

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1286

AN ACT

To establish the Southern Campaign of the Revolution
National Heritage Corridor, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Southern Campaign
3 of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor Act of
4 2021”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—The
8 term “National Heritage Corridor” means the
9 Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Her-
10 itage Corridor established by section 3(a).

11 (2) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The term
12 “Local Coordinating Entity” means the local coordi-
13 nating entity for the National Heritage Corridor.

14 (3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-
15 ment plan” means the management plan for the Na-
16 tional Heritage Corridor required under section 5(a).

17 (4) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
18 titled “Southern Campaign of the Revolution Pro-
19 posed National Heritage Corridor”, numbered 257/
20 177,271, and dated September 2021.

21 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of the Interior.

23 (6) STATES.—The term “States” means the
24 States of South Carolina and North Carolina.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE**
2 **REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
3 **RIDOR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Southern
5 Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor
6 in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, as
7 generally depicted on the map.

8 (b) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The University
9 of South Carolina shall serve as the local coordinating en-
10 tity for the National Heritage Corridor.

11 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

12 (a) AUTHORITIES.—For purposes of carrying out the
13 management plan for the National Heritage Corridor, the
14 Secretary acting through the local coordinating entity may
15 use amounts made available under this Act—

16 (1) to make grants to the States or a political
17 subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes, nonprofit
18 organizations, and other persons;

19 (2) to enter into cooperative agreements with,
20 or provide technical assistance to, the States or a
21 political subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes,
22 nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties;

23 (3) to hire and compensate staff, which shall in-
24 clude individuals with expertise in natural, cultural,
25 and historical resources protection and heritage pro-
26 gramming;

1 (4) to obtain money or services from any
2 source, including any money or services that are pro-
3 vided under any other Federal law or program, pro-
4 vided that any money specifically authorized for Na-
5 tional Heritage areas shall be subject to a 50 per-
6 cent cost-share requirement;

7 (5) to contract for goods or services; and

8 (6) to undertake or be a catalyst for any other
9 activity that furthers the purposes of the National
10 Heritage Corridor and is consistent with the ap-
11 proved management plan.

12 (b) DUTIES.—The local coordinating entity for the
13 National Heritage Corridor shall—

14 (1) in accordance with section 5, prepare and
15 submit a management plan for the National Herit-
16 age Corridor to the Secretary;

17 (2) assist Federal agencies, the States or a po-
18 litical subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes, re-
19 gional planning organizations, nonprofit organiza-
20 tions, and other interested parties in carrying out
21 the approved management plan by—

22 (A) carrying out programs and projects
23 that recognize, protect, and enhance important
24 resource values in the National Heritage Cor-
25 ridor;

1 (B) establishing and maintaining interpre-
2 tive exhibits and programs in the National Her-
3 itage Corridor;

4 (C) developing recreational, interpretive,
5 and educational opportunities in the National
6 Heritage Corridor;

7 (D) increasing public awareness of, and
8 appreciation for, natural, historical, scenic, and
9 cultural resources of the National Heritage Cor-
10 ridor;

11 (E) protecting and restoring historic sites
12 and buildings in the National Heritage Corridor
13 that are consistent with the themes of the Na-
14 tional Heritage Corridor;

15 (F) ensuring that clear, consistent, and ap-
16 propriate signs identifying points of public ac-
17 cess and sites of interest are posted throughout
18 the National Heritage Corridor; and

19 (G) promoting a wide range of partner-
20 ships among the Federal Government, State,
21 Tribal, and local governments, organizations,
22 and individuals to further the purposes of the
23 National Heritage Corridor;

24 (3) consider the interests of diverse units of
25 government, businesses, organizations, and individ-

1 uals in the National Heritage Corridor in the prepa-
2 ration and implementation of the management plan;

3 (4) conduct meetings open to the public not less
4 frequently than semiannually regarding the develop-
5 ment and implementation of the management plan;
6 and

7 (5) for any year that Federal funds have been
8 received under this Act—

9 (A) submit to the Secretary an annual re-
10 port that describes the activities, expenses, and
11 income of the local coordinating entity (includ-
12 ing grants to any other entities during the year
13 that the report is made);

14 (B) make available to the Secretary for
15 audit all records relating to the expenditure of
16 the funds and any matching funds; and

17 (C) encourage by appropriate means eco-
18 nomic viability that is consistent with the Na-
19 tional Heritage Corridor.

