility studies and compacts described in  
9        section 106(a) and, upon request of the management  
10       entity for the relevant American Heritage Area, re-  
11       garding management plans and early actions de-  
12       scribed in section 106(a) and capital projects and  
13       improvements undertaken pursuant to such manage-  
14       ment plans. In providing the technical assistance,  
15       the Secretary shall be guided by the criteria for eli-  
16       gibility for designation referred to in section 105(c).

17            (B) The Secretary may elect to provide all or  
18        part of the technical assistance authorized by this  
19        subsection through cooperative agreements with  
20        units of government and private nonprofit organiza-  
21        tions whose missions and resources can contribute  
22        substantially to the purposes of this title.

23            (3) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—Nothing in this title  
24        shall be deemed to prohibit the Secretary or units of

1 government from providing technical or financial as-  
2 sistance under any other provision of law.

3 (4) PRIORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE.—In assisting  
4 an American Heritage Area, the Secretary shall give  
5 priority to actions that assist in—

6 (A) conserving the significant natural, his-  
7 toric, and cultural resources which support the  
8 themes of the American Heritage Area; and

9 (B) providing educational, interpretive, and  
10 recreational opportunities consistent with the  
11 resources and associated values of the American  
12 Heritage Area.

13 (5) DETERMINATIONS REGARDING ASSIST-  
14 ANCE.—The Secretary shall decide which American  
15 Heritage Areas shall be awarded technical and fi-  
16 nancial assistance and the amount of the assistance.  
17 Such decisions shall be based on the relative degree  
18 to which each American Heritage Area effectively  
19 fulfills the objectives contained in the management  
20 plan for the area, achieves the purposes of this title,  
21 and fulfills the criteria referred to in section 105(c)  
22 and shall give consideration to projects which pro-  
23 vide a greater leverage of Federal funds.

24 (6) NON-FEDERALLY OWNED PROPERTY.—The  
25 Secretary is authorized to spend Federal funds di-

1 rectly on nonfederally owned property to further the  
2 purposes of this title, giving priority to assisting  
3 units of government in appropriate treatment of dis-  
4 tricts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects listed  
5 or eligible for listing on the National Register of  
6 Historic Places.

7 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall  
8 submit an annual report to the Congress regarding  
9 the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program.  
10 Each report shall include—

11 (A) the number, amount, and recipients of  
12 any grants provided by the Secretary under this  
13 title and the nature of any technical assistance  
14 or early action provided under this title;

15 (B) a description of the status and condi-  
16 tion of, and Federal funding provided under  
17 this Act to, each American Heritage Area;

18 (C) a description of the areas nominated  
19 for the American Heritage Partnership Pro-  
20 gram;

21 (D) the recommendations of the Secretary  
22 regarding areas to be designated by the Con-  
23 gress as American Heritage Areas; and

1           (E) the status of the implementation of all  
2           contractual agreements entered into by the Sec-  
3           retary under this title.

4           (8) OVERSIGHT OF HERITAGE AREAS WITH EX-  
5           PIRED ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall inves-  
6           tigate, study, and continually monitor the welfare of  
7           all American Heritage Areas whose eligibility for  
8           Federal funding under this title has expired and  
9           shall report to the Congress periodically regarding  
10          the condition of such American Heritage Areas.

11          (9) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—In coopera-  
12          tion with other Federal agencies, the Secretary shall  
13          provide the general public with information regard-  
14          ing the location and character of components of the  
15          American Heritage Areas Partnership Program.

16          (10) PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.—The  
17          Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as are  
18          necessary to carry out the purposes of this title.

19          (b) DUTIES OF FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Any Federal  
20          entity conducting or supporting activities directly affecting  
21          an American Heritage Area, and any unit of government  
22          acting pursuant to a grant of Federal funds or a Federal  
23          permit or agreement and conducting or supporting such  
24          activities, shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

1           (1) consult with the Secretary and the manage-  
2           ment entity for the American Heritage Area with re-  
3           spect to such activities;

4           (2) cooperate with the Secretary and the man-  
5           agement entity in the carrying out of the duties of  
6           the Secretary and the management entity under this  
7           title, and coordinate such activities with the carrying  
8           out of such duties; and

9           (3) conduct or support such activities in a man-  
10          ner consistent with the management plan for the  
11          American Heritage Area unless the Federal entity or  
12          unit of government, after consultation with the Sec-  
13          retary and the management entity, determines that  
14          there is no practicable alternative.

15 **SEC. 110. LACK OF EFFECT ON LAND USE REGULATION.**

16          (a) LACK OF EFFECT ON AUTHORITY OF GOVERN-  
17          MENTS.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to mod-  
18          ify, enlarge, or diminish any authority of Federal, State,  
19          and local governments to regulate any use of land as pro-  
20          vided for by current law or regulation.

21          (b) LACK OF ZONING OR LAND USE POWERS OF EN-  
22          TITY.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to grant  
23          powers of zoning or land use to any management entity  
24          for an American Heritage Area.

1 (c) MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY TO LOCAL  
2 GOVERNMENTS.—Any management plan referred to in  
3 section 106(a) and submitted to the Secretary by the man-  
4 agement entity for an American Heritage Area shall be  
5 made available to the local governments having jurisdic-  
6 tion over land use regulations affecting the American Her-  
7 itage Area for the use of the local governments in updating  
8 their growth management plans and in the event that such  
9 governments desire to amend current land use legislation  
10 as they may deem appropriate and in accordance with  
11 their legal authority.

12 **SEC. 111. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDIES, COMPACTS, MANAGE-  
14 MENT PLANS, AND EARLY ACTIONS.—From the amounts  
15 made available to carry out the National Historic Preser-  
16 vation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), there is authorized  
17 to be appropriated to the Secretary, for grants and tech-  
18 nical assistance pursuant to section 109(a) and the admin-  
19 istration of such grants and assistance, annually not more  
20 than \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
21 with the following conditions:

22 (1) PERCENT OF COST.—No grant under this  
23 title for a feasibility study, compact, management  
24 plan, or early action may exceed 75 percent of the

1 cost, to the grantee, for such study, compact, plan,  
2 or early action.

3 (2) STUDIES.—The total amount of Federal  
4 funding under this title for feasibility studies for a  
5 proposed American Heritage Area may not exceed  
6 \$100,000.

7 (3) COMPACTS.—The total amount of Federal  
8 funding under this title for compacts for a proposed  
9 American Heritage Area may not exceed \$150,000.

10 (4) EARLY ACTION GRANTS.—The total amount  
11 of Federal funding under this title for early action  
12 grants for an American Heritage Area may not ex-  
13 ceed \$250,000.

14 (5) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—The total amount  
15 of Federal funding under this title for management  
16 plans for an American Heritage Area may not ex-  
17 ceed \$150,000.

18 (b) MANAGEMENT ENTITY OPERATIONS.—

19 (1) OPERATING COSTS.—From the amounts  
20 made available to carry out the National Historic  
21 Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), there is  
22 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for  
23 each management entity of an American Heritage  
24 Area, not more than \$250,000 annually for the oper-



1       ating costs of such management entity pursuant to  
2       section 107.

3           (2) COST SHARE.—The Federal contribution  
4       under this title to the operations of any management  
5       entity of an American Heritage Area shall not ex-  
6       ceed 50 percent of the annual operating costs of the  
7       entity.

8           (c) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—From the amounts  
9       made available to carry out the National Historic Preser-  
10      vation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), there is authorized  
11      to be appropriated to the Secretary, for grants and tech-  
12      nical assistance for the implementation of management  
13      plans for designated American Heritage Areas and the ad-  
14      ministration of such grants and assistance, not more than  
15      \$25,000,000 annually, to remain available until expended,  
16      with the following conditions:

17           (1) PERCENT OF COST.—No grant under this  
18      title for implementation of a management plan may  
19      exceed 50 percent of the cost to the grantee of the  
20      implementation.

21           (2) PERCENT OF FUNDING FOR EACH AREA.—  
22      Not more than 10 percent of the annual appropria-  
23      tion for this subsection shall be made available, in  
24      any 1 year, to each American Heritage Area.

1           (3) TOTAL FUNDING FOR EACH AREA.—Not  
2 more than a total of \$10,000,000 may be made  
3 available under this subsection to each American  
4 Heritage Area.

5           (4) AGREEMENTS.—Any payment made under  
6 this subsection shall be subject to an agreement that  
7 conversion, use, or disposal of the project so assisted  
8 for purposes contrary to the purposes of this title,  
9 as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a  
10 right of the United States to the greater of—

11                   (A) reimbursement of all funds made avail-  
12 able for such project; and

13                   (B) the proportion of the increased value  
14 of the project attributable to such funds, as de-  
15 termined at the time of such conversion, use, or  
16 disposal.

17           (d) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS FOR TECHNICAL AS-  
18 SISTANCE.—The amount of Federal funding made avail-  
19 able under this section for technical assistance for an  
20 American Heritage Area for a fiscal year may not exceed  
21 \$150,000.

22 **SEC. 112. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

23           The authorities contained in this title shall expire on  
24 September 30 of the 25th fiscal year beginning after the  
25 date of the enactment of this title.

1 **SEC. 113. REPORT.**

2 The Secretary shall submit to the Congress, every 5  
3 years while the authorities contained in this title remain  
4 in force, a report on the status and accomplishments of  
5 the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program as a  
6 whole.

7 **SEC. 114. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

8 Nothing in this title shall be construed to expand or  
9 diminish any authorities contained in any law designating  
10 an individual National Heritage Area or Corridor before  
11 the date of the enactment of this title.

