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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. REGULA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MOLLOHAN and Mr. HOKE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 1995”.

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.

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- Sec. 601. Short title.
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- Sec. 604. Federal participation.
- Sec. 605. Congressional oversight.
- 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 1995”.

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-
23 ing from patterns of human activity shaped by geog-
24 raphy;

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

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

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

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

16 **SEC. 103. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

17 The purposes of this title are—

18 (1) to recognize that the natural, historic, and
19 cultural resources and recreational opportunities of
20 the United States represent and are important to
21 the great and diverse character of the Nation, and
22 that these resources and opportunities must be
23 guarded, preserved, and wisely managed so they may
24 be passed on to future generations;

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

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

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

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

24 (6) to prescribe the process by which, and the
25 standards according to which, prospective American

1 Heritage Areas may be assessed for eligibility and
2 included in the American Heritage Areas Partner-
3 ship Program established by this title.

4 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For purposes of this title:

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

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

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

21 (4) UNIT OF GOVERNMENT.—The term “unit of
22 government” means the government of a State, a
23 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 (9) CONSENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—No
2 county, city, or town shall be included within the
3 boundaries of the area unless the government of
4 such county, city, or town agrees to be so included
5 and submits notification of such agreement to the
6 Secretary.

7 (d) CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATION.—An area may
8 be designated as an American Heritage Area only by an
9 Act of Congress or by the means provided in title II. Ex-
10 cept as otherwise provided in title II, the Congress may
11 designate an area as an American Heritage Area only
12 after each of the following conditions is met:

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

24 (2) APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION BY SEC-
25 RETARY.—The Secretary approves, pursuant to sec-

1 tion 106(b), the feasibility study and compact re-
2 ferred to in paragraph (1) and submits the study
3 and compact to the Congress together with any com-
4 ments that the Secretary deems appropriate regard-
5 ing a preferred action.

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

18 **SEC. 106. FEASIBILITY STUDIES, COMPACTS, MANAGEMENT**

19 **PLANS, AND EARLY ACTIONS.**

20 (a) **CONTENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.**—

21 (1) **FEASIBILITY STUDIES.**—Each feasibility
22 study submitted under this title shall include suffi-
23 cient information to determine whether an area has
24 the potential to meet the criteria referred to in sec-

1 tion 105(c). Such information shall include, but need
2 not be limited to, each of the following:

3 (A) A description of the natural, historic,
4 and cultural resources and recreational opportu-
5 nities presented by the area, including an as-
6 sessment of the quality and degree of integrity
7 of, the availability of public access to, and the
8 themes represented by such resources and op-
9 portunities.

10 (B) An assessment of the interest of poten-
11 tial partners, including units of government,
12 nonprofit organizations, and other private enti-
13 ties.

14 (C) A description of tentative boundaries
15 for an American Heritage Area proposed to be
16 established in the area.

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

20 (E) An inventory of the amount of land in
21 the area owned by public, private, and private
22 nonprofit entities, respectively.

23 (2) COMPACTS.—(A) A compact submitted
24 under this title shall include information relating to
25 the objectives and management of an area proposed

1 for designation as an American Heritage Area. Such
2 information shall include, but need not be limited to,
3 each of the following:

4 (i) A delineation of the boundaries of the
5 proposed American Heritage Area.

6 (ii) A discussion of the goals and objectives
7 of the proposed American Heritage Area, in-
8 cluding an explanation of the proposed ap-
9 proach to conservation and interpretation and a
10 general outline of the protection measures com-
11 mitted to by the partners referred to in clause
12 (iv).

13 (iii) An identification and description of
14 the management entity that will administer the
15 proposed American Heritage Area.

16 (iv) A list of the initial partners to be in-
17 volved in developing and implementing the man-
18 agement plan referred to in paragraph (3) for
19 the proposed American Heritage Area, and a
20 statement of the financial commitment of the
21 partners.

22 (v) A description of the role of the State
23 or States in which the proposed American Her-
24 itage Area is located.

1 (B)(i) The compact shall be prepared with pub-
2 lic participation.

3 (ii) Actions called for in the compact shall be
4 likely to be initiated within a reasonable time after
5 designation of the proposed American Heritage Area
6 and shall ensure effective implementation of the
7 State and local aspects of the compact.

8 (3) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—A management
9 plan submitted under this title for an American Her-
10 itage Area shall present comprehensive recommenda-
11 tions for the conservation, funding, management,
12 and development of the area. The plan shall take
13 into consideration existing State, county, and local
14 plans and involve residents, public agencies, and pri-
15 vate organizations in the area. It shall include a de-
16 scription of the actions recommended to be taken, to
17 protect the resources of the area, by units of govern-
18 ment and private organizations. It shall specify ex-
19 isting and potential sources of funding for the pro-
20 tection, management, and development of the area.
21 The plan also shall include the following, as appro-
22 priate:

23 (A) A recommendation of policies for re-
24 source management that consider and detail the
25 application of appropriate land and water man-

1 agement techniques, including (but not limited
2 to) the development of intergovernmental coop-
3 erative agreements to protect the historical, cul-
4 tural, and natural resources and the rec-
5 reational opportunities of the area in a manner
6 consistent with the support of appropriate and
7 compatible economic viability.

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

15 (C) An analysis of means by which Fed-
16 eral, State, and local programs may best be co-
17 ordinated to promote the purposes of this title.

18 (D) An interpretive plan for the American
19 Heritage Area.

20 (4) EARLY ACTIONS.—After designation of an
21 American Heritage Area but prior to approval of the
22 management plan for that area, the Secretary may
23 provide technical and financial assistance for early
24 actions that are important to the theme of the area
25 and that protect resources that would be in immi-

1 nent danger of irreversible damage without such
2 early actions.

3 (b) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF COMPACTS AND
4 MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

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

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

1 (3) AMENDMENTS TO MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

2 The Secretary shall review substantial amendments
3 to management plans for American Heritage Areas.
4 Funds appropriated pursuant to this title may not
5 be expended to implement such amendments until
6 the Secretary approves the amendments.

