

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# **H. R. 4003**

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## **AN ACT**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, 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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Hudson River Valley  
5 Special Resource Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9       the Secretary of the Interior.

10          (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”—

11           (A) means the portion of the Hudson River  
12       that flows from Rodgers Island at Fort Edward  
13       to the southern-most boundary of Westchester  
14       County, New York; and

15           (B) includes any relevant sites and land-  
16       scapes within the counties in New York that  
17       abut the area described in subparagraph (A).

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.**

19       (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as funds are made avail-  
20       able for this purpose, the Secretary shall complete a spe-  
21       cial resource study of the Hudson River Valley in the State  
22       of New York to evaluate—

23           (1) the national significance of the area; and

24           (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating  
25       the area as a unit of the National Park System.

1 (b) STUDY GUIDELINES.—In conducting the study  
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

3 (1) use the criteria for the study of areas for  
4 potential inclusion in the National Park System in  
5 accordance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383  
6 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c));

7 (2) determine the effect of the designation of  
8 the area as a unit of the National Park System on  
9 existing commercial and recreational activities, in-  
10 cluding but not limited to hunting, fishing, trapping,  
11 recreational shooting, motor boat use, off-highway  
12 vehicle use, snowmobile use, and on the authoriza-  
13 tion, construction, operation, maintenance, or im-  
14 provement of energy production and transmission in-  
15 frastructure, and the effect on the authority of State  
16 and local governments to manage those activities;

17 (3) identify any authorities that will compel or  
18 permit the Secretary to influence local land use deci-  
19 sions (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-  
20 Federal land if the area is designated a unit of the  
21 National Park System; and

22 (4) closely examine park unit models, in par-  
23 ticular national river and recreation areas, as well as  
24 other landscape protection models, that—

1 (A) encompass large areas of non-Federal  
2 lands within their designated boundaries;

3 (B) foster public and private collaborative  
4 arrangements for achieving National Park Serv-  
5 ice objectives; and

6 (C) protect and respect the rights of pri-  
7 vate land owners.

8 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

9 Not later than 36 months after the date that funds  
10 are first made available for this purpose, the Secretary  
11 shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of  
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
13 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the  
14 findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study  
15 authorized by this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives March 19,  
2010.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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