12 **TITLE II—DESIGNATION OF**  
13 **AMERICAN HERITAGE AREAS**

14 **SEC. 201. AMERICAN COAL HERITAGE AREA.**

15 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
16 that—

17 (1) the rise of American industry in the late  
18 19th and 20th centuries led to tremendous growth  
19 in the Appalachian coal fields, creating an area of  
20 national historic significance in terms of its con-  
21 tributions to the industrial revolution, architecture,  
22 culture, and diversity;

23 (2) within the Appalachian coal belt, the coal  
24 mined in southern West Virginia and in southwest-  
25 ern Virginia produced some of the purest and most  
26 sought-after coal in the Nation, and the region asso-

1       ciated with this coal contains a rich cultural herit-  
2       age;

3           (3) the influx of labor needed to mine coal in  
4       this region created a diverse community of African  
5       Americans from the south, recent immigrants from  
6       southern and southeastern Europe, Americans from  
7       northern mining areas, and native Appalachians;

8           (4) it is in the national interest to preserve and  
9       protect physical remnants of the late 19th and early  
10      20th century rise of American industry for the edu-  
11      cation and benefit of present and future generations;  
12      and

13          (5) there is a need to provide assistance to the  
14      preservation and promotion of the vestiges of the  
15      coal heritage of Appalachia that have outstanding  
16      cultural, historic, and architectural value.

17      (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
18      section are to preserve and interpret, for the educational  
19      and inspirational benefit of present and future genera-  
20      tions, certain lands and structures with unique and signifi-  
21      cant historical and cultural values associated with the coal  
22      mining heritage of southern West Virginia and southwest-  
23      ern Virginia.

24      (c) DESIGNATION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon publication by the  
2           Secretary in the Federal Register of notice that a  
3           compact meeting the requirements for a compact  
4           under section 106(a)(2) has been approved by the  
5           Secretary under the procedures referred to in section  
6           106(b), there is hereby designated the American  
7           Coal Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section re-  
8           ferred to as the “Heritage Area”).

9           (2) COMPACT.—The Secretary may not require,  
10          as a condition of approving a compact submitted  
11          pursuant to this section regarding the Heritage  
12          Area, that both the State of West Virginia and the  
13          Commonwealth of Virginia sign the compact.

14          (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
15          posed of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled  
16          “Coal Industry National Heritage Area”, numbered  
17          CMNHA–80,008, and dated August 1994. The map shall  
18          be on file and available for public inspection in the office  
19          of the Director of the National Park Service.

20          (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
21          considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
22          Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
23          poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
24          submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
25          visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-

1 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
2 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
3 (c) of this section.

4 **SEC. 202. AUGUSTA CANAL AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
6 that—

7 (1) the Augusta Canal National Historic Land-  
8 mark in the State of Georgia, listed on the National  
9 Register of Historic Places, is one of the last un-  
10 spoiled and undeveloped areas in the State of Geor-  
11 gia, has remained largely intact, and has excellent  
12 water quality, beautiful rural landscapes,  
13 architecturally significant mill structures and mill  
14 villages, and large acreage in open space;

15 (2) the beautiful rural landscapes, scenic vistas  
16 and excellent water quality of the Augusta Canal  
17 contain significant undeveloped recreational opportu-  
18 nities for people throughout the United States;

19 (3) the existing mill sites and other structures  
20 throughout the Augusta Canal were instrumental in  
21 the development of the cotton textile industry in the  
22 south;

23 (4) several significant sites associated with Na-  
24 tive Americans, the American Revolution, and Afri-  
25 can-Americans are located within the area; and

1           (5) the Augusta Canal Authority would be an  
2           appropriate management entity for an American  
3           Heritage Area established in the area of the Augusta  
4           Canal.

5           (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
6 section are to—

7           (1) designate the Augusta Canal as an Amer-  
8           ican Heritage Area; and

9           (2) provide a management framework to assist  
10          the State of Georgia, its units of local and regional  
11          government, and citizens in the development and im-  
12          plementation of integrated cultural, historical, and  
13          recreational land resource management programs in  
14          order to retain, enhance, and interpret significant  
15          features of the lands, waters, historic structures, and  
16          heritage of the Augusta Canal.

17          (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication in the Federal  
18 Register of notice that a compact meeting the require-  
19 ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
20 proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
21 in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Augusta  
22 Canal American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section  
23 referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

24          (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
25 prised of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled

1 “The Augusta Canal”, numbered AUCA-80,000, and  
2 dated August 1994. The map shall be on file and available  
3 for public inspection in the office of the Director of the  
4 National Park Service.

5 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
6 considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
7 Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
8 poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
9 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
10 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
11 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
12 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
13 (c) of this section.

14 **SEC. 203. CANE RIVER AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

15 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
16 that—

17 (1) the settlement in the Natchitoches area  
18 along Cane River, established in 1714, is the oldest  
19 settlement in the Louisiana Purchase Territory;

20 (2) the Cane River area is the locale of the de-  
21 velopment of Creole culture, from the French-Span-  
22 ish interactions of the early 18th century to the liv-  
23 ing communities of today;

24 (3) the Cane River, historically a segment of  
25 the Red River, provided the focal point for early set-



1 tlement in the area, serving as a transportation  
2 route upon which commerce and communication  
3 reached all parts of the colony;

4 (4) although a number of Creole structures,  
5 sites, and landscapes exist in Louisiana and else-  
6 where, most, unlike the Cane River area, are isolated  
7 examples and lack original outbuilding complexes or  
8 integrity;

9 (5) the Cane River area includes a great variety  
10 of historical features, with original elements, in both  
11 rural and urban settings and a cultural landscape  
12 that represents various aspects of Creole culture,  
13 providing the base for a holistic approach to under-  
14 standing the broad continuum of history within the  
15 region;

16 (6) the Cane River region includes the  
17 Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District,  
18 composed of approximately 300 publicly and pri-  
19 vately owned properties, 4 other national historic  
20 landmarks, and other structures and sites that may  
21 meet criteria for landmark significance following fur-  
22 ther study;

23 (7) historic preservation within the Cane River  
24 area has greatly benefited from individuals and or-

1 organizations that have strived to protect their herit-  
2 age and educate others about their rich history; and

3 (8) because of the complexity and magnitude of  
4 preservation needs in the Cane River area, and the  
5 vital need for a culturally sensitive approach, a part-  
6 nership approach is desirable for addressing the  
7 many preservation and educational needs of the  
8 area.

9 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
10 section are—

11 (1) to recognize the importance of the Cane  
12 River Creole culture as a significant element of the  
13 cultural heritage of the United States; and

14 (2) to establish a Cane River American Herit-  
15 age Area to be undertaken in partnership with the  
16 State of Louisiana, the city of Natchitoches, local  
17 communities and settlements of the Cane River area,  
18 preservation organizations, and private landowners,  
19 with full recognition that programs must fully in-  
20 volve the local communities and landowners.

21 (c) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the need to rec-  
22 ognize the value and importance of the Cane River region,  
23 upon publication by the Secretary in the Federal Register  
24 of notice that a compact meeting the requirements for a  
25 compact under section 106(a)(2) has been approved by the

1 Secretary under the procedures referred to in section  
2 106(b), there is hereby designated the Cane River Amer-  
3 ican Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section referred to  
4 as the “Heritage Area”).

5 (d) BOUNDARIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Heritage Area shall be  
7 composed of the lands encompassing—

8 (A) an acre approximately 1 mile on both  
9 sides of the Cane River, as depicted on the map  
10 numbered “CARI-80,000”, and dated January  
11 1994;

12 (B) the Natchitoches National Historical  
13 Landmark District;

14 (C) the Los Adaes State Commemorative  
15 Area;

16 (D) the Fort Jesup State Commemorative  
17 Area;

18 (E) the Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Com-  
19 memorative Area; and

20 (F) the Kate Chopin House.

21 (2) MAP.—The Secretary shall prepare a map  
22 of the Cane River American Heritage Area, which  
23 shall be on file and available for public inspection in  
24 the office of the Director of the National Park  
25 Service.

1 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
2 considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
3 Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
4 poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
5 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
6 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
7 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
8 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
9 (c) of this section.

10 (f) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—Upon petition, the Sec-  
11 retary is authorized to recognize a coalition consisting of  
12 the following persons as the management entity, for pur-  
13 poses of title I, for the Cane River American Heritage  
14 Area:

15 (1) 1 member submitted by the mayor of  
16 Natchitoches.

17 (2) 1 member submitted by the Association for  
18 the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

19 (3) 1 member submitted by the Natchitoches  
20 Historic Foundation, Inc.

21 (4) 2 members, with experience in and knowl-  
22 edge of tourism in the area of the Cane River Amer-  
23 ican Heritage Area, submitted by local business and  
24 tourism organizations.

1           (5) 1 member submitted by the Governor of the  
2 State of Louisiana.

3           (6) 1 member submitted by the Police Jury of  
4 Natchitoches Parish in Louisiana.

5           (7) 1 member submitted by the Concerned Citi-  
6 zens of Cloutierville.

7           (8) 1 member submitted by the St. Augustine  
8 Historical Society.

9           (9) 1 member submitted by the Black Heritage  
10 Committee.

11          (10) 1 member submitted by the Los Adaes/  
12 Robeline Community.

13          (11) 1 member submitted by the Natchitoches  
14 Historic District Commission.

15          (12) 1 member submitted by the Cane River  
16 Waterway Commission.

17          (13) 2 members who are landowners in and  
18 residents of the Cane River American Heritage  
19 Area.