7 (4) NO REQUIREMENT FOR LAND USE REGULA-
8 TION AS CONDITION FOR APPROVAL.—No provision
9 of this title shall be construed to require any change
10 in land use regulation as a condition of approval of
11 a compact, management plan, or revision of a com-
12 pact or management plan by the Secretary.

13 **SEC. 107. MANAGEMENT ENTITIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—

15 (1) RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—Manage-
16 ment entities that are designated in compacts ap-
17 proved under section 106(b) for American Heritage
18 Areas are authorized to receive Federal funds in
19 support of cooperative partnerships to prepare and
20 implement the management plans regarding the
21 American Heritage Areas and to otherwise perform
22 the functions contemplated in this title.

23 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for designa-
24 tion as the management entity of an American Her-

1 itage Area, a unit of government or private nonprofit
2 organization must possess the legal ability to—

3 (A) receive Federal funds for use in pre-
4 paring and implementing the management plan
5 for the area;

6 (B) disburse Federal funds to other units
7 of government or other organizations for use in
8 preparing and implementing the management
9 plan;

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

12 (D) sign agreements with the Federal Gov-
13 ernment.

14 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—A management entity for
15 an American Heritage Area should, to the fullest ex-
16 tent possible, consist of diverse governmental, busi-
17 ness, and nonprofit groups within the geographic
18 area of the American Heritage Area.

19 (b) AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The
20 management entity of an American Heritage Area may,
21 for purposes of preparing and implementing the manage-
22 ment plan for the area, use Federal funds made available
23 under this title—

1 (1) to make grants and loans to States, political
2 subdivisions thereof, private organizations, and other
3 persons;

4 (2) to enter into cooperative agreements with
5 Federal agencies; and

6 (3) to hire and compensate staff.

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

10 (1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The management
11 entity shall develop, and submit to the Secretary for
12 approval, a management plan described in section
13 106(a)(3) within 3 years after the date of the des-
14 ignation of the area as an American Heritage Area.

15 (2) PRIORITIES.—The management entity shall
16 give priority to the implementation of actions, goals,
17 and policies set forth in the compact and manage-
18 ment plan referred to in section 106(a), including—

19 (A) assisting units of government, regional
20 planning organizations, and nonprofit organiza-
21 tions—

22 (i) in preserving the American Herit-
23 age Area;

24 (ii) in establishing and maintaining
25 interpretive exhibits in the area;

1 (iii) in developing recreational oppor-
2 tunities in the area;

3 (iv) in increasing public awareness of
4 and appreciation for the natural, historical,
5 and cultural resources of the area;

6 (v) in the restoration of historic build-
7 ings that are located within the boundaries
8 of the area and relate to the themes of the
9 area; and

10 (vi) in ensuring that clear, consistent,
11 and environmentally appropriate signs
12 identifying access points and sites of inter-
13 est are put in place throughout the area;
14 and

15 (B) consistent with the goals of the man-
16 agement plan referred to in section 106(a)(3),
17 encouraging economic viability in the affected
18 communities by appropriate means.

19 (3) CONSIDERATION OF INTERESTS OF LOCAL
20 GROUPS.—The management entity shall, in develop-
21 ing and implementing the management plan referred
22 to in section 106(a)(3), consider the interests of di-
23 verse governmental, business, and nonprofit groups
24 within the geographic area.

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

5 (5) SUBMISSION OF CHANGES IN PLAN.—The
6 management entity shall submit any substantial
7 changes to the management plan referred to in sec-
8 tion 106(a)(3) (including any increase of more than
9 20 percent in the cost estimates for implementation
10 of the management plan) to the Secretary for the
11 approval of the Secretary.

12 (6) ANNUAL REPORT.—The management entity
13 shall, for any fiscal year in which it receives Federal
14 funds under this title or in which a loan made by
15 the entity with Federal funds under section
16 107(b)(1) is outstanding, submit an annual report to
17 the Secretary setting forth its accomplishments, its
18 expenses and income, and the entities to which it
19 made any loans and grants during the year for
20 which the report is made.

21 (7) COOPERATION WITH AUDITS.—The manage-
22 ment entity shall, for any fiscal year in which it re-
23 ceives Federal funds under this title or in which a
24 loan made by the entity with Federal funds under
25 section 107(b)(1) is outstanding, make available for

1 audit by the Congress, the Secretary, and appro-
2 priate units of government all records and other in-
3 formation pertaining to the expenditure of such
4 funds and any matching funds, and require, for all
5 agreements authorizing expenditure of Federal funds
6 by other organizations, that the receiving organiza-
7 tions make available for such audit all records and
8 other information pertaining to the expenditure of
9 such funds.

10 (8) LIABILITY FOR LOANS.—The management
11 entity shall be liable to the Federal Government for
12 any loans that the management entity makes under
13 section 107(b)(1).

14 (d) DISQUALIFICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING.—If
15 a management plan regarding an American Heritage Area
16 is not submitted to the Secretary as required under sub-
17 section (c)(1) within the time specified in such subsection,
18 the American Heritage Area shall cease to be eligible for
19 Federal funding under this title until such a plan regard-
20 ing the American Heritage Area is submitted to the Sec-
21 retary.

22 (e) PROHIBITION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL PROP-
23 ERTY.—A management entity for an American Heritage
24 Area may not use Federal funds received under this title
25 to acquire real property or interest in real property. No

1 provision of this title shall prohibit any management entity
2 from using Federal funds from other sources for their per-
3 mitted purposes.

4 (f) DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AS-
5 SISTANCE.—

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

12 (2) EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—The eligi-
13 bility of a management entity for funding under this
14 title may be extended, by the Secretary, for a period
15 of not more than 5 years after the 10-year period
16 referred to in paragraph (1), if—

17 (A) the management entity determines
18 that the extension is necessary in order to carry
19 out the purposes of this title and notifies the
20 Secretary of such determination not later than
21 180 days prior to the end of the 10-year period
22 referred to in paragraph (1);

23 (B) the management entity, not later than
24 180 days prior to the end of the 10-year period
25 referred to in paragraph (1), presents to the

1 Secretary a plan of its activities for the period
2 of the extension, including provisions for becom-
3 ing independent of the funds made available
4 pursuant to this title; and

5 (C) the Secretary, after consulting with the
6 Governor of each State in which the American
7 Heritage Area is located, approves such exten-
8 sion of eligibility.