20 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE ACQUISITION OF REAL
21 PROPERTY.—The local coordinating entity shall not use
22 Federal funds to acquire real property or any interest in
23 real property.

1 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the local coordinating entity
4 shall submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed
5 management plan for the National Heritage Corridor.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan shall—

7 (1) incorporate an integrated and cooperative
8 approach for the protection, enhancement, and inter-
9 pretation of the natural, cultural, historic, scenic,
10 and recreational resources of the National Heritage
11 Corridor;

12 (2) take into consideration Federal, State, local,
13 and Tribal plans and treaty rights;

14 (3) include—

15 (A) an inventory of—

16 (i) the resources located in the Na-
17 tional Heritage Corridor; and

18 (ii) any other property in the National
19 Heritage Corridor that—

20 (I) is related to the themes of the
21 National Heritage Corridor; and

22 (II) should be preserved, re-
23 stored, managed, or maintained be-
24 cause of the significations of the prop-
25 erty;

1 (B) comprehensive policies, strategies, and
2 recommendations for conservation, funding,
3 management, and development of the National
4 Heritage Corridor;

5 (C) a description of the actions that the
6 Federal Government, State, Tribal, and local
7 governments, private organizations, and individ-
8 uals have agreed to take to protect the natural,
9 historical, cultural, scenic, and recreational re-
10 sources of the National Heritage Corridor;

11 (D) a program of implementation for the
12 management plan by the local coordinating en-
13 tity that includes a description of—

14 (i) actions to facilitate ongoing col-
15 laboration among partners to promote
16 plans for resource protection, restoration,
17 and construction; and

18 (ii) specific commitments for imple-
19 mentation that have been made by the
20 local coordinating entity or any unit of
21 government, organization, or individual for
22 the first 5 years of operation;

23 (E) the identification of sources of funding
24 for carrying out the management plan;

1 (F) analysis and recommendations for
2 means by which Federal, State, local, and Trib-
3 al programs, including the role of the National
4 Park Service in the Corridor, may best be co-
5 ordinated to carry out this Act; and

6 (G) an interpretative plan for the National
7 Heritage Corridor; and

8 (4) recommend policies and strategies for re-
9 source management that consider and detail the ap-
10 plication of appropriate land and water management
11 techniques, including the development of intergov-
12 ernmental and interagency cooperative agreements
13 to protect the natural, historical, cultural, edu-
14 cational, scenic, and recreational resources of the
15 National Heritage Corridor.

16 (c) DEADLINE.—If a proposed management plan is
17 not submitted to the Secretary by the date that is 3 years
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the local coordi-
19 nating entity shall be ineligible to receive additional fund-
20 ing under this Act until the date that the Secretary re-
21 ceives and approves the management plan.

22 (d) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT
23 PLAN.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of receipt of the management plan

1 under section 5, the Secretary, in consultation with
2 States and Tribal governments, shall approve or dis-
3 approve the management plan.

4 (2) CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.—In determining
5 whether to approve the management plan, the Sec-
6 retary shall consider whether—

7 (A) the local coordinating entity is rep-
8 resentative of the diverse interests of the Na-
9 tional Heritage Corridor, including Federal,
10 State, Tribal, and local governments, natural
11 and historic resources protection organizations,
12 educational institutions, businesses, recreational
13 organizations;

14 (B) the local coordinating entity has af-
15 forded adequate opportunity, including public
16 hearings, for public and governmental involve-
17 ment in the preparation of the management
18 plan; and

19 (C) the resource preservation and interpre-
20 tation strategies contained in the management
21 plan would adequately protect the natural, his-
22 torical, and cultural resources of the National
23 Heritage Corridor.

1 (3) ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.—If the
2 Secretary disapproves the management plan, the
3 Secretary shall—

4 (A) advise the local coordinating entity in
5 writing of the reasons for the disapproval;

6 (B) make recommendations for revisions to
7 the management plan; and

8 (C) not later than 180 days after the re-
9 ceipt of any proposed revision of the manage-
10 ment plan from the local coordinating entity,
11 approve or disapprove the proposed revision.