20          (14) 1 member, with experience and knowledge  
21 of historic preservation, submitted by Museum Con-  
22 tents, Inc.

23          (15) 1 member, with experience and knowledge  
24 of historic preservation, submitted by the President  
25 of Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

1           (16) 1 member, with experience in and knowl-  
2           edge of environmental, recreational, and conserva-  
3           tion matters affecting the Cane River American Her-  
4           itage Area, submitted by the Natchitoches Sports-  
5           mans Association and other local recreational and  
6           environmental organizations.

7           (17) The superintendent of the Jean Lafitte  
8           National Historic Park and Preserve, or a designee.

9   **SEC. 204. ESSEX AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

10          (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
11          that—

12               (1) Essex County, Massachusetts, was host to  
13               a series of historic events that influenced the course  
14               of the early settlement of the United States, its  
15               emergence as a maritime power, and its subsequent  
16               industrial development;

17               (2) the North Shore of Essex County and  
18               Merrimack River valley contain examples of signifi-  
19               cant early American architecture and significant  
20               Federal-period architecture, many sites and build-  
21               ings associated with the establishment of the mari-  
22               time trade in the United States, the site of the  
23               witchcraft trials of 1692, the birthplace of successful  
24               iron manufacture, and the establishment of the tex-  
25               tile and leather industries in and around the cities

1 of Peabody, Beverly, Lynn, Lawrence, and Haver-  
2 hill;

3 (3) Salem, Massachusetts, has a rich heritage  
4 as one of the earliest landing sites of the English  
5 colonists, the first major world harbor for the Unit-  
6 ed States, and an early thriving hub of American  
7 industries;

8 (4) the Saugus Iron Works National Historic  
9 Site is the site of the first sustained, integrated iron  
10 works in Colonial America, and the technology em-  
11 ployed at the Iron Works was dispersed throughout  
12 the Colonies and was critical to the development of  
13 industry and technology in America;

14 (5) the Salem Maritime National Historic Site  
15 contains nationally significant resources that explain  
16 the manner in which the Nation was settled, its evo-  
17 lution into a maritime power, and its development as  
18 a major industrial force, and the story told at the  
19 Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National  
20 Historic Sites would be greatly enhanced through  
21 the interpretation of significant theme-related re-  
22 sources in Salem and Saugus and throughout Essex  
23 County;

24 (6) partnerships between the private and public  
25 sectors have been created and additional partner-

1 ships will be encouraged to preserve the rich cultural  
2 heritage of the region, which will stimulate cultural  
3 awareness and preservation and economic develop-  
4 ment through tourism; and

5 (7) the resident and business communities of  
6 the region have formed the Essex Heritage Ad Hoc  
7 Commission for the preservation, interpretation, pro-  
8 motion, and development of the historic, cultural,  
9 and natural resources of the area and are investing  
10 significant private funds and energy to develop a  
11 plan to preserve the nationally significant resources  
12 of Essex County.

13 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

14 (1) to designate the Essex American Heritage  
15 Area in order to recognize, preserve, promote, inter-  
16 pret, and make available for the benefit of the public  
17 the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the  
18 North Shore and lower Merrimack River valley in  
19 Essex County, Massachusetts, which encompass the  
20 3 primary themes of the Salem Maritime National  
21 Historic site and Saugus Iron Works National His-  
22 toric site (the histories of early settlement and in-  
23 dustry, maritime trade, and textile and leather man-  
24 ufacturing); and



1           (2) to provide a management framework to as-  
2           sist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its  
3           units of local government in the development and  
4           implementation of an integrated cultural, historical,  
5           and land resource management program in order to  
6           retain, enhance, and interpret the significant values  
7           of the lands, waters, and structures located in the  
8           district.

9           (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
10          retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
11          regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
12          ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
13          proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
14          in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Essex  
15          American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section re-  
16          ferred to as the “Heritage Area”), within the county of  
17          Essex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

18          (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
19          prised of the lands generally depicted on the map num-  
20          bered NAR-51-80,000 and dated August 1994. The map  
21          shall be on file and available for public inspection in the  
22          office of the Director of the National Park Service.

23          (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
24          considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
25          Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-

1 poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
2 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
3 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
4 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
5 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
6 (c) of this section.

7 **SEC. 205. HUDSON RIVER VALLEY AMERICAN HERITAGE**  
8 **AREA.**

9 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
10 that—

11 (1) the Hudson River Valley between Yonkers,  
12 New York, and Troy, New York, possesses impor-  
13 tant historical, cultural, and natural resources, rep-  
14 resenting themes of settlement and migration, trans-  
15 portation, and commerce;

16 (2) the Hudson River Valley played an impor-  
17 tant role in the military history of the American  
18 Revolution;

19 (3) the Hudson River Valley gave birth to im-  
20 portant movements in American art and architecture  
21 through the works of Andrew Jackson Downing, Al-  
22 exander Jackson Davis, Thomas Cole, and their as-  
23 sociates, and played a central role in the recognition  
24 of the esthetic values of landscape and the develop-  
25 ment of an American esthetic ideal;

1           (4) the Hudson River Valley played an impor-  
2 tant role in the development of the iron, textile, and  
3 collar and cuff industries in the 19th century, exem-  
4 plified in surviving structures such as the Harmony  
5 Mills complex at Cohoes, and in the development of  
6 early men’s and women’s labor and cooperative orga-  
7 nizations, and is home of the first women’s labor  
8 union in the United States and the first women’s  
9 secondary school in the United States;

10           (5) the Hudson River Valley, in its cities and  
11 towns and its rural landscapes—

12                 (A) displays exceptional surviving physical  
13 resources illustrating these themes and the so-  
14 cial, industrial, and cultural history of the 19th  
15 and early 20th centuries; and

16                 (B) includes numerous national historic  
17 sites and landmarks;

18           (6) the Hudson River Valley is the home of the  
19 traditions associated with Dutch and Huguenot set-  
20 tlements dating to the 17th and 18th centuries, was  
21 the locus of characteristic American stories such as  
22 “Rip Van Winkle” and the “Legend of Sleepy Hol-  
23 low”, and retains physical, social, and cultural evi-  
24 dence of these traditions and the traditions of other  
25 more recent ethnic and social groups;

1           (7) the State of New York has established a  
2 structure, in the Hudson River Greenway Commu-  
3 nities Council and the Greenway Conservancy, for  
4 the Hudson River Valley communities to join to-  
5 gether to preserve, conserve, and manage these re-  
6 sources and to link them through trails and other  
7 means; and

8           (8) the Heritage Area Committee jointly estab-  
9 lished by the Hudson River Valley Greenway Com-  
10 munities Council and the Greenway Conservancy  
11 (agencies established by the State of New York in its  
12 Hudson River Greenway Act of 1991) is expected to  
13 be the management entity for an American Heritage  
14 Area established in the Hudson River Valley.

15       (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
16 section are—

17           (1) to recognize the importance of the history  
18 and resources of the Hudson River Valley to the  
19 Nation;

20           (2) to assist the State of New York and the  
21 communities of the Hudson River Valley in preserv-  
22 ing and interpreting these resources for the benefit  
23 of the Nation;

24           (3) to maintain agricultural viability and pro-  
25 ductivity in the region; and

1           (4) to authorize Federal financial and technical  
2           assistance to serve these purposes.

3           (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
4           retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
5           regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
6           ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
7           proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
8           in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Hudson  
9           River Valley American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this  
10          section referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

11          (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
12          prised of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled  
13          “Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area”, numbered  
14          P50–8002, and dated August 1994. The map shall be on  
15          file and available for public inspection in the office of the  
16          Director of the National Park Service.

17          (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
18          considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
19          Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
20          poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
21          submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
22          visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
23          ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
24          which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
25          (c) of this section.

1 **SEC. 206. OHIO & ERIE CANAL AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

2 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
3 that—

4 (1) the Ohio & Erie Canal, which opened for  
5 commercial navigation in 1832, was the first inland  
6 waterway to connect the Great Lakes at Lake Erie  
7 with the Gulf of Mexico via the Ohio and Mississippi  
8 Rivers and was a part of a canal network in Ohio  
9 that was one of the most extensive and successful  
10 systems in America during a period in history when  
11 canals were essential to the growth of the Nation;

12 (2) the Ohio & Erie Canal spurred economic  
13 growth in the State of Ohio that took the State from  
14 near bankruptcy to a position as the third most eco-  
15 nomically prosperous State in the Union in just 20  
16 years;

17 (3) a 4-mile section of the Ohio & Erie Canal  
18 was designated a National Historic Landmark in  
19 1966 and other portions of the Ohio & Erie Canal  
20 and many associated structures have been placed on  
21 the National Register of Historic Places;

22 (4) in 1974, 19 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal  
23 were declared nationally significant, under National  
24 Park Service new area criteria, in the designation of  
25 the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area;

1           (5) the National Park Service found the Ohio  
2           & Erie Canal nationally significant in a 1975 study  
3           entitled “Suitability/Feasibility Study, Proposed  
4           Ohio & Erie Canal”; and

5           (6) a 1993 Special Resource Study of the Ohio  
6           & Erie Canal Corridor, conducted by the National  
7           Park Service and entitled “A Route to Prosperity”,  
8           has concluded that the corridor is eligible to become  
9           a National Heritage Corridor, an affiliated unit of  
10          the National Park System.