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

13 (g) PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.—The
14 management entity for an American Heritage Area shall
15 publish procedures to ensure that the rights of owners of
16 private property are protected. Such procedures shall in-
17 clude a process to provide information to the owners of
18 private property with respect to obtaining just compensa-
19 tion due as a result of a taking of private property under
20 the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United
21 States.

22 **SEC. 108. WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.**

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

25 (1) the Secretary determines that—

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

3 (B) the parties to the compact approved in
4 relation to the area under section 106(b) are
5 not in compliance with the terms of the com-
6 pact;

7 (C) the management entity of the area has
8 not made reasonable and appropriate progress
9 in developing or implementing the management
10 plan approved for the area under section
11 106(b); or

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

17 (2) after making a determination referred to in
18 paragraph (1), the Secretary submits to the Con-
19 gress notification that the American Heritage Area
20 designation of the area should be withdrawn.

21 (b) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before the Secretary makes
22 a determination referred to in subsection (a)(1) regarding
23 an American Heritage Area, the Secretary or a designee
24 shall hold a public hearing within the area.

25 (c) TIME OF WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.—

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

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

10 **SEC. 109. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF FEDERAL AGEN-**
11 **CIES.**

12 (a) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—

13 (1) GRANTS.—(A) The Secretary may make
14 matching grants to provide assistance regarding fea-
15 sibility studies and compacts described in section
16 106(a) and, upon request of the management entity
17 for the relevant American Heritage Area, regarding
18 management plans and early actions described in
19 section 106(a) and capital projects and improve-
20 ments undertaken pursuant to such management
21 plans. The Secretary may make grants under this
22 section to units of government, and, in consultation
23 with affected units of government, to private non-
24 profit organizations. In awarding grants under this
25 section, the Secretary shall be guided by the criteria

1 for eligibility for designation referred to in section
2 105(c).

3 (B) The Secretary may not, as a condition of
4 the award of a grant under this section, require any
5 recipient of such a grant to enact or modify land use
6 restrictions.

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

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

1 (3) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—Nothing in this title
2 shall be deemed to prohibit the Secretary or units of
3 government from providing technical or financial as-
4 sistance under any other provision of law.

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

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

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

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

1 (6) NON-FEDERALLY OWNED PROPERTY.—The
2 Secretary is authorized to spend Federal funds di-
3 rectly on nonfederally owned property to further the
4 purposes of this title, giving priority to assisting
5 units of government in appropriate treatment of dis-
6 tricts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects listed
7 or eligible for listing on the National Register of
8 Historic Places.

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

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

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

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

23 (D) the recommendations of the Secretary
24 regarding areas to be designated by the Con-
25 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 within an Amer-
21 ican Heritage Area, and any unit of government acting
22 pursuant to a grant of Federal funds or a Federal permit
23 or agreement and conducting or supporting such activities,
24 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; and

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 to minimize any
8 real or potential adverse impact on an American
9 Heritage Area.

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

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

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

20 (c) MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY TO LOCAL
21 GOVERNMENTS.—Any management plan referred to in
22 section 106(a) and submitted to the Secretary by the man-
23 agement entity for an American Heritage Area shall be
24 made available to the local governments having jurisdic-
25 tion over land use regulations affecting the American Her-

1 itage Area for the use of the local governments in updating
2 their growth management plans and in the event that such
3 governments desire to amend current land use legislation
4 as they may deem appropriate and in accordance with
5 their legal authority.

6 **SEC. 111. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDIES, COMPACTS, MANAGE-
8 MENT PLANS, AND EARLY ACTIONS.—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 pursuant to section 109(a) and the admin-
13 istration of such grants and assistance, annually not more
14 than \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, with
15 the following conditions:

16 (1) PERCENT OF COST.—No grant under this
17 title for a feasibility study, compact, management
18 plan, or early action may exceed 75 percent of the
19 cost, to the grantee, for such study, compact, plan,
20 or early action.

21 (2) STUDIES.—The total amount of Federal
22 funding under this title for feasibility studies for a
23 proposed American Heritage Area may not exceed
24 \$100,000.

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

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

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

12 (b) MANAGEMENT ENTITY OPERATIONS.—

13 (1) OPERATING COSTS.—From the amounts
14 made available to carry out the National Historic
15 Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), there is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for
17 each management entity of an American Heritage
18 Area, not more than \$250,000 annually for the oper-
19 ating costs of such management entity pursuant to
20 section 107.

21 (2) COST SHARE.—The Federal contribution
22 under this title to the operations of any management
23 entity of an American Heritage Area shall not ex-
24 ceed 50 percent of the annual operating costs of the
25 entity.

1 (c) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—From the amounts
2 made available to carry out the National Historic Preser-
3 vation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), there is authorized
4 to be appropriated to the Secretary, for grants and tech-
5 nical assistance for the implementation of management
6 plans for designated American Heritage Areas and the ad-
7 ministration of such grants and assistance, not more than
8 \$14,500,000 annually, to remain available until expended,
9 with the following conditions:

10 (1) PERCENT OF COST.—No grant under this
11 title for implementation of a management plan may
12 exceed 50 percent of the cost to the grantee of the
13 implementation.

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

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

22 (4) AGREEMENTS.—Any payment made under
23 this subsection shall be subject to an agreement that
24 conversion, use, or disposal of the project so assisted
25 for purposes contrary to the purposes of this title,

1 as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a
2 right of the United States to the greater of—

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

5 (B) the proportion of the increased value
6 of the project attributable to such funds, as de-
7 termined at the time of such conversion, use, or
8 disposal.

9 (d) **LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS FOR TECHNICAL AS-**
10 **SISTANCE.**—The amount of Federal funding made avail-
11 able under this section for technical assistance for an
12 American Heritage Area for a fiscal year may not exceed
13 \$150,000.

