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To revise the boundaries of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1993

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. REED, and Mr. MACHTLEY) 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 “Blackstone River Val-
5 ley National Heritage Corridor Amendments Act of
6 1993”.

7 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARY CHANGES.**

8 Section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the
9 Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in

1 Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
2 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is
3 amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the
4 following new sentence: “The boundaries shall include the
5 lands and water generally depicted on the map entitled
6 Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
7 Boundary Map, numbered BRV–80–80,011, and dated
8 May 2, 1993.”.

9 **SEC. 3. TERMS.**

10 Section 3(c) of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
11 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
12 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
13 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is
14 amended by inserting immediately before the period at the
15 end the following: “, but may continue to serve after the
16 expiration of this term until a successor has been
17 appointed.”.

18 **SEC. 4. REVISION OF PLAN.**

19 Section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the
20 Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in
21 Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
22 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is
23 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(d) REVISION OF PLAN.—(1) Not later than 1 year
2 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Com-
3 mission, with the approval of the Secretary, shall revise
4 the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan. The
5 revision shall address the boundary change and shall in-
6 clude a natural resource inventory of areas or features
7 that should be protected, restored, managed, or acquired
8 because of their contribution to the understanding of
9 national cultural landscape values.

10 “(2) No changes other than minor revisions may be
11 made in the approved plan as amended without the ap-
12 proval of the Secretary. The Secretary shall approve or
13 disapprove any proposed change in the plan, except minor
14 revisions, in accordance with subsection (b).”.

15 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF COMMISSION.**

16 Section 7 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the
17 Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in
18 Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
19 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “TERMINATION OF COMMISSION

22 “SEC. 7. (a) TERMINATION.—Except as provided in
23 subsection (b), the Commission shall terminate on the date
24 that is 10 years after the date of enactment of the Black-
25 stone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Amend-
26 ments Act of 1993.

1 “(b) EXTENSION.—The Commission may be extended
2 for additional terms of consecutive 10-year periods if—

3 “(1) not later than 180 days before the termi-
4 nation of the Commission, the Commission deter-
5 mines that an extension is necessary to carry out
6 this Act;

7 “(2) the Commission submits a proposed exten-
8 sion to the appropriate committees of the Senate
9 and the House of Representatives; and

10 “(3) the Secretary, the Governor of Massachu-
11 setts, and the Governor of Rhode Island each ap-
12 prove the extension.

13 “(c) DETERMINATION OF APPROVAL.—The Secretary
14 shall approve the extension if the Secretary finds that—

15 “(1) the Governor of Massachusetts and the
16 Governor of Rhode Island provide adequate assur-
17 ances of continued tangible contribution and effec-
18 tive policy support toward achieving the purposes of
19 this Act; and

20 “(2) the Commission is effectively assisting
21 Federal, State, and local authorities to retain, en-
22 hance, and interpret the distinctive character and
23 nationally significant resources of the Corridor.”.

1 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.**

2 Subsection (c) of section 8 of the Act entitled “An
3 Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Her-
4 itage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, ap-
5 proved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99-647; 16
6 U.S.C. 461 note), is amended to read as follows:

7 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) To assist in the imple-
8 mentation of the Cultural Heritage and Land Manage-
9 ment Plan in a manner that is consistent with the pur-
10 poses of this Act and for the preservation and restoration
11 of structures on or eligible for inclusion on the National
12 Register of Historic Places, the Secretary is authorized to
13 provide funds for projects in the Corridor that exhibit na-
14 tional significance or provide a wide spectrum of historic,
15 recreational, environmental, educational, or interpretive
16 opportunities, without regard to whether the projects are
17 in public or private ownership.

18 “(2) To be eligible for funds under this section, the
19 Commission shall submit an application to the Secretary
20 that includes—

21 “(A) a 10-year development plan including
22 those resource protection needs and projects critical
23 to maintaining or interpreting the distinctive char-
24 acter of the Corridor; and

25 “(B) specific descriptions of annual work pro-
26 grams that have been assembled, the participating

1 parties, roles, cost estimates, cost-sharing, or cooper-
2 ative agreements necessary to carry out the develop-
3 ment plan.

4 “(3) Funds made available pursuant to this sub-
5 section shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the
6 work programs.

7 “(4) In making the funds available, the Secretary
8 shall give priority to projects that attract greater non-
9 Federal funding sources.

10 “(5) Any payment made for the purposes of conserva-
11 tion or restoration of real property or structures shall be
12 subject to an agreement either—

13 “(A) to convey a conservation or preservation
14 easement to the Department of Environmental Man-
15 agement or to the Historic Preservation Commis-
16 sion, as appropriate, of the State in which the real
17 property or structure is located; or

18 “(B) that conversion, use, or disposal of the re-
19 sources so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
20 poses of this Act, as determined by the Secretary,
21 the recipient, his successors or assigns shall pay to
22 the United States the total cost of all Federal funds
23 made available to such project reduced pro rata over
24 the useful life of the improvements funded or the in-
25 creased value of the project attributable to the funds

1 as determined at the time of the conversion, use, or
2 disposal, whichever is greater.

3 “(6) The authority to determine that a conversion,
4 use, or disposal of resources has been carried out contrary
5 to the purposes of this Act in violation of an agreement
6 entered into under paragraph (5)(A) shall be solely at the
7 discretion of the Secretary.”.

8 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 Section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
10 the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
11 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island”, approved November
12 10, 1986 (Public Law 99–647; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$350,000”
15 and inserting “\$650,000”; and

16 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
17 lows:

18 “(b) DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.—For fiscal years 1994,
19 1995, and 1996, there is authorized to be appropriated
20 to carry out section 8(c), \$5,000,000 in the aggregate,
21 and for each fiscal year thereafter, such sums as are
22 necessary.”.

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