11          (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
12          section are—

13               (1) to preserve and interpret for the educational  
14               and inspirational benefit of present and future gen-  
15               erations the unique and significant contributions to  
16               the national heritage of certain historic and cultural  
17               lands, waterways, and structures within the 87-mile  
18               Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor between Cleveland and  
19               Zoar; and

20               (2) to provide a management framework to as-  
21               sist the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions  
22               in developing and implementing a management plan  
23               for the area and developing policies and programs  
24               that will preserve, enhance, and interpret the cul-

1 tural, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic re-  
2 sources of the corridor.

3 (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
4 retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
5 regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
6 ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
7 proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
8 in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Ohio &  
9 Erie Canal American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this  
10 Act referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

11 (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
12 posed of the lands that are generally the route of the Ohio  
13 & Erie Canal from Cleveland to Zoar, Ohio, as depicted  
14 in the 1993 National Park Service Special Resources  
15 Study, “A Route to Prosperity”. The specific boundaries  
16 shall be those specified in the management plan submitted  
17 under subsection (e). The Secretary shall prepare a map  
18 of the area which shall be on file and available for public  
19 inspection in the office of the Director of the National  
20 Park Service.

21 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
22 considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
23 Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
24 poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
25 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-



1 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
2 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
3 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
4 (c) of this section.

5 (f) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—Upon petition, the Sec-  
6 retary is authorized to recognize a coalition consisting of  
7 the following persons as the management entity, for pur-  
8 poses of title I, for the Ohio & Erie Canal American Herit-  
9 age Area:

10 (1) The Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Valley  
11 National Recreational Area.

12 (2) 2 individuals submitted by the Governor of  
13 Ohio, who shall be representatives of the Directors  
14 of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and  
15 the Ohio Historical Society.

16 (3) 8 individuals submitted by the county com-  
17 missioners or county chief executive of the Ohio  
18 counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, and  
19 Tuscarawas, including—

20 (A) from each county, 1 representative of  
21 the planning offices of the county; and

22 (B) from each county, 1 representative of  
23 a municipality in the county.

1           (4) 3 individuals submitted by the county or  
2 metropolitan park boards of the Ohio counties of  
3 Cuyahoga, Summit, and Stark.

4           (5) 1 individual with knowledge and experience  
5 in the field of historic preservation, submitted by the  
6 Director of the National Park Service.

7           (6) 1 individual with knowledge and experience  
8 in the field of historic preservation, submitted by the  
9 Ohio Historic Preservation Officer.

10          (7) 1 individual who is a director of a conven-  
11 tion and tourism bureau within the area, submitted  
12 by the Director of the Ohio Department of Travel  
13 and Tourism.

14          (8) 4 individuals, who shall include 1 represent-  
15 ative of business and industry from each of the  
16 counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, and  
17 Tuscarawas, submitted by the Greater Cleveland  
18 Growth Association, the Akron Regional Develop-  
19 ment Board, the Stark Development Board, and the  
20 Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce.

21          (g) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide to pub-  
22 lic and private entities within the Heritage Area (including  
23 the management entity for the Heritage Area) technical,  
24 financial, development, and operational assistance. Assist-  
25 ance provided under this subsection shall be provided on

1 a reimbursable basis through the Cuyahoga Valley Na-  
2 tional Recreation Area.

3 **SEC. 207. SHENANDOAH VALLEY BATTLEFIELDS AMERICAN**  
4 **HERITAGE AREA.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
6 that—

7 (1) there are situated in the Shenandoah Valley  
8 in the Commonwealth of Virginia the sites of several  
9 key Civil War battles;

10 (2) certain sites, battlefields, structures, and  
11 districts in the Shenandoah Valley are collectively of  
12 national significance in the history of the Civil War;

13 (3) in 1990 the Congress enacted legislation di-  
14 recting the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a  
15 comprehensive study of significant sites and struc-  
16 tures associated with Civil War battles in the Shen-  
17 andoah Valley;

18 (4) the study, which was completed in 1992,  
19 found that many of the sites within the Shenandoah  
20 Valley possess national significance and retain a  
21 high degree of historical integrity;

22 (5) the preservation and interpretation of these  
23 sites will make an important contribution to the un-  
24 derstanding of the heritage of the United States;

1           (6) the preservation of Civil War sites within a  
2 regional framework requires cooperation among local  
3 property owners and Federal, State, and local gov-  
4 ernment entities; and

5           (7) partnerships between Federal, State, and  
6 local governments and their regional entities, and  
7 the private sector, offer the most effective opportuni-  
8 ties for the enhancement and management of the  
9 Civil War battlefields and related sites in the Shen-  
10 andoah Valley.

11       (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
12 section are—

13           (1) to preserve, conserve, and interpret the leg-  
14 acy of the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley;

15           (2) to recognize and interpret important events  
16 and geographic locations representing key Civil War  
17 battles in the Shenandoah Valley, including those  
18 battlefields associated with the Thomas J. (Stone-  
19 wall) Jackson campaign of 1862 and the decisive  
20 campaigns of 1864;

21           (3) to recognize and interpret the effect of the  
22 Civil War on the civilian population of the Shen-  
23 andoah Valley during the war and postwar recon-  
24 struction period; and

1           (4) to create partnerships among Federal,  
2           State, and local governments and their regional enti-  
3           ties, and the private sector, to preserve, conserve,  
4           enhance, and interpret the nationally significant bat-  
5           tlefields and related sites associated with the Civil  
6           War in the Shenandoah Valley.

7           (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
8           retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
9           regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
10          ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
11          proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
12          in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Shen-  
13          andoah Valley Battlefield American Heritage Area (here-  
14          inafter in this section referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

15          (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
16          posed of the areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia gen-  
17          erally depicted on the map entitled “Shenandoah Valley  
18          National Heritage Area”, numbered SVNHA–80,006, and  
19          dated August 1994. The map shall be on file and available  
20          for public inspection in the office of the Director of the  
21          National Park Service

22          (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
23          considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
24          Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
25          poses, including but not limited to the management plan

1 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
2 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
3 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
4 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
5 (c) of this section.

6 **SEC. 208. STEEL INDUSTRY AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

7 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
8 that—

9 (1) the industrial and cultural heritage of  
10 southwestern Pennsylvania, including the city of  
11 Pittsburgh and the counties of Allegheny, Beaver,  
12 Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland,  
13 related directly to steel and steel-related industries,  
14 is nationally significant;

15 (2) these industries include steel-making, iron-  
16 making, aluminum, specialty metals, glass, coal min-  
17 ing, coke production, machining and foundries,  
18 transportation, and electrical industries;

19 (3) the industrial and cultural heritage of the  
20 steel and related industries in this region includes  
21 the social history and living cultural traditions of the  
22 people of the region;

23 (4) the labor movement of the region played a  
24 significant role in the development of the Nation, in-  
25 cluding both the formation of many key unions, such

1 as the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)  
2 and the United Steel Workers of America (USWA),  
3 and crucial struggles to improve wages and working  
4 conditions, such as the Rail Strike of 1877, the  
5 Homestead Strike of 1892, and the Great Steel  
6 Strike of 1919;

7 (5) there are significant examples of cultural  
8 and historic resources within this 6-county region  
9 that merit the involvement of the Federal Govern-  
10 ment to develop programs and projects, in coopera-  
11 tion with the Steel Industry Heritage Task Force,  
12 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and other local  
13 and governmental bodies, to adequately conserve,  
14 protect, and interpret this heritage for future gen-  
15 erations while providing opportunities for education  
16 and revitalization; and

17 (6) the Steel Industry Heritage Task Force  
18 would be an appropriate management entity for a  
19 Heritage Area established in the region.

20 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
21 section are—

22 (1) to foster a close working relationship be-  
23 tween all levels of government, the private sector,  
24 and the local communities in the steel industry re-  
25 gion of southwestern Pennsylvania and empower the

1 communities to conserve their heritage while con-  
2 tinuing to pursue economic opportunities; and

3 (2) to conserve, interpret, and develop the his-  
4 torical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources  
5 related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the  
6 6-county steel industry region of southwestern Penn-  
7 sylvania.

8 (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
9 retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
10 regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
11 ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
12 proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
13 in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Steel In-  
14 dustry American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section  
15 referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

16 (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
17 posed of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled  
18 “The Steel Industry American Heritage Area”, numbered  
19 SINHA–80,007, and dated August 1994. The map shall  
20 be on file and available for public inspection in the office  
21 of the Director of the National Park Service.

22 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
23 considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
24 Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
25 poses, including but not limited to the management plan



1 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
2 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
3 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
4 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
5 (c) of this section.