14 **SEC. 112. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

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

18 **SEC. 113. REPORT.**

19 The Secretary shall submit to the Congress, every 5
20 years while the authorities contained in this title remain
21 in force, a report on the status and accomplishments of
22 the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program as a
23 whole.

1 **SEC. 114. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

2 Nothing in this title shall be construed to expand or
3 diminish any authorities contained in any law designating
4 an individual National Heritage Area or Corridor before
5 the date of the enactment of this title.

6 **SEC. 115. FISHING AND HUNTING SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

7 (a) **NO DIMINISHMENT OF STATE AUTHORITY.**—The
8 designation of an American Heritage Area shall not dimin-
9 ish the authority of the affected State or States to manage
10 fish and wildlife, including the regulation of fishing and
11 hunting within such Area.

12 (b) **NO CONDITIONING OF APPROVAL AND ASSIST-**
13 **ANCE.**—Limitations on fishing, hunting, or trapping may
14 not be made a condition for the approval of a compact
15 or management plan, the provision of assistance for early
16 actions pursuant to section 106(a)(4), the determination
17 of eligibility for Federal funds, or the receipt, in connec-
18 tion with the American Heritage Area status of an area,
19 of any other form of assistance from the Secretary or
20 other Federal agencies.

21 **TITLE II—DESIGNATION OF**
22 **AMERICAN HERITAGE AREAS**

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

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

1 (1) the rise of American industry in the late
2 19th and 20th centuries led to tremendous growth
3 in the Appalachian coal fields, creating an area of
4 national historic significance in terms of its con-
5 tributions to the industrial revolution, architecture,
6 culture, and diversity;

7 (2) within the Appalachian coal belt, the coal
8 mined in southern West Virginia and in southwest-
9 ern Virginia produced some of the purest and most
10 sought-after coal in the Nation, and the region asso-
11 ciated with this coal contains a rich cultural herit-
12 age;

13 (3) the influx of labor needed to mine coal in
14 this region created a diverse community of African
15 Americans from the south, recent immigrants from
16 southern and southeastern Europe, Americans from
17 northern mining areas, and native Appalachians;

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

23 (5) there is a need to provide assistance to the
24 preservation and promotion of the vestiges of the

1 coal heritage of Appalachia that have outstanding
2 cultural, historic, and architectural value.

3 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purposes of this
4 section are to preserve and interpret, for the educational
5 and inspirational benefit of present and future genera-
6 tions, certain lands and structures with unique and signifi-
7 cant historical and cultural values associated with the coal
8 mining heritage of southern West Virginia and southwest-
9 ern Virginia.

10 (c) DESIGNATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon publication by the
12 Secretary in the Federal Register of notice that a
13 compact meeting the requirements for a compact
14 under section 106(a)(2) has been approved by the
15 Secretary under the procedures referred to in section
16 106(b), there is hereby designated the American
17 Coal Heritage Area (hereinafter in this section re-
18 ferred to as the “Heritage Area”).

19 (2) COMPACT.—The Secretary may not require,
20 as a condition of approving a compact submitted
21 pursuant to this section regarding the Heritage
22 Area, that both the State of West Virginia and the
23 Commonwealth of Virginia sign the compact.

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

1 “Coal Industry National Heritage Area”, numbered
2 CMNHA–80,008, and dated August 1994. The map shall
3 be on file and available for public inspection in the office
4 of the Director of the 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. 202. ESSEX AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

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

17 (1) Essex County, Massachusetts, was host to
18 a series of historic events that influenced the course
19 of the early settlement of the United States, its
20 emergence as a maritime power, and its subsequent
21 industrial development;

22 (2) the North Shore of Essex County and
23 Merrimack River valley contain examples of signifi-
24 cant early American architecture and significant
25 Federal-period architecture, many sites and build-

1 ings associated with the establishment of the mari-
2 time trade in the United States, the site of the
3 witchcraft trials of 1692, the birthplace of successful
4 iron manufacture, and the establishment of the tex-
5 tile and leather industries in and around the cities
6 of Peabody, Beverly, Lynn, Lawrence, and Haver-
7 hill;

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

13 (4) the Saugus Iron Works National Historic
14 Site is the site of the first sustained, integrated iron
15 works in Colonial America, and the technology em-
16 ployed at the Iron Works was dispersed throughout
17 the Colonies and was critical to the development of
18 industry and technology in America;

19 (5) the Salem Maritime National Historic Site
20 contains nationally significant resources that explain
21 the manner in which the Nation was settled, its evo-
22 lution into a maritime power, and its development as
23 a major industrial force, and the story told at the
24 Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National
25 Historic Sites would be greatly enhanced through

1 the interpretation of significant theme-related re-
2 sources in Salem and Saugus and throughout Essex
3 County;

4 (6) partnerships between the private and public
5 sectors have been created and additional partner-
6 ships will be encouraged to preserve the rich cultural
7 heritage of the region, which will stimulate cultural
8 awareness and preservation and economic develop-
9 ment through tourism; and

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

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

19 (1) to designate the Essex American Heritage
20 Area in order to recognize, preserve, promote, inter-
21 pret, and make available for the benefit of the public
22 the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the
23 North Shore and lower Merrimack River valley in
24 Essex County, Massachusetts, which encompass the
25 3 primary themes of the Salem Maritime National

1 Historic site and Saugus Iron Works National His-
2 toric site (the histories of early settlement and in-
3 dustry, maritime trade, and textile and leather man-
4 ufacturing); and

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

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

22 (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-
23 prised of the lands generally depicted on the map num-
24 bered NAR-51-80,000 and dated August 1994. The map

1 shall be on file and available for public inspection in the
2 office of the Director of the National Park Service.

