

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1836

To amend the acquisition authority for land for the development of visitor and administrative facilities at Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. SHAYS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Weir Farm National
5 Historic Site Amendment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOCATION OF VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE FA-**
2 **CILITIES FOR WEIR FARM NATIONAL HIS-**
3 **TORIC SITE.**

4 Section 4(d) of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
5 Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “contig-
8 uous to” and all that follows and inserting “within
9 Fairfield County.”;

10 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 “(2) DEVELOPMENT.—

13 “(A) MAINTAINING NATURAL CHAR-
14 ACTER.—The Secretary shall keep development
15 of the property acquired under paragraph (1) to
16 a minimum so that the character of the ac-
17 quired property will be similar to the natural
18 and undeveloped landscape of the property de-
19 scribed in subsection (b).

20 “(B) TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY DEVEL-
21 OPED PROPERTY.—Nothing in subparagraph
22 (A) shall either prevent the Secretary from ac-
23 quiring property under paragraph (1) that,
24 prior to the Secretary’s acquisition, was devel-
25 oped in a manner inconsistent with subpara-
26 graph (A), or require the Secretary to reme-

1 diate such previously developed property to re-
2 flect the natural character described in sub-
3 paragraph (A).”; and

4 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “the appro-
5 priate zoning authority” and all that follows through
6 “Wilton, Connecticut,” and inserting the following:
7 “the chief elected official of the unit of local govern-
8 ment having jurisdiction over the property acquired
9 under paragraph (1) (as determined in accordance
10 with applicable State law)”.

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