6 **SEC. 209. VANCOUVER AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

7 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
8 that—

9 (1) the lower Columbia River basin and Van-  
10 couver, Washington, have been the focal point of a  
11 number of important periods, themes, and events in  
12 American history and prehistory, including native  
13 settlements, westward expansion of the British colo-  
14 nies and the United States from 1763 to 1898, po-  
15 litical and military affairs from 1865 to 1939, and  
16 military affairs from 1914 to 1941;

17 (2) the Columbia River is the central feature  
18 around which the history of the proposed Vancouver  
19 National Heritage Area and the entire Pacific  
20 Northwest revolves;

21 (3) the proposed Vancouver National Heritage  
22 Area is located on the shores of the Columbia River,  
23 78 miles from the Pacific Ocean, and the Columbia  
24 River has been an artery for communication and  
25 trade since prehistoric times;

1           (4) Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a  
2           unit of the National Park System, was founded in  
3           1825 by the Hudson Bay Company and its develop-  
4           ment from 1825 to 1860 was seminal to Euro-Amer-  
5           ican settlement of the Northwest;

6           (5) the Vancouver barracks served as the prin-  
7           cipal administrative outpost of the United States  
8           Army in the Pacific Northwest from 1849 until  
9           World War I, served as a command post during the  
10          Native American Wars of the mid- to late-19th cen-  
11          tury, and provided major facilities for support of  
12          United States military ventures throughout the Pa-  
13          cific during the Spanish American War and the 2  
14          World Wars;

15          (6) Pearson Airfield was the site of significant  
16          events in the history of aviation in the Pacific  
17          Northwest, was particularly prominent during the  
18          interwar period between 1923 and 1941, and today  
19          continues to be an important home to historic air-  
20          craft and historic aviation;

21          (7) the proposed Vancouver American Heritage  
22          Area contains a number of discovered and unre-  
23          covered archaeological sites significant to the history  
24          of North America and the growth of the United  
25          States;

1           (8) the proposed Vancouver American Heritage  
2 Area is located close to major metropolitan areas, in-  
3 cluding Portland, Tacoma, and Seattle, and is imme-  
4 diately adjacent to Interstate 5, the major north-  
5 south interstate of the Pacific Northwest; and

6           (9) many Federal, State, and local government  
7 entities, as well as numerous private organizations  
8 and individuals—

9           (A) have expressed a desire to join forces  
10 and work together in a cooperative spirit in  
11 order to preserve, interpret, and enhance the  
12 cultural, recreational, and educational potential  
13 of the proposed American Heritage Area;

14           (B) have already demonstrated their ability  
15 to effectively cooperate in the course of prepar-  
16 ing the “Vancouver National Historical Reserve  
17 Feasibility Study and Environmental Assess-  
18 ment”, as required by Public Law 101–523  
19 (104 Stat. 2297); and

20           (C) are capable of forming the continued  
21 cooperative alliances needed to enter into a  
22 compact, identify a management entity, and es-  
23 tablish an appropriate management plan for the  
24 proposed Vancouver American Heritage Area.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
2 section are—

3 (1) to preserve, enhance, and interpret the sig-  
4 nificant aspects of the lands, water, structures, and  
5 history of the proposed Vancouver American Herit-  
6 age Area; and

7 (2) to provide a partnership that will develop  
8 and implement an integrated cultural, historical, rec-  
9 reational, and educational land resource manage-  
10 ment program in order to achieve these purposes.

11 (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
12 retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
13 regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
14 ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
15 proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
16 in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Van-  
17 couver American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section  
18 referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

19 (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
20 posed of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled  
21 “Vancouver American Heritage Area”, numbered VAAM-  
22 80,001, and dated August 1994. The map shall be on file  
23 and available for public inspection in the office of the Di-  
24 rector of the National Park Service.

1       (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
2 considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
3 Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
4 poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
5 submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-  
6 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
7 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
8 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
9 (c) of this section, except that the responsibilities of the  
10 management entity for the Heritage Area shall not extend  
11 to those lands under the control of the Department of the  
12 Interior or the Department of the Army. The management  
13 entity may enter into cooperative agreements and partner-  
14 ships with these and other entities as appropriate to fur-  
15 ther the purposes of this Act.

16       (f) PEARSON AIRPARK.—

17           (1) TRANSITION.—(A) General aviation shall  
18 cease at Pearson Airpark not later than April 3,  
19 2022, unless a continuation of general aviation is ex-  
20 pressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

21           (B) Not later than January 30, 2010, the man-  
22 agement entity for the Heritage Area shall submit to  
23 the Secretary a plan regarding general aviation at  
24 Pearson Airpark that is consistent with this section.

1 (C) Not later than June 30, 2010, the Sec-  
2 retary shall—

3 (i) approve such a plan and transmit the  
4 plan to the Congress; or

5 (ii) notify the Congress that no acceptable  
6 plan has been submitted under subparagraph  
7 (B).

8 (D) If the management entity fails to submit a  
9 plan acceptable to the Secretary under subparagraph  
10 (B) before June 30, 2010—

11 (i) the Secretary may not provide further  
12 assistance to the Heritage Area under this Act;  
13 and

14 (ii) the Secretary shall prepare such a plan  
15 for submittal to the Congress not later than  
16 June 30, 2011.

17 (2) HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—For pur-  
18 poses of this section, the term “historic aircraft”  
19 means any aircraft representing aviation in World  
20 War II or earlier.

21 (3) VIABILITY AND MITIGATION PLAN.—Any  
22 management plan submitted to the Secretary pursu-  
23 ant to section 107(c)(1) and subsection (e) of this  
24 section regarding the Heritage Area shall include a

1 Pearson Airpark Viability and Mitigation Plan that  
2 accomplishes the following:

3 (A) Identifies incentives and proposes reg-  
4 ulations to facilitate a transition from the use  
5 of Pearson Airpark from predominantly general  
6 aviation to use for historic aircraft.

7 (B) Establishes a program to mitigate any  
8 conflicts related to the operation of Pearson  
9 Airpark and to other activities within the Herit-  
10 age Area. The program shall, in coordination  
11 with the Federal Aviation Administration and  
12 other agencies as appropriate, address, but not  
13 be limited to, considerations of noise, safety,  
14 visual intrusion, and the location of new facili-  
15 ties. Mitigation measures shall include limita-  
16 tions on the number of air-worthy aircraft that  
17 may be based at the Airpark.

18 (4) PEARSON AIRPARK MUSEUM PLAN.—The  
19 management plan submitted pursuant to section  
20 107(c)(1) and subsection (e) of this section regard-  
21 ing the Heritage Area shall include a Pearson Air-  
22 park Museum Plan, which shall include budgetary  
23 strategies by which proceeds from general aviation  
24 and other sources will fund the Pearson Airpark  
25 Museum and other aviation curation activities.

1           (5) MITIGATION MEASURES AND CONDITIONS  
2           REGARDING GENERAL AVIATION.—The management  
3           plan submitted pursuant to section 107(c)(1) and  
4           subsection (e) of this section regarding the Heritage  
5           Area shall permit general aviation at Pearson Air-  
6           park to continue until April 3, 2022, subject to the  
7           following conditions:

8                   (A) Pearson Airpark and Pearson Airpark  
9                   Museum shall be operated by the city of Van-  
10                  couver or its designated entity. Beginning on  
11                  June 30, 2002, the Secretary shall require pay-  
12                  ment at fair market value for any National  
13                  Park Service lands leased within the boundaries  
14                  of the Heritage Area, except as otherwise pro-  
15                  vided in this subparagraph. The Secretary may  
16                  enter into agreements that provide that specific  
17                  additional work performed or expenses paid by  
18                  the city of Vancouver, which the city is not oth-  
19                  erwise obligated to perform or pay under this or  
20                  any other provision of law, may be used, fairly  
21                  valued, to reduce or offset the amount of the  
22                  obligation of the city to pay rent pursuant to  
23                  this subsection.

24                   (B) Not later than June 30, 2003, the city  
25                  of Vancouver shall remove from National Park



1 Service property in the Heritage Area all  
2 nonhistoric aviation-related buildings and de-  
3 vices, including T-hangers and associated  
4 taxiways, except buildings and devices necessary  
5 for navigation and safety.

6 (C) The city of Vancouver shall not be  
7 compensated for historic buildings remaining on  
8 National Park Service property, but shall con-  
9 tinue to bear liability and responsibility for con-  
10 tinued use and maintenance of these structures.

11 (D) No structural improvements or struc-  
12 tural additions to any structure or facility of  
13 the Pearson Airpark Museum located on prop-  
14 erty of the National Park Service may be made  
15 without the approval of the Secretary.

16 (E) Helicopters shall not use Pearson Air-  
17 park except in cases of emergency, disaster, or  
18 national security needs.

19 **SEC. 210. WHEELING AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

20 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
21 that—

22 (1) Wheeling, West Virginia, and its vicinity  
23 possess important historical, cultural, and natural  
24 resources, representing major heritage themes of

1 transportation, commerce, industry, and Victorian  
2 culture in the United States;

3 (2) the city of Wheeling played an important  
4 part in the settlement of the Nation by serving as  
5 the western terminus of the National Road in the  
6 early 1800's, by serving as the Crossroads of Amer-  
7 ica throughout the 19th century, by serving as one  
8 of the few major inland ports in the United States  
9 in the 19th century, and by hosting the establish-  
10 ment of the Restored State of Virginia, and later the  
11 State of West Virginia during the Civil War years;

12 (3) the city of Wheeling was the first capital of  
13 the new State of West Virginia, during the develop-  
14 ment and maintenance of many industries crucial to  
15 the expansion of the Nation, including iron, steel,  
16 and textile manufacturing, boat building, glass man-  
17 ufacturing, and stogie and chewing tobacco manu-  
18 facturing, many of which are industries that  
19 continue to play an important role in the Nation's  
20 economy;

21 (4) the city of Wheeling has retained its na-  
22 tional heritage themes with the designations of the  
23 old custom house, now Independence Hall, as a Na-  
24 tional Historic Landmark, with the designation of  
25 the historic suspension bridge as a National Historic

1 Landmark, with 5 historic districts, and with many  
2 individual properties in the Wheeling area listed on  
3 or eligible for nomination to the National Register of  
4 Historic Places; and

5 (5) the heritage themes and number and diver-  
6 sity of the remaining resources of Wheeling should  
7 be appropriately retained, enhanced, and interpreted  
8 for the education, benefit, and inspiration of the  
9 people of the United States.