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

12 **SEC. 203. HUDSON RIVER VALLEY AMERICAN HERITAGE**
13 **AREA.**

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

16 (1) the Hudson River Valley between Yonkers,
17 New York, and Troy, New York, possesses impor-
18 tant historical, cultural, and natural resources, rep-
19 resenting themes of settlement and migration, trans-
20 portation, and commerce;

21 (2) the Hudson River Valley played an impor-
22 tant role in the military history of the American
23 Revolution;

24 (3) the Hudson River Valley gave birth to im-
25 portant movements in American art and architecture

1 through the works of Andrew Jackson Downing, Al-
2 exander Jackson Davis, Thomas Cole, and their as-
3 sociates, and played a central role in the recognition
4 of the esthetic values of landscape and the develop-
5 ment of an American esthetic ideal;

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

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

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

21 (B) includes numerous national historic
22 sites and landmarks;

23 (6) the Hudson River Valley is the home of the
24 traditions associated with Dutch and Huguenot set-
25 tlements dating to the 17th and 18th centuries, was

1 the locus of characteristic American stories such as
2 “Rip Van Winkle” and the “Legend of Sleepy Hol-
3 low”, and retains physical, social, and cultural evi-
4 dence of these traditions and the traditions of other
5 more recent ethnic and social groups;

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

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

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

22 (1) to recognize the importance of the history
23 and resources of the Hudson River Valley to the
24 Nation;

1 (2) to assist the State of New York and the
2 communities of the Hudson River Valley in preserv-
3 ing and interpreting these resources for the benefit
4 of the Nation;

5 (3) to maintain agricultural viability and pro-
6 ductivity in the region; and

7 (4) to authorize Federal financial and technical
8 assistance to serve these purposes.

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 Hudson
15 River Valley American Heritage Area (hereinafter in this
16 section referred to as the “Heritage Area”).

17 (d) BOUNDARIES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
19 vided in paragraph (2), the Heritage Area shall be
20 comprised of the lands generally depicted on the
21 map entitled “Hudson River Valley National Herit-
22 age Area”, numbered P50–8002, and dated August
23 1994. The map shall be on file and available for
24 public inspection in the office of the Director of the
25 National Park Service.

1 (2) LOCAL AGREEMENT TO INCLUSION.—Each
2 of the following counties, cities, and towns in the
3 State of New York shall not be included within the
4 boundaries of the Heritage Area unless the govern-
5 ment of such county, city, or town agrees to be so
6 included and submits notification of such agreement
7 to the Secretary:

8 (A) The counties of Greene and Columbia.

9 (B) Any city or town within the county of
10 Greene or Columbia.

11 (C) The counties of Rensselaer and
12 Dutchess.

13 (D) Any city or town (except the town of
14 Hyde Park) within the county of Rensselaer or
15 Dutchess and located entirely within the 22d
16 Congressional District of New York.

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. 204. 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. 205. 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. 206. 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. 207. WHEELING AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

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

9 (1) Wheeling, West Virginia, and its vicinity
10 possess important historical, cultural, and natural
11 resources, representing major heritage themes of
12 transportation, commerce, industry, and Victorian
13 culture in the United States;

14 (2) the city of Wheeling played an important
15 part in the settlement of the Nation by serving as
16 the western terminus of the National Road in the
17 early 1800's, by serving as the Crossroads of Amer-
18 ica throughout the 19th century, by serving as one
19 of the few major inland ports in the United States
20 in the 19th century, and by hosting the establish-
21 ment of the Restored State of Virginia, and later the
22 State of West Virginia during the Civil War years;

23 (3) the city of Wheeling was the first capital of
24 the new State of West Virginia, during the develop-
25 ment and maintenance of many industries crucial to

1 the expansion of the Nation, including iron, steel,
2 and textile manufacturing, boat building, glass man-
3 ufacturing, and stogie and chewing tobacco manu-
4 facturing, many of which are industries that
5 continue to play an important role in the Nation's
6 economy;

7 (4) the city of Wheeling has retained its na-
8 tional heritage themes with the designations of the
9 old custom house, now Independence Hall, as a Na-
10 tional Historic Landmark, with the designation of
11 the historic suspension bridge as a National Historic
12 Landmark, with 5 historic districts, and with many
13 individual properties in the Wheeling area listed on
14 or eligible for nomination to the National Register of
15 Historic Places; and

16 (5) the heritage themes and number and diver-
17 sity of the remaining resources of Wheeling should
18 be appropriately retained, enhanced, and interpreted
19 for the education, benefit, and inspiration of the
20 people of the United States.

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

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

1 (2) to provide a framework to assist the city of
2 Wheeling and other public and private entities and
3 individuals in the appropriate preservation, enhance-
4 ment, and interpretation of resources in the Wheel-
5 ing area that are emblematic of the contributions of
6 Wheeling to the cultural heritage of the Nation; and

7 (3) to allow for limited Federal, State, and local
8 capital contributions for planning and infrastructure
9 investments to create the Wheeling American Herit-
10 age Area, in partnership with the State of West Vir-
11 ginia, the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, and their
12 designees, and to provide for an economically self-
13 sustaining American Heritage Area that will not be
14 dependent on Federal assistance beyond the initial
15 years necessary to establish the American Heritage
16 Area.

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

1 (d) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be com-
2 posed of the lands generally depicted on the map entitled
3 “Boundary Map, Wheeling American Heritage Area, West
4 Virginia”, numbered WHNA–80,005, and dated August
5 1994. The map shall be on file and available for public
6 inspection in the office of the Director of the National
7 Park Service.

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

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
19 appropriated to carry out this section not more
20 than—

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

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

23 and

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

1 (2) LIMITATIONS.—(A) Funds made available
2 pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph
3 (1) for a capital project or for planning and studies
4 regarding a project shall not exceed 50 percent of
5 the total costs of the capital project or project, re-
6 spectively.

7 (B) Funds made available under this section or
8 any other Federal law for the Heritage Area or the
9 Wheeling National Heritage Area (including the
10 Wheeling project) may not exceed \$6,500,000 in the
11 aggregate.

