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To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. GEJDENSON (for himself and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCE.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Herit-
6 age Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

7 (b) **REFERENCE.**—Whenever in this Act a section or
8 other provision is amended or repealed, such amendment
9 or repeal shall be considered to be made to that section
10 or other provision of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers

1 Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (Public
2 Law 103–449; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Section 102 of the Act is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the
6 Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of
7 Connecticut”;

8 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
9 paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)
10 through (8), respectively; and

11 (3) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
12 inserting “New Haven,” after “Hartford,”.

13 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET**
14 **RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
15 **RIDOR; PURPOSE.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 103(a) of the Act is
17 amended by inserting “and the Commonwealth of Massa-
18 chusetts” after “State of Connecticut”.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—Section 103(b) of the Act is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 “(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to pro-
22 vide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Com-
23 monwealth of Massachusetts, their units of local and re-
24 gional government and citizens in the development and im-
25 plementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic, see-

1 nic, recreational, land, and other resource management
2 programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the
3 significant features of the lands, water, structures, and
4 history of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.”.

5 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

6 (a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 104(a) of the Act is
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “Union,” after “Thompson,”;
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after “Woodstock” the fol-
11 lowing: “in the State of Connecticut, and the towns
12 of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, E. Brookfield, Hol-
13 land, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster
14 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which are
15 contiguous areas in the Quinebaug and Shetucket
16 Rivers Valley, related by shared natural, cultural,
17 historic, and scenic resources”.

18 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 104 of the Act is
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Corridor shall be man-
21 aged by Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., in
22 accordance with the management plan, in consultation
23 with the Governors of the State of Connecticut and the
24 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”.

1 **SEC. 5. STATES CORRIDOR PLAN.**

2 Section 105 of the Act is amended—

3 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

4 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
5 section (a);

6 (3) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated)—

7 (A) by striking the first sentence and in-
8 serting the following: “The management entity
9 shall implement the management plan.”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “identi-
11 fied pursuant to the inventory required by sec-
12 tion 5(a)(1)”;

13 (4) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(b) GRANTS AND LOANS.—The management entity
15 may, for the purposes of implementing the management
16 plan, make grants or loans to the State of Connecticut
17 and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political
18 subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons to
19 further the goals set forth in the management plan.”.

20 **SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

21 Section 106 of the Act is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “(a) ASSISTANCE.—”;

24 (B) by striking “Governor” each place it
25 appears and inserting “management entity”;

26 (C) by striking “preparation and”; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:
2 “Such assistance shall include providing funds
3 authorized under section 109 and technical as-
4 sistance necessary to carry out this Act.”; and
5 (2) by striking subsection (b).

6 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

7 Section 107 of the Act is amended by striking “Gov-
8 ernor” and inserting “management entity”.

9 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

10 Section 108 of the Act is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the pe-
12 riod the following: “and the Commonwealth of Mas-
13 sachusetts”.

14 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the pe-
15 riod the following: “and the Governor of the Com-
16 monwealth of Massachusetts”;

17 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “each of” and
18 all that follows and inserting the following: “the
19 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments,
20 the Windham Regional Council of Governments, and
21 the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Govern-
22 ments in Connecticut, (or their successors), and the
23 Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and
24 the Southern Worcester County Regional Planning

1 Commission (or their successors) in Massachu-
2 setts.”; and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) The term ‘management plan’ means the
5 document approved by the Governor of the State of
6 Connecticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by
7 the management entity, entitled ‘Vision to Reality: A
8 Management Plan’, the management plan for the
9 Corridor, as it may be amended or replaced from
10 time to time.

11 “(7) The term ‘management entity’ means
12 Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-
13 for-profit corporation incorporated in the State of
14 Connecticut (or its successor).”.

15 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 109 of the Act is amended to read as follows:

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18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
19 priated under this title not more than \$1,500,000 for any
20 fiscal year. Not more than a total of \$15,000,000 may
21 be appropriated for the Area under this title.

22 “(b) 50 PERCENT MATCH.—Federal funding pro-
23 vided under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the
24 total cost of any assistance or grant provided or author-
25 ized under this title.”.

1 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) LONG TITLE.—The long title of the Act is amend-
3 ed to read as follows: “An Act to establish the Quinebaug
4 and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor
5 in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of
6 Massachusetts, and for other purposes.”; and

7 (b) HEADING.—The heading for section 110 of the
8 Act is amended by striking “**SERVICE**” and inserting
9 “**SYSTEM**”.

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