10 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this  
11 section are—

12 (1) to recognize the special importance of the  
13 history and development of the Wheeling, West Vir-  
14 ginia, area in the cultural heritage of the Nation;

15 (2) to provide a framework to assist the city of  
16 Wheeling and other public and private entities and  
17 individuals in the appropriate preservation, enhance-  
18 ment, and interpretation of resources in the Wheel-  
19 ing area that are emblematic of the contributions of  
20 Wheeling to the cultural heritage of the Nation; and

21 (3) to allow for limited Federal, State, and local  
22 capital contributions for planning and infrastructure  
23 investments to create the Wheeling American Herit-  
24 age Area, in partnership with the State of West Vir-  
25 ginia, the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, and their

1       designees, and to provide for an economically self-  
2       sustaining American Heritage Area that will not be  
3       dependent on Federal assistance beyond the initial  
4       years necessary to establish the American Heritage  
5       Area.

6       (c) DESIGNATION.—Upon publication by the Sec-  
7       retary in the Federal Register of notice that a compact  
8       regarding the Heritage Area and meeting the require-  
9       ments for a compact under section 106(a)(2) has been ap-  
10      proved by the Secretary under the procedures referred to  
11      in section 106(b), there is hereby designated the Wheeling  
12      American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this Act referred  
13      to as the “Heritage Area”) in the State of West Virginia.

14      (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-  
15      posed of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled  
16      “Boundary Map, Wheeling American Heritage Area, West  
17      Virginia”, numbered WHNA–80,005, and dated August  
18      1994. The map shall be on file and available for public  
19      inspection in the office of the Director of the National  
20      Park Service.

21      (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Heritage Area shall be  
22      considered to be part of the American Heritage Areas  
23      Partnership Program and shall be considered for all pur-  
24      poses, including but not limited to the management plan  
25      submission requirement of section 107(c)(1) and the pro-

1 visions of section 108, to have been designated an Amer-  
2 ican Heritage Area under section 105(d) on the date on  
3 which the Heritage Area is designated under subsection  
4 (c) of this section.

5 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
7 appropriated to carry out this section not more  
8 than—

9 (A) \$5,000,000 for capital projects;

10 (B) \$1,000,000 for planning and studies;

11 and

12 (C) \$500,000 for technical assistance.

13 (2) LIMITATIONS.—(A) Funds made available  
14 pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph  
15 (1) for a capital project or for planning and studies  
16 regarding a project shall not exceed 50 percent of  
17 the total costs of the capital project or project, re-  
18 spectively.

19 (B) Funds made available under this section or  
20 any other Federal law for the Heritage Area or the  
21 Wheeling National Heritage Area (including the  
22 Wheeling project) may not exceed \$6,500,000 in the  
23 aggregate.

1           (3) NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDS UNDER TITLE  
2           I.—No funds may be appropriated under title I for  
3           purposes of the Heritage Area.

4 **TITLE III—STUDIES REGARDING**  
5 **POTENTIAL AMERICAN HER-**  
6 **ITAGE AREAS**

7 **SEC. 301. OHIO RIVER CORRIDOR.**

8           (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
9           that—

10           (1) the amenities and resources of the Ohio  
11           River, which flows through 6 States from its head-  
12           waters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to its  
13           confluence with the Mississippi River and comprises  
14           a chain of commercial, industrial, historical, archae-  
15           ological, natural, recreational, scenic, wildlife, urban,  
16           rural, cultural, and economic areas, are of major sig-  
17           nificance and importance to the Nation;

18           (2) the national interest is served by—

19                   (A) preserving, protecting, and improving  
20                   such amenities and resources for the benefit of  
21                   the people of the United States; and

22                   (B) improving the coordination between all  
23                   levels of government in the Ohio River Corridor;

24           (3) the preservation, protection, and improve-  
25           ment of such amenities and resources are failing to

1 be fully realized despite efforts by the States  
2 through which the Ohio flows, political subdivisions  
3 of such States, and volunteer associations and pri-  
4 vate businesses in such States;

5 (4) existing Federal agency programs are offer-  
6 ing insufficient coordination to State and local plan-  
7 ning and regulatory authorities to provide for re-  
8 source management and economic development in a  
9 manner that is consistent with the protection and  
10 public use of the amenities and resources of the Cor-  
11 ridor; and

12 (5) the Federal Government should assist in the  
13 coordination, preservation, and interpretation activi-  
14 ties of public and private entities with respect to the  
15 significant amenities and resources associated with  
16 the Ohio River.

17 (b) STUDY OF OHIO RIVER CORRIDOR.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
19 the date on which funds are made available to carry  
20 out this section, the Secretary shall complete a study  
21 on the suitability and feasibility of designating the  
22 Ohio River corridor, from its headwaters in the  
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to its confluence  
24 with the Mississippi River, as an American Heritage  
25 Area.

1           (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of  
2 the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary  
3 shall submit a report describing the results of the  
4 study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
6 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

7 **SEC. 302. FOX AND LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER CORRIDORS.**

8           (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
9 that—

10           (1) the Fox-Wisconsin waterway is famous as  
11 the discovery route of Marquette and Joliet;

12           (2) as the connecting route between the Great  
13 Lakes and the Mississippi River, the waterway was  
14 critical to the opening of the Northwest Territory  
15 and served as a major artery in bringing commerce  
16 to the interior of the United States and providing a  
17 vital communication link for early explorers, mission-  
18 aries, and fur traders;

19           (3) within the Fox and Lower Wisconsin River  
20 corridors are an abundance of historic and archae-  
21 ological sites and structures representing early Na-  
22 tive Americans, European exploration, and 19th-cen-  
23 tury transportation and settlement; and

24           (4) the unique aspects of the waterway, from  
25 the heavily developed portions of the Fox River to



1 the pristine expanses of the Lower Wisconsin River,  
2 should be studied to determine the suitability and  
3 feasibility of the waterway for designation as an  
4 American Heritage Area.

5 (b) STUDY OF FOX-WISCONSIN RIVER CORRIDORS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
7 the date on which funds are made available to carry  
8 out this section, the Secretary shall complete a study  
9 on the suitability and feasibility of designating the  
10 Fox and Lower Wisconsin River corridors in the  
11 State of Wisconsin as an American Heritage Area.

12 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of  
13 the study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
14 shall submit a report describing the results of the  
15 study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
17 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

18 **SEC. 303. SOUTH CAROLINA CORRIDOR.**

19 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
20 that—

21 (1) the counties of Oconee, Pickens, Anderson,  
22 Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Edgefield, Aiken,  
23 Barnwell, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Dorchester,  
24 Colleton, and Charleston, in the State of South  
25 Carolina, form a corridor, more than 250 miles in

1 length, which possesses a wide diversity of signifi-  
2 cant rare plants, animals, and ecosystems, agricul-  
3 tural and timber lands, shellfish harvesting areas,  
4 historic sites and structures, and cultural and  
5 multicultural landscapes related to the past and cur-  
6 rent commerce, transportation, maritime, textile, ag-  
7 ricultural, mining, cattle, pottery, and national de-  
8 fense industries of the region, which provide signifi-  
9 cant ecological, natural, tourism, recreational, timber  
10 management, educational, and economic benefits;

11 (2) there is a national interest in protecting,  
12 conserving, restoring, promoting, and interpreting  
13 the benefits of the region for the residents of, and  
14 visitors to, the corridor area;

15 (3) a primary responsibility for conserving, pre-  
16 serving, protecting, and promoting the benefits of  
17 the region resides with the State of South Carolina  
18 and the various local units of government having ju-  
19 risdiction over the corridor area; and

20 (4) in view of the longstanding Federal practice  
21 of assisting the States in creating, protecting, con-  
22 serving, preserving, and interpreting areas of signifi-  
23 cant natural and cultural importance, and in view of  
24 the national significance of the corridor, the Federal  
25 Government has an interest in assisting the State of

1 South Carolina, its units of local government, and  
2 the private sector in fulfilling their responsibilities.

3 (b) STUDY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORRIDOR.—Not  
4 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act, the Secretary, acting through the National Park  
6 Service, shall cooperate with the South Carolina Depart-  
7 ment of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism in preparing a  
8 study on the suitability and feasibility of designating the  
9 corridor formed by the counties of Oconee, Pickens, An-  
10 derson, Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Edgefield,  
11 Aiken, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Dorchester,  
12 Colleton, and Charleston, in the State of South Carolina,  
13 as an American Heritage Area.

14 **SEC. 304. NORTHERN FRONTIER.**

15 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
16 that—

17 (1) the area comprising Tryon County, in the  
18 Mohawk Valley of the State of New York, and the  
19 Country of the Six Nations (Iroquois Confederacy),  
20 known during the American Revolutionary War pe-  
21 riod as the “Northern Frontier”, offers excellent op-  
22 portunities to study a little known or understood as-  
23 pect of the American Revolution—the frontier expe-  
24 rience;

1           (2) the Northern Frontier territory was ex-  
2           tremely valuable to both sides of the American Revo-  
3           lutionary War and was contested because of its geo-  
4           political, military, agricultural, transportation, and  
5           commercial attributes;

6           (3) because a complex social, economic, and po-  
7           litical society was emerging on the Northern Fron-  
8           tier, the Continental Congress established the North-  
9           ern Indian Department to conduct affairs there, and  
10          the English made the area, and its Indian popu-  
11          lation, the centerpiece of the English strategy to  
12          split the colonies;

13          (4) due to the struggle to control the Northern  
14          Frontier, privation and hardship were inflicted upon  
15          nearly all who lived there, a diverse mix of ethnic  
16          and racial groups willingly and unwillingly thrust  
17          into the struggle for independence, leaving many  
18          dead, homeless, orphaned, or dislocated by the end  
19          of the hostilities;

20          (5) the tensions on the Northern Frontier  
21          reached such a pitch that hostilities erupted, pitting  
22          neighbors, families, tribes, and clans against each  
23          other, and led to a bloody, savage, and destructive  
24          battle;

1           (6) new interpretations and interdisciplinary  
2 studies of this human drama are not only necessary,  
3 but timely because of the abundant supply of assets  
4 in the area, including sites, buildings, celebrations,  
5 folklore, and collections, many safely preserved and  
6 many at risk; and

7           (7) if these Northern Frontier assets can be  
8 thematically related and portrayed for the education  
9 and enjoyment of Americans and foreign visitors, an  
10 important and often overlooked chapter in the herit-  
11 age of the Nation will be displayed for the benefit  
12 and edification of all peoples.