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

15 **TITLE III—STUDIES REGARDING**
16 **POTENTIAL AMERICAN HER-**
17 **ITAGE AREAS**

18 **SEC. 301. OHIO RIVER CORRIDOR.**

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

21 (1) the amenities and resources of the Ohio
22 River, which flows through 6 States from its head-
23 waters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to its
24 confluence with the Mississippi River and comprises
25 a chain of commercial, industrial, historical, archae-

1 ological, natural, recreational, scenic, wildlife, urban,
2 rural, cultural, and economic areas, are of major sig-
3 nificance and importance to the Nation;

4 (2) the national interest is served by—

5 (A) preserving, protecting, and improving
6 such amenities and resources for the benefit of
7 the people of the United States; and

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

10 (3) the preservation, protection, and improve-
11 ment of such amenities and resources are failing to
12 be fully realized despite efforts by the States
13 through which the Ohio flows, political subdivisions
14 of such States, and volunteer associations and pri-
15 vate businesses in such States;

16 (4) existing Federal agency programs are offer-
17 ing insufficient coordination to State and local plan-
18 ning and regulatory authorities to provide for re-
19 source management and economic development in a
20 manner that is consistent with the protection and
21 public use of the amenities and resources of the Cor-
22 ridor; and

23 (5) the Federal Government should assist in the
24 coordination, preservation, and interpretation activi-
25 ties of public and private entities with respect to the

1 significant amenities and resources associated with
2 the Ohio River.

3 (b) STUDY OF OHIO RIVER CORRIDOR.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
5 the date on which funds are made available to carry
6 out this section, the Secretary shall complete a study
7 on the suitability and feasibility of designating the
8 Ohio River corridor, from its headwaters in the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to its confluence
10 with the Mississippi River, as an American Heritage
11 Area.

12 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of
13 the study required by 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. 302. FOX AND LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER CORRIDORS.**

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

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

23 (2) as the connecting route between the Great
24 Lakes and the Mississippi River, the waterway was
25 critical to the opening of the Northwest Territory

1 and served as a major artery in bringing commerce
2 to the interior of the United States and providing
3 a vital communication link for early explorers, mis-
4 sionaries, and fur traders;

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

10 (4) the unique aspects of the waterway, from
11 the heavily developed portions of the Fox River to
12 the pristine expanses of the Lower Wisconsin River,
13 should be studied to determine the suitability and
14 feasibility of the waterway for designation as an
15 American Heritage Area.

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

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

23 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of
24 the study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
25 shall submit a report describing the results of the

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

4 **SEC. 303. NORTHERN FRONTIER.**

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

7 (1) the area comprising Tryon County, in the
8 Mohawk Valley of the State of New York, and the
9 Country of the Six Nations (Iroquois Confederacy),
10 known during the American Revolutionary War pe-
11 riod as the “Northern Frontier”, offers excellent op-
12 portunities to study a little known or understood as-
13 pect of the American Revolution—the frontier expe-
14 rience;

15 (2) the Northern Frontier territory was ex-
16 tremely valuable to both sides of the American Revo-
17 lutionary War and was contested because of its geo-
18 political, military, agricultural, transportation, and
19 commercial attributes;

20 (3) because a complex social, economic, and po-
21 litical society was emerging on the Northern Fron-
22 tier, the Continental Congress established the North-
23 ern Indian Department to conduct affairs there, and
24 the English made the area, and its Indian popu-

1 lation, the centerpiece of the English strategy to
2 split the colonies;

3 (4) due to the struggle to control the Northern
4 Frontier, privation and hardship were inflicted upon
5 nearly all who lived there, a diverse mix of ethnic
6 and racial groups willingly and unwillingly thrust
7 into the struggle for independence, leaving many
8 dead, homeless, orphaned, or dislocated by the end
9 of the hostilities;

10 (5) the tensions on the Northern Frontier
11 reached such a pitch that hostilities erupted, pitting
12 neighbors, families, tribes, and clans against each
13 other, and led to a bloody, savage, and destructive
14 battle;

15 (6) new interpretations and interdisciplinary
16 studies of this human drama are not only necessary,
17 but timely because of the abundant supply of assets
18 in the area, including sites, buildings, celebrations,
19 folklore, and collections, many safely preserved and
20 many at risk; and

21 (7) if these Northern Frontier assets can be
22 thematically related and portrayed for the education
23 and enjoyment of Americans and foreign visitors, an
24 important and often overlooked chapter in the herit-

1 age of the Nation will be displayed for the benefit
2 and edification of all peoples.

3 (b) STUDY.—

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

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

17 **TITLE IV—BLACKSTONE RIVER**
18 **VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE**
19 **CORRIDOR AMENDMENTS**

20 **SEC. 401. BOUNDARIES, COMMISSION, AND REVISION OF**
21 **PLAN.**

22 (a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 2(a) of the Act entitled
23 “An Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley National
24 Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”,
25 approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 100

1 Stat. 3625), is amended by striking the first sentence and
2 inserting the following new sentence: “The boundaries
3 shall include the lands and waters generally depicted on
4 the map entitled ‘Blackstone River Valley National Herit-
5 age Corridor Boundary Map’, numbered BRV–80–80,011,
6 and dated May 2, 1993.”.

7 (b) COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.—(1) Section 3 of the
8 Act entitled “An Act to establish the Blackstone River
9 Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and
10 Rhode Island”, approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law
11 99–647; 100 Stat. 3625), is amended—

12 (A) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
13 lows:

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

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

18 “(B) 5 individuals appointed by the Secretary
19 after consideration of recommendations from the
20 Governor of Rhode Island;

21 “(C) 5 individuals appointed by the Secretary
22 after consideration of recommendations from the
23 Governor of Massachusetts;

1 “(D) 4 individuals appointed by the Secretary
2 to represent the interests of local government in the
3 State of Rhode Island; and

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

7 “(2) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in
8 the manner in which the original appointment was made.”;
9 and

10 (B) in subsection (c), by inserting immediately
11 before the period at the end the following: “, but
12 may continue to serve until a successor has been
13 appointed”.

