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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Virgin River Dinosaur
3 Footprint Preserve Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**

5 (a) **AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE**
6 **FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**—As soon as is practicable after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, if the City agrees
8 to the conditions set forth in subsection (b), the Secretary
9 of the Interior may award to the City a grant equal to
10 the lesser of \$500,000 or the fair market value of up to
11 10 acres of land (and all related facilities and other appur-
12 tenances thereon) generally depicted on the map entitled
13 “Proposed Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve”,
14 numbered 09/06/2001–A, for purchase of that property.

15 (b) **CONDITIONS OF GRANT.**—The grant under sub-
16 section (a) shall be made only after the City agrees to the
17 following conditions:

18 (1) **USE OF LAND.**—The City shall use the Vir-
19 gin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve in a manner
20 that accomplishes the following:

21 (A) Preserves and protects the paleontolog-
22 ical resources located within the exterior bound-
23 aries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint
24 Preserve.

1 (B) Provides opportunities for scientific re-
2 search in a manner compatible with subpara-
3 graph (A).

4 (C) Provides the public with opportunities
5 for educational activities in a manner compat-
6 ible with subparagraph (A).

7 (2) REVERTER.—If at any time after the City
8 acquires the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Pre-
9 serve, the Secretary determines that the City is not
10 substantially in compliance with the conditions de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1), all right, title, and interest
12 in and to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Pre-
13 serve shall immediately revert to the United States,
14 with no further consideration on the part of the
15 United States, and such property shall then be
16 under the administrative jurisdiction of the Sec-
17 retary of the Interior.

18 (3) CONDITIONS TO BE CONTAINED IN DEED.—
19 If the City attempts to transfer title to the Virgin
20 River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in
21 part), the conditions set forth in this subsection
22 shall transfer with such title and shall be enforceable
23 against any subsequent owner of the Virgin River
24 Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in part).

25 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.—

1 (1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary
2 shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the
3 City for the management of the Virgin River Dino-
4 saur Footprint Preserve by the City.

5 (2) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide
6 to the City—

7 (A) financial assistance, if the Secretary
8 determines that such assistance is necessary for
9 protection of the paleontological resources lo-
10 cated within the exterior boundaries of the Vir-
11 gin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve; and

12 (B) technical assistance to assist the City
13 in complying with subparagraphs (A) through
14 (C) of subsection (b)(1).

15 (3) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to
17 funds made available under subsection (a)
18 and paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
19 Secretary may provide grants to the City
20 to carry out its duties under the coopera-
21 tive agreement entered into under para-
22 graph (1).

23 (B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; RE-
24 QUIRED NON-FEDERAL MATCH.—Grants
25 under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed

1 \$500,000 and shall be provided only to the
2 extent that the City matches the amount of
3 such grants with non-Federal contributions
4 (including in-kind contributions).

5 (d) MAP ON FILE.—The map shall be on file and
6 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
7 of the Department of the Interior.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
9 the following definitions apply:

10 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
11 St. George, Utah.

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (3) VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRE-
15 SERVE.—The term “Virgin River Dinosaur Foot-
16 print Preserve” means the property (and all facilities
17 and other appurtenances thereon) described in sub-
18 section (a).

Passed the House of Representatives October 2,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.