13       (b) STUDY.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
15 the date on which funds are made available to carry  
16 out this section, the Secretary shall complete a study  
17 on the suitability and feasibility of designating  
18 Tryon County, in the Mohawk Valley of the State of  
19 New York, and the Country of the Six Nations (Iro-  
20 quois Confederacy) as an American Heritage Area.

21           (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of  
22 the study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
23 shall submit a report describing the results of the  
24 study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the

1 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
2 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

3 **TITLE IV—BLACKSTONE RIVER**  
4 **VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE**  
5 **CORRIDOR AMENDMENTS**

6 **SEC. 401. BOUNDARIES, COMMISSION, AND REVISION OF**  
7 **PLAN.**

8 (a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 2(a) of the Act entitled  
9 “An Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley National  
10 Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”,  
11 approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 100  
12 Stat. 3625), is amended by striking the first sentence and  
13 inserting the following new sentence: “The boundaries  
14 shall include the lands and waters generally depicted on  
15 the map entitled ‘Blackstone River Valley National Herit-  
16 age Corridor Boundary Map’, numbered BRV–80–80,011,  
17 and dated May 2, 1993.”.

18 (b) COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.—(1) Section 3 of the  
19 Act entitled “An Act to establish the Blackstone River  
20 Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and  
21 Rhode Island”, approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law  
22 99–647; 100 Stat. 3625), is amended—

23 (A) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
24 lows:

1       “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—(1) The Commission shall be  
2 composed of 19 members, appointed as follows:

3           “(A) the Director of the National Park Service,  
4 or a designee, ex officio;

5           “(B) 5 individuals appointed by the Secretary  
6 after consideration of recommendations from the  
7 Governor of Rhode Island;

8           “(C) 5 individuals appointed by the Secretary  
9 after consideration of recommendations from the  
10 Governor of Massachusetts;

11          “(D) 4 individuals appointed by the Secretary  
12 to represent the interests of local government in the  
13 State of Rhode Island; and

14          “(E) 4 individuals appointed by the Secretary  
15 to represent the interests of local government in the  
16 State of Massachusetts.

17       “(2) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in  
18 the manner in which the original appointment was made.”;

19 and

20           (B) in subsection (c), by inserting immediately  
21 before the period at the end the following: “, but  
22 may continue to serve until a successor has been ap-  
23 pointed”.

1           (2) Paragraph (1) shall take effect upon the expira-  
2 tion of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the en-  
3 actment of this Act.

4           (c) REVISION OF PLAN.—Section 6 of the Act enti-  
5 tled “An Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley Na-  
6 tional Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Is-  
7 land”, approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647;  
8 100 Stat. 3625), is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following new subsection:

10           “(d) REVISION OF PLAN.—(1) Not later than 1 year  
11 after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the  
12 Commission shall revise the Cultural Heritage and Land  
13 Management Plan submitted under subsection (a) and  
14 shall submit the revised plan to the Secretary and the Gov-  
15 ernors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for approval  
16 under the procedures referred to in subsection (b). The  
17 revision shall address any change in the boundaries of the  
18 Corridor that occurs after the submission of the plan re-  
19 quired by subsection (a) and shall include a natural re-  
20 source inventory of areas or features that should be pro-  
21 tected, restored, or managed because of the natural and  
22 cultural significance of the areas or features.

23           “(2) No changes other than minor boundary revisions  
24 may be made in the plan approved under subsection (b)  
25 and revised under paragraph (1) of this subsection, unless



1 the Secretary approves such changes. The Secretary shall  
2 approve or disapprove any proposed change in the plan,  
3 except minor revisions, in accordance with subsection  
4 (b).”.

5 (d) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—Section 7 of the  
6 Act entitled “An Act to establish the Blackstone River  
7 Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and  
8 Rhode Island”, approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law  
9 99–647; 100 Stat. 3630), is amended to read as follows:

10 “TERMINATION OF COMMISSION

11 “SEC. 7. The Commission shall terminate on Decem-  
12 ber 31, 2003.”.

13 **SEC. 402. IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.**

14 Section 8(c) of the Act entitled “An Act to establish  
15 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor  
16 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November  
17 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 100 Stat. 3630), is amend-  
18 ed to read as follows:

19 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) To assist in the imple-  
20 mentation of the Cultural Heritage and Land Manage-  
21 ment Plan, submitted and revised under section 6, in a  
22 manner consistent with the purposes of this Act, and to  
23 assist in the preservation and restoration of structures on  
24 or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of His-  
25 toric Places, the Secretary is authorized to provide funds  
26 for projects in the Corridor that exhibit national signifi-

1   cance or provide a wide spectrum of historic, recreational,  
2   environmental, educational, or interpretive opportunities,  
3   without regard to whether the projects are in public or  
4   private ownership. Applications for funds under this sec-  
5   tion shall be made to the Secretary through the Commis-  
6   sion. Each such application shall include the recommenda-  
7   tion of the Commission and its findings regarding the  
8   manner in which the project proposed to be funded will  
9   further the purposes of this Act.

10       “(2) The Commission shall not be eligible for funds  
11   under this section unless it submits to the Secretary an  
12   application that includes—

13               “(A) a 10-year development plan including the  
14       resource protection needs and projects critical to  
15       maintaining or interpreting the distinctive character  
16       of the Corridor; and

17               “(B) specific descriptions of any projects that  
18       have been identified and of the participating parties,  
19       roles, cost estimates, cost-sharing, or cooperative  
20       agreements necessary to carry out the development  
21       plan.

22       “(3) Funds made available pursuant to this sub-  
23   section for any project shall not exceed 50 percent of the  
24   total cost of such project.

1       “(4) In making funds available under this subsection,  
2 the Secretary shall give priority to projects that attract  
3 greater non-Federal than Federal funding.

4       “(5) Any payment made under this subsection for the  
5 purposes of conservation or restoration of real property  
6 or of any structure shall be subject to an agreement—

7           “(A) to convey a conservation or preservation  
8 easement to the Department of Environmental Man-  
9 agement or to the Historic Preservation Commis-  
10 sion, as appropriate, of the State in which the real  
11 property or structure is located; or

12           “(B) that upon conversion, use, or disposal of  
13 the real property or structure for purposes contrary  
14 to the purposes of this Act, the recipient of the pay-  
15 ment, or the successors or assigns of the recipient,  
16 shall pay to the United States the greater of—

17           “(i) the total of all Federal funds made  
18 available for conservation or restoration of the  
19 real property or structure, reduced pro rata  
20 over the useful life of the improvements funded;  
21 and

22           “(ii) the increased value attributable to  
23 such funds, as determined at the time of the  
24 conversion, use, or disposal.

1       “(6) The determination that, for purposes of para-  
2 graph (5)(B), a conversion, use, or disposal has been car-  
3 ried out contrary to the purposes of this Act shall be solely  
4 within the discretion of the Secretary.”.

5 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6       Section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish  
7 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor  
8 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November  
9 10, 1986 (Public Law 99-647; 100 Stat. 3630), is  
10 amended—

11           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$350,000”  
12 and inserting “\$500,000”; and

13           (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as  
14 follows:

15       “(b) DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.—There is authorized to  
16 be appropriated to carry out section 8 for fiscal years be-  
17 ginning after September 30, 1994, not more than  
18 \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, to remain available until  
19 expended.”.

20 **TITLE V—BRAMWELL NATIONAL**  
21 **HISTORIC DISTRICT**

22 **SEC. 501. BRAMWELL NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

23       (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
24 that—

1           (1) the coal mining heritage of southern West  
2 Virginia is of historical and cultural significance;

3           (2) the town of Bramwell, West Virginia, pos-  
4 sesses remarkable and outstanding historical, cul-  
5 tural, and architectural values relating to the coal  
6 mining heritage of southern West Virginia; and

7           (3) it is in the national interest to preserve the  
8 unique character of the town of Bramwell, West Vir-  
9 ginia, and to enhance the historical, cultural, and ar-  
10 chitectural values associated with its coal mining  
11 heritage.

12       (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purpose of this  
13 section is to encourage the preservation, restoration, and  
14 interpretation of the historical, cultural, and architectural  
15 values of the town of Bramwell, West Virginia.

16       (c) DESIGNATION.—In order to preserve, protect, re-  
17 store, and interpret the unique historical, cultural, and ar-  
18 chitectural values of Bramwell, West Virginia, there is  
19 hereby designated the Bramwell National Historic District  
20 (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Historic  
21 District”). The Historic District shall consist of the lands  
22 and interest therein within the corporate limits of the town  
23 of Bramwell, West Virginia.

24       (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized  
2 to enter into cooperative agreements with the State  
3 of West Virginia, or any political subdivision thereof,  
4 to further the purposes of the Historic District.