14 (2) Paragraph (1) shall take effect upon the expira-
15 tion of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

17 (c) REVISION OF PLAN.—Section 6 of the Act enti-
18 tled “An Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley Na-
19 tional Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Is-
20 land”, approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99-647;
21 100 Stat. 3625), is amended by adding at the end the
22 following new subsection:

23 “(d) REVISION OF PLAN.—(1) Not later than 1 year
24 after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the
25 Commission shall revise the Cultural Heritage and Land

1 Management Plan submitted under subsection (a) and
2 shall submit the revised plan to the Secretary and the Gov-
3 ernors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for approval
4 under the procedures referred to in subsection (b). The
5 revision shall address any change in the boundaries of the
6 Corridor that occurs after the submission of the plan re-
7 quired by subsection (a) and shall include a natural re-
8 source inventory of areas or features that should be pro-
9 tected, restored, or managed because of the natural and
10 cultural significance of the areas or features.

11 “(2) No changes other than minor boundary revisions
12 may be made in the plan approved under subsection (b)
13 and revised under paragraph (1) of this subsection, unless
14 the Secretary approves such changes. The Secretary shall
15 approve or disapprove any proposed change in the plan,
16 except minor revisions, in accordance with subsection
17 (b).”.

18 (d) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—Section 7 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. 3630), is amended to read as follows:

23 “TERMINATION OF COMMISSION

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

1 **SEC. 402. IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.**

2 Section 8(c) of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
3 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
4 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
5 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 100 Stat. 3630), is amend-
6 ed to read as follows:

7 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) To assist in the imple-
8 mentation of the Cultural Heritage and Land Manage-
9 ment Plan, submitted and revised under section 6, in a
10 manner consistent with the purposes of this Act, and to
11 assist in the preservation and restoration of structures on
12 or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of His-
13 toric Places, the Secretary is authorized to provide funds
14 for projects in the Corridor that exhibit national signifi-
15 cance or provide a wide spectrum of historic, recreational,
16 environmental, educational, or interpretive opportunities,
17 without regard to whether the projects are in public or
18 private ownership. Applications for funds under this sec-
19 tion shall be made to the Secretary through the Commis-
20 sion. Each such application shall include the recommenda-
21 tion of the Commission and its findings regarding the
22 manner in which the project proposed to be funded will
23 further the purposes of this Act.

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

1 “(A) a 10-year development plan including the
2 resource protection needs and projects critical to
3 maintaining or interpreting the distinctive character
4 of the Corridor; and

5 “(B) specific descriptions of any projects that
6 have been identified and of the participating parties,
7 roles, cost estimates, cost-sharing, or cooperative
8 agreements necessary to carry out the development
9 plan.

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

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

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

19 “(A) to convey a conservation or preservation
20 easement to the Department of Environmental Man-
21 agement or to the Historic Preservation Commis-
22 sion, as appropriate, of the State in which the real
23 property or structure is located; or

24 “(B) that upon conversion, use, or disposal of
25 the real property or structure for purposes contrary

1 to the purposes of this Act, the recipient of the pay-
2 ment, or the successors or assigns of the recipient,
3 shall pay to the United States the greater of—

4 “(i) the total of all Federal funds made
5 available for conservation or restoration of the
6 real property or structure, reduced pro rata
7 over the useful life of the improvements funded;
8 and

9 “(ii) the increased value attributable to
10 such funds, as determined at the time of the
11 conversion, use, or disposal.

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

16 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 Section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
18 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
19 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
20 10, 1986 (Public Law 99-647; 100 Stat. 3630), is
21 amended—

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

24 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(b) DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.—There is authorized to
2 be appropriated to carry out section 8 for fiscal years be-
3 ginning after September 30, 1994, not more than
4 \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, to remain available until
5 expended.”.

6 **TITLE V—BRAMWELL NATIONAL**
7 **HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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

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

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

13 (2) the town of Bramwell, West Virginia, pos-
14 sesses remarkable and outstanding historical, cul-
15 tural, and architectural values relating to the coal
16 mining heritage of southern West Virginia; and

17 (3) it is in the national interest to preserve the
18 unique character of the town of Bramwell, West Vir-
19 ginia, and to enhance the historical, cultural, and ar-
20 chitectural values associated with its coal mining
21 heritage.

22 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purpose of this
23 section is to encourage the preservation, restoration, and
24 interpretation of the historical, cultural, and architectural
25 values of the town of Bramwell, West Virginia.

1 (c) DESIGNATION.—In order to preserve, protect, re-
2 store, and interpret the unique historical, cultural, and ar-
3 chitectural values of Bramwell, West Virginia, there is
4 hereby designated the Bramwell National Historic District
5 (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Historic
6 District”). The Historic District shall consist of the lands
7 and interest therein within the corporate limits of the town
8 of Bramwell, West Virginia.

9 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

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

14 (2) RATIO OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—Funds
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for
16 the purposes of this subsection shall be expended in
17 the ratio of 1 dollar of Federal funds for each dollar
18 contributed by non-Federal sources. With the ap-
19 proval of the Secretary, any donation of land, serv-
20 ices, or goods from a non-Federal source, fairly val-
21 ued, may be considered as a contribution of dollars
22 from a non-Federal source for the purposes of this
23 subsection.

24 (3) AGREEMENTS REGARDING PAYMENTS.—Any
25 payment made by the Secretary pursuant to a coop-

1 erative agreement under this subsection shall be sub-
 2 ject to an agreement that conversion, use, or dis-
 3 posal of the project so assisted for any purpose con-
 4 trary to the purpose of this section, as determined
 5 by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the Unit-
 6 ed States to the greater of—

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

9 (B) the proportion of the increased value
 10 of the project attributable to such funds, as de-
 11 termined at the time of the conversion, use, or
 12 disposal.

13 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 14 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this
 15 section.

16 **TITLE VI—SOUTHWESTERN**
 17 **PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN**
 18 **HERITAGE AREA AMEND-**
 19 **MENTS**

20 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 602. DESIGNATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**
2 **AMERICAN HERITAGE AREA.**

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

8 **“TITLE III—SOUTHWESTERN**
9 **PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN**
10 **HERITAGE AREA**

11 **“SEC. 301. DESIGNATION.**

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

16 **“SEC. 302. CLASSIFICATION.**

17 “The Southwestern Pennsylvania American Heritage
18 Area shall not be considered to be an American Heritage
19 Area for purposes of the American Heritage Areas Part-
20 nership Program Act of 1994 or the American Heritage
21 Areas Partnership Program established by section 105(a)
22 of such Act.”.