12 (4) AMENDMENTS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ap-
14 prove or disapprove each amendment to the
15 management plan that the Secretary determines
16 make a substantial change to the management
17 plan.

18 (B) USE OF FUNDS.—The local coordi-
19 nating entity shall not use Federal funds to
20 carry out any amendments to the management
21 plan until the Secretary has approved the
22 amendments.

1 **SEC. 6. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act affects the au-
3 thority of a Federal agency to provide technical or finan-
4 cial assistance under any other law.

5 (b) CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.—The head
6 of any Federal agency planning to conduct activities that
7 may have an impact on the National Heritage Corridor
8 is encouraged to consult and coordinate the activities with
9 the Secretary and the local coordinating entity to the max-
10 imum extent practicable.

11 (c) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Nothing in this
12 section—

13 (1) modifies, alters, or amends any law or regu-
14 lation authorizing a Federal agency to manage Fed-
15 eral land under the jurisdiction of the Federal agen-
16 cy;

17 (2) limits the discretion of a Federal land man-
18 ager to implement an approved land use plan within
19 the boundaries of the National Heritage Corridor; or

20 (3) modifies, alters, or amends any authorized
21 use of Federal land under the jurisdiction of a Fed-
22 eral agency.

23 **SEC. 7. PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTEC-**
24 **TIONS.**

25 Nothing in this Act—

1 (1) abridges the rights of any property owner
2 (whether public or private), including the right to re-
3 frain from participating in any plan, project, pro-
4 gram, or activity conducted within the National Her-
5 itage Corridor;

6 (2) requires any property owner—

7 (A) to permit public access (including ac-
8 cess by Federal, State, or local agencies) to the
9 property of the property owner; or

10 (B) to modify public access or use of prop-
11 erty of the property owner under any other
12 Federal, State, or local law;

13 (3) alters any duly adopted land use regulation,
14 approved land use plan, or other regulatory author-
15 ity of any Federal, State, Tribal, or local agency;

16 (4) conveys any land use or other regulatory
17 authority to the local coordinating entity;

18 (5) authorizes or implies the reservation or ap-
19 propriation of water or water rights;

20 (6) enlarges or diminishes the treaty rights of
21 any Indian Tribe within the National Heritage Cor-
22 ridor;

23 (7) diminishes—

24 (A) the authority of the States to manage
25 fish and wildlife, including the regulation of

1 fishing and hunting, within the National Herit-
2 age Corridor; or

3 (B) the authority of Indian Tribes to regu-
4 late members of Indian Tribes with respect to
5 fishing, hunting, and gathering in the exercise
6 of treaty rights; or

7 (8) creates any liability, or affects any liability
8 under any other law, of any private property owner
9 with respect to any person injured on the private
10 property.

11 **SEC. 8. EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the National Heritage Cor-
13 ridor, not later than 3 years before the date specified
14 under section 9, the Secretary shall—

15 (1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-
16 ments of the National Heritage Corridor; and

17 (2) prepare a report in accordance with sub-
18 section (c).

19 (b) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted under
20 subsection (a)(1) shall—

21 (1) assess the progress of the local coordinating
22 entity with respect to—

23 (A) accomplishing the purposes of the Na-
24 tional Heritage Corridor; and

1 (B) achieving the goals and objectives of
2 the approved management plan for the National
3 Heritage Corridor;

4 (2) analyze the investments of the Federal Gov-
5 ernment, State, Tribal, and local governments, and
6 private entities in the National Heritage Corridor to
7 determine the impact of the investments; and

8 (3) review the management structure, partner-
9 ship relationships, and funding of the National Her-
10 itage Corridor for purposes of identifying the critical
11 components for sustainability of the National Herit-
12 age Corridor.

13 (c) REPORT.—Based on the evaluation conducted
14 under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall submit to the
15 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
16 ate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
17 of Representatives a report that includes recommendations
18 for the future role of the National Park Service, if any,
19 with respect to the National Heritage Corridor.

1 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

2 The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance
3 under this Act terminates on the date that is 15 years
4 after the date of enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 2022.

Attest:

Clerk.

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