5           (2) RATIO OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—Funds  
6 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for  
7 the purposes of this subsection shall be expended in  
8 the ratio of 1 dollar of Federal funds for each dollar  
9 contributed by non-Federal sources. With the ap-  
10 proval of the Secretary, any donation of land, serv-  
11 ices, or goods from a non-Federal source, fairly val-  
12 ued, may be considered as a contribution of dollars  
13 from a non-Federal source for the purposes of this  
14 subsection.

15           (3) AGREEMENTS REGARDING PAYMENTS.—Any  
16 payment made by the Secretary pursuant to a coop-  
17 erative agreement under this subsection shall be sub-  
18 ject to an agreement that conversion, use, or dis-  
19 posal of the project so assisted for any purpose con-  
20 trary to the purpose of this section, as determined  
21 by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the Unit-  
22 ed States to the greater of—

23                   (A) reimbursement of all funds made avail-  
24 able to such project; or

1 (B) the proportion of the increased value  
 2 of the project attributable to such funds, as de-  
 3 termined at the time of the conversion, use, or  
 4 disposal.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
 6 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this  
 7 section.

8 **TITLE VI—SOUTHWESTERN**  
 9 **PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN**  
 10 **HERITAGE AREA AMEND-**  
 11 **MENTS**

12 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

13 This title may be cited as the “Southwestern Penn-  
 14 sylvania American Heritage Area Amendments Act”.

15 **SEC. 602. DESIGNATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**  
 16 **AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

17 The Act entitled “An Act to establish in the Depart-  
 18 ment of the Interior the Southwestern Pennsylvania Herit-  
 19 age Preservation Commission, and for other purposes”,  
 20 approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat. 4618), is amend-  
 21 ed by adding at the end the following new title:

1 **“TITLE III—SOUTHWESTERN**  
2 **PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN**  
3 **HERITAGE AREA**

4 **“SEC. 301. DESIGNATION.**

5 “There is hereby designated the Southwestern Penn-  
6 sylvania American Heritage Area, which shall be com-  
7 prised of the region in southwestern Pennsylvania de-  
8 scribed in section 101(a).

9 **“SEC. 302. CLASSIFICATION.**

10 “The Southwestern Pennsylvania American Heritage  
11 Area shall not be considered to be an American Heritage  
12 Area for purposes of the American Heritage Areas Part-  
13 nership Program Act of 1994 or the American Heritage  
14 Areas Partnership Program established by section 105(a)  
15 of such Act.”.

16 **SEC. 603. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

17 Section 103(h)(3) of the Act entitled “An Act to es-  
18 tablish in the Department of the Interior the Southwest-  
19 ern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and  
20 for other purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102  
21 Stat. 4618), is amended by inserting “or an appropriate  
22 private nonprofit organization exempt from income taxes  
23 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
24 1986,” after “public agency,”.



1 **SEC. 604. FEDERAL PARTICIPATION.**

2 Section 105 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish  
3 in the Department of the Interior the Southwestern Penn-  
4 sylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for other  
5 purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.  
6 4618), is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 105. PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION.**

8 “(a) REVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT  
9 PLAN AND SCOPE AND COST DOCUMENT.—(1) The Com-  
10 mission shall revise, to carry out this title in a manner  
11 that provides for limited Federal involvement, the manage-  
12 ment plan developed before the date of the enactment of  
13 this section. The Commission shall also revise the scope  
14 and cost document developed before the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this section to reflect the total cost of each project  
16 proposed for approval under this section and the Federal  
17 portion of such cost. Both the management plan and the  
18 scope and cost document shall be submitted to the Sec-  
19 retary for approval.

20 “(2) The Secretary shall approve or disapprove any  
21 management plan or scope and cost document submitted  
22 under paragraph (1) not later than 90 days after receiving  
23 such plan or document. If the Secretary disapproves the  
24 submitted management plan or scope and cost document,  
25 the Secretary shall advise the Commission in writing of  
26 the reasons therefor and shall make recommendations for

1 revisions in the plan or document. The Secretary shall ap-  
2 prove or disapprove a proposed revision to such a plan  
3 or document within 90 days after the date on which the  
4 proposed revision is submitted to the Secretary.

5       “(b) LOANS, GRANTS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
6 USING FEDERAL FUNDS.—The Commission may not  
7 make loans or grants involving Federal funds under sec-  
8 tion 104 except as provided in this subsection. The Sec-  
9 retary may provide a loan, a grant, or technical assistance,  
10 for the purpose described in section 104, pursuant to an  
11 application made to the Secretary through the Commis-  
12 sion in accordance with procedures required by the Sec-  
13 retary. Each such application shall include the findings  
14 of the Commission regarding the manner in which the pro-  
15 posed loan, grant, or technical assistance will further the  
16 purpose of this Act. Each such application shall also in-  
17 clude the recommendations of the Commission regarding  
18 the proposed loan, grant, or technical assistance. The Sec-  
19 retary may approve such an application only if the Federal  
20 funds provided pursuant to the application will be used  
21 in a manner that is generally consistent with Federal law  
22 relating to the type of project or activity to be funded,  
23 as determined by the Secretary. Federal funds made avail-  
24 able for loans or grants pursuant to section 104 or this  
25 subsection may be used to provide for the preservation or

1 restoration of historic properties in an amount not to ex-  
2 ceed \$100,000 for each project so assisted.

3 “(c) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—(1) Federal funds  
4 made available under this Act with respect to projects may  
5 be made available only for projects that are consistent with  
6 the Standards and Guidelines for Historic Properties pro-  
7 mulgated by the Secretary.

8 “(2) Federal funds made available under this Act  
9 after the date of the enactment of this section with respect  
10 to a project may be used only for planning and design  
11 with respect to the project, except that such funds may  
12 be used to complete construction commenced before such  
13 date regarding Saltsburg Canal Park or West Overton  
14 Village.

15 “(3) The total amount of Federal assistance provided  
16 under this section for a project in any fiscal year may not  
17 exceed 20 percent of the total amount of Federal funds  
18 made available for that fiscal year for the Southwestern  
19 Pennsylvania National Heritage Area.

20 “(4) Federal funds made available under this title  
21 with respect to a project may not exceed 50 percent of  
22 the total costs of the project. In making such funds avail-  
23 able, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects that  
24 provide a greater leverage of Federal funds. Any payment  
25 made under section 104 or 105 shall be subject to an

1 agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the project  
2 so assisted for any purpose contrary to the purpose of this  
3 Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a right  
4 of the United States to the greater of—

5           “(A) compensation for all funds made available  
6 with respect to such project; and

7           “(B) the proportion of the increased value of  
8 the project attributable to such funds, as determined  
9 at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal.

10          “(5) No Federal funds made available to carry out  
11 this Act for fiscal years beginning after September 30,  
12 1995, may be used to provide operational or maintenance  
13 support with respect to any building, site, or structure  
14 that is not owned by the Federal Government, except the  
15 Railroaders Memorial Museum, Saltsburg Canal Park,  
16 and West Overton Village. Such funds for the Railroaders  
17 Memorial Museum, Saltsburg Canal Park, and West  
18 Overton Village may not exceed \$200,000 annually, in the  
19 aggregate.

20          “(6) No Federal funds made available to carry out  
21 this Act may be used for the construction of any visitor  
22 center, interpretive center, or museum, except West  
23 Overton Village.

24          “(7) The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the  
25 use of Federal funds made available pursuant to this title

1 within 30 days after application for such funds by the  
2 Commission.”.

3 **SEC. 605. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.**

4 Section 104(b) of the Act entitled “An Act to estab-  
5 lish in the Department of the Interior the Southwestern  
6 Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for  
7 other purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.  
8 4618), is amended—

9 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “and to  
10 the Congress” after “Secretary”; and

11 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
12 lowing: “Funds made available for a fiscal year to  
13 carry out this Act may not be obligated for that fis-  
14 cal year until the report required for the preceding  
15 fiscal year by the preceding sentence is submitted to  
16 the Congress.”.

17 **SEC. 606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Title I of the Act entitled “An Act to establish in  
19 the Department of the Interior the Southwestern Penn-  
20 sylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for other  
21 purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.  
22 4618), is amended by adding at the end the following new  
23 section:

1 **“SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
3 retary to carry out this Act the following:

4 “(1) For each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997,  
5 and 1998, \$1,000,000 for planning and design,  
6 \$1,600,000 for construction, \$600,000 for grants  
7 and loans, and \$400,000 for the operations of the  
8 Commission.

9 “(2) For that portion of fiscal year 1999 that  
10 occurs before the Commission ceases to exist under  
11 section 104(e), \$250,000 for planning and design,  
12 \$400,000 for construction, \$150,000 for grants and  
13 loans, and \$100,000 for the operations of the Com-  
14 mission.”.

15 **SEC. 607. PATH OF PROGRESS.**

16 Title II of the Act entitled “An Act to establish in  
17 the Department of the Interior the Southwestern Penn-  
18 sylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for other  
19 purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.  
20 4618), is amended as follows:

21 (1) By amending the heading of the title to  
22 read as follows:

23 **“TITLE II—PATH OF PROGRESS”.**

24 (2) By amending section 201 to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 201. IDENTIFICATION OF ROUTE.**

2 “In order to provide for public appreciation, edu-  
3 cation, understanding, and enjoyment of certain nationally  
4 and regionally significant sites in Southwestern Penn-  
5 sylvania which are accessible by public roads, the Sec-  
6 retary, with the concurrence of the agency having jurisdic-  
7 tion over such roads, may provide signs, interpretive mate-  
8 rials, and other informational devices for a vehicular tour  
9 route, commonly known as the ‘Path of Progress Heritage  
10 Route’.”.

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