

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 574

To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Quinebaug and
5 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor
6 Amendments Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) thousands of individuals, hundreds of non-
4 profit organizations, businesses, and local and re-
5 gional organizations, 35 towns, and 2 States have
6 worked to preserve and enhance the significant nat-
7 ural, historic, cultural, and scenic resources of the
8 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
9 Heritage Corridor, an area which is commonly
10 known as “The Last Green Valley”;

11 (2) the Green Valley Institute, a partnership
12 between the University of Connecticut and the coop-
13 erative extension system of the University of Massa-
14 chusetts, has significantly improved the information
15 base available to the primarily volunteer municipal
16 officers that are responsible for making land use and
17 natural resource conservation decisions with respect
18 to The Last Green Valley;

19 (3) during the 3 years preceding the date of en-
20 actment of this Act, the Green Valley Institute was
21 recognized with a total of 8 State or national awards
22 for public education;

23 (4) significant historic structures have been
24 identified and restored under the programs carried
25 out in the Heritage Corridor;

1 (5) museums, attractions, landscapes, and busi-
2 nesses in the Heritage Corridor have been assembled
3 into cohesive interpretive projects that tell the sto-
4 ries of The Last Green Valley for residents and
5 tourists;

6 (6) as part of the vision to sustain the tradi-
7 tional land-based economy of the region, the Herit-
8 age Corridor has—

9 (A) developed agritourism and continuing
10 education programs for the region; and

11 (B) collected and analyzed data relating to
12 the vision;

13 (7) recreational tourism has been enhanced by
14 the many trails, greenways, river access, and inter-
15 pretive projects in the Heritage Corridor;

16 (8) 8 of the 35 municipal governments within
17 the Heritage Corridor have signed a voluntary and
18 nonbinding community compact in which govern-
19 ments—

20 (A) accept the goals and objectives of the
21 management plan for the Heritage Corridor;
22 and

23 (B) formalize the commitment of the gov-
24 ernments to balance conservation and growth

1 and the collective vision of the governments for
2 the watershed;

3 (9) during the past 10 years the Heritage Cor-
4 ridor has consistently leveraged an average of \$16
5 for every Federal dollar invested in the Heritage
6 Corridor; and

7 (10) reauthorizing the Heritage Corridor would
8 leverage significant multiyear commitments towards
9 self-sufficiency for the programs and projects that
10 are fulfilling the mission of the Heritage Corridor.

11 **SEC. 3. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NA-**
12 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

13 (a) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 106(b)
14 of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
15 Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Pub-
16 lic Law 103–449) is amended by striking “September 30,
17 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
19 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Na-
20 tional Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;
21 Public Law 103–449) is amended by striking
22 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”.

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