23 **SEC. 603. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

24 Section 103(h)(3) of the Act entitled “An Act to es-
25 tablish in the Department of the Interior the Southwest-
26 ern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and

1 for other purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102
2 Stat. 4618), is amended by inserting “or an appropriate
3 private nonprofit organization exempt from income taxes
4 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
5 1986,” after “public agency,”.

6 **SEC. 604. FEDERAL PARTICIPATION.**

7 Section 105 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
8 in the Department of the Interior the Southwestern Penn-
9 sylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for other
10 purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.
11 4618), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 “(2) The Secretary shall approve or disapprove any
2 management plan or scope and cost document submitted
3 under paragraph (1) not later than 90 days after receiving
4 such plan or document. If the Secretary disapproves the
5 submitted management plan or scope and cost document,
6 the Secretary shall advise the Commission in writing of
7 the reasons therefor and shall make recommendations for
8 revisions in the plan or document. The Secretary shall ap-
9 prove or disapprove a proposed revision to such a plan
10 or document within 90 days after the date on which the
11 proposed revision is submitted to the Secretary.

12 “(b) LOANS, GRANTS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
13 USING FEDERAL FUNDS.—The Commission may not
14 make loans or grants involving Federal funds under sec-
15 tion 104 except as provided in this subsection. The Sec-
16 retary may provide a loan, a grant, or technical assistance,
17 for the purpose described in section 104, pursuant to an
18 application made to the Secretary through the Commis-
19 sion in accordance with procedures required by the Sec-
20 retary. Each such application shall include the findings
21 of the Commission regarding the manner in which the pro-
22 posed loan, grant, or technical assistance will further the
23 purpose of this Act. Each such application shall also in-
24 clude the recommendations of the Commission regarding
25 the proposed loan, grant, or technical assistance. The Sec-

1 retary may approve such an application only if the Federal
2 funds provided pursuant to the application will be used
3 in a manner that is generally consistent with Federal law
4 relating to the type of project or activity to be funded,
5 as determined by the Secretary. Federal funds made avail-
6 able for loans or grants pursuant to section 104 or this
7 subsection may be used to provide for the preservation or
8 restoration of historic properties in an amount not to ex-
9 ceed \$100,000 for each project so assisted.

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

15 “(2) Federal funds made available under this Act
16 after the date of the enactment of this section with respect
17 to a project may be used only for planning and design
18 with respect to the project, except that such funds may
19 be used to complete construction commenced before such
20 date regarding Saltsburg Canal Park or West Overton
21 Village.

22 “(3) The total amount of Federal assistance provided
23 under this section for a project in any fiscal year may not
24 exceed 20 percent of the total amount of Federal funds

1 made available for that fiscal year for the Southwestern
2 Pennsylvania National Heritage Area.

3 “(4) Federal funds made available under this title
4 with respect to a project may not exceed 50 percent of
5 the total costs of the project. In making such funds avail-
6 able, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects that
7 provide a greater leverage of Federal funds. Any payment
8 made under section 104 or 105 shall be subject to an
9 agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the project
10 so assisted for any purpose contrary to the purpose of this
11 Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a right
12 of the United States to the greater of—

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

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

18 “(5) No Federal funds made available to carry out
19 this Act for fiscal years beginning after September 30,
20 1995, may be used to provide operational or maintenance
21 support with respect to any building, site, or structure
22 that is not owned by the Federal Government, except the
23 Railroaders Memorial Museum, Saltsburg Canal Park,
24 and West Overton Village. Such funds for the Railroaders
25 Memorial Museum, Saltsburg Canal Park, and West

1 Overton Village may not exceed \$200,000 annually, in the
2 aggregate.

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

7 “(7) The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the
8 use of Federal funds made available pursuant to this title
9 within 30 days after application for such funds by the
10 Commission.”.

11 **SEC. 605. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.**

12 Section 104(b) of the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
13 lish in the Department of the Interior the Southwestern
14 Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for
15 other purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.
16 4618), is amended—

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

19 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
20 lowing: “Funds made available for a fiscal year to
21 carry out this Act may not be obligated for that fis-
22 cal year until the report required for the preceding
23 fiscal year by the preceding sentence is submitted to
24 the Congress.”.

1 **SEC. 606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Title I of the Act entitled “An Act to establish in
3 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 by adding at the end the following new
7 section:

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

9 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the
10 Secretary to carry out this Act the following:

11 “(1) For each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997,
12 and 1998, \$1,000,000 for planning and design,
13 \$1,600,000 for construction, \$600,000 for grants
14 and loans, and \$400,000 for the operations of the
15 Commission.

16 “(2) For that portion of fiscal year 1999 that
17 occurs before the Commission ceases to exist under
18 section 104(e), \$250,000 for planning and design,
19 \$400,000 for construction, \$150,000 for grants and
20 loans, and \$100,000 for the operations of the Com-
21 mission.”.

22 **SEC. 607. PATH OF PROGRESS.**

23 Title II of the Act entitled “An Act to establish in
24 the Department of the Interior the Southwestern Penn-
25 sylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, and for other

1 purposes”, approved November 19, 1988 (102 Stat.
2 4618), is amended as follows:

3 (1) By amending the heading of the title to
4 read as follows:

5 **“TITLE II—PATH OF PROGRESS”.**

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

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

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

17 **TITLE VII—BUY AMERICAN**
18 **POLICY**

19 **SEC. 701. PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND**
20 **PRODUCTS.**

21 (a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
22 Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equip-
23 ment and products purchased with funds made available
24 under this Act should be American-made.

1 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In using funds made
2 available under this Act to provide financial assistance to,
3 or enter into any contract with, any entity, the Secretary,
4 to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to the en-
5 tity a notice describing the statement made by the Con-
6 gress in subsection (a).

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