PUBLIC LAW 102–154—NOV. 13, 1991

An Act

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes. Nov. 13, 1991

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL PROVISIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sec. 118. Notwithstanding section 7(b) of Public Law 99–647, the Secretary may approve the extension of the Blackstone Commission on or before November 10, 1991, to accomplish the purposes of that subsection.


LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2686:
HOUSE REPORTS: Nos. 102–116 (Comm. on Appropriations) and 102–256 (Comm. of Conference).
SENATE REPORTS: No. 102–122 (Comm. on Appropriations).
June 24, 25, considered and passed House.
Sept. 12, 13, 16–19, considered and passed Senate, amended.
Oct. 24, House agreed to conference report; receded and concurred in certain Senate amendments, in others with amendments; and disagreed to others.
Oct. 30, 31, Senate agreed to conference report; receded and concurred in certain House amendments, in another with an amendment.
Nov. 1, House disagreed to Senate amendment. Senate receded and concurred in House amendment.
2. Cane River

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PUBLIC LAW 103–449—NOV. 2, 1994

Public Law 103–449
103d Congress

An Act

Nov. 2, 1994
[H.R. 1348]

To establish the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE IV—CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

SEC. 401. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established the Cane River National Heritage Area (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “heritage area”).

(b) PURPOSE.—In furtherance of the need to recognize the value and importance of the Cane River region and in recognition of the findings of section 302(a) of this Act, it is the purpose of this title to establish a heritage area to complement the historical park and to provide for a culturally sensitive approach to the preservation of the heritage of the Cane River region, and for other needs including—

(1) recognizing areas important to the Nation’s heritage and identity;

(2) assisting in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region;

(3) providing a framework for those who live within this important dynamic cultural landscape to assist in preservation and educational actions; and

(4) minimizing the need for Federal land acquisition and management.

(c) AREA INCLUDED.—The heritage area shall include—

(1) an area approximately 1 mile on both sides of the Cane River as depicted on map CARI, 80,000A, dated May 1994;

(2) those properties within the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District which are the subject of cooperative agreements pursuant to section 304(d) of this Act;

(3) the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area;

(4) the Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area;

(5) the Fort St. J esean Baptiste State Commemorative Area; and

(6) the Kate Chopin House.

A final identification of all areas and sites to be included in the heritage area shall be included in the heritage area management plan as required in section 403.
SEC. 402. CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—To assist in implementing the purposes of titles II and III of this Act and to provide guidance for the management of the heritage area, there is established the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission (hereinafter in this title referred to as the "Commission").

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of 19 members to be appointed no later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this title. The Commission shall be appointed by the Secretary as follows—

1. one member from recommendations submitted by the Mayor of Natchitoches;
2. one member from recommendations submitted by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches;
3. one member from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc.;
4. two members with experience in and knowledge of tourism in the heritage area from recommendations submitted by local business and tourism organizations;
5. one member from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Louisiana;
6. one member from recommendations submitted by the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish;
7. one member from recommendations submitted by the Concern Citizens of Cloutierville;
8. one member from recommendations submitted by the St. Augustine Historical Society;
9. one member from recommendations submitted by the Black Heritage Committee;
10. one member from recommendations submitted by the Los Adaes/Robeline Community;
11. one member from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Historic District Commission;
12. one member from recommendations submitted by the Cane River Waterway Commission;
13. two members who are landowners in and residents of the heritage area;
14. one member with experience and knowledge of historic preservation from recommendations submitted by the Museum Contents, Inc.;
15. one member with experience and knowledge of historic preservation from recommendations submitted by the President of Northwestern State University of Louisiana;
16. one member with experience in and knowledge of environmental, recreational and conservation matters affecting the heritage area from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Sportsmans Association and other local recreational and environmental organizations; and
17. the director of the National Park Service, or the Director's designee, ex officio.

(c) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—The Commission shall—

1. prepare a management plan for the heritage area in consultation with the National Park Service, the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, interested groups, property owners, and the public;
(2) consult with the Secretary on the preparation of the general management plan for the historical park; 
(3) develop cooperative agreements with property owners, preservation groups, educational groups, the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, universities, and tourism groups, and other groups to further the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act; and
(4) identify appropriate entities, such as a non-profit corporation, that could be established to assume the responsibilities of the Commission following its termination.

(d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—In furtherance of the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act, the Commission is authorized to—
(1) procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent that is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates determined by the Commission to be reasonable;
(2) accept the services of personnel detailed from the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof, and may reimburse the State or political subdivision for such services;
(3) upon the request of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of such agency to the Commission to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties;
(4) appoint and fix the compensation of such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties. Staff shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates;
(5) enter into cooperative agreements with public or private individuals or entities for research, historic preservation, and education purposes;
(6) make grants to assist in the preparation of studies that identify, preserve, and plan for the management of the heritage area;
(7) notwithstanding any other provision of law, seek and accept donations of funds or services from individuals, foundations, or other public or private entities and expend the same for the purposes of providing services and programs in furtherance of the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act;
(8) assist others in developing educational, informational, and interpretive programs and facilities;
(9) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission may consider appropriate; and
(10) use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments or agencies of the United States.

(e) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service on the Commission. While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.
(f) **CHAIRMAN.**—The Commission shall elect a chairman from among its members. The term of the chairman shall be for 3 years.

(g) **TERMS.**—The terms of Commission members shall be for 3 years. Any member of the Commission appointed by the Secretary for a 3-year term may serve after expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor was appointed.

(h) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Secretary identifying its expenses and any income, the entities to which any grants or technical assistance were made during the year for which the report is made, and actions that are planned for the following year.

**SEC. 403. PREPARATION OF THE PLAN.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Within 3 years after the Commission conducts its first meeting, it shall prepare and submit a heritage area management plan to the Governor of the State of Louisiana. The Governor shall, if the Governor approves the plan, submit it to the Secretary for review and approval. The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to the Commission in the preparation and implementation of the plan, in concert with actions by the National Park Service to prepare a general management plan for the historical park. The plan shall consider local government plans and shall present a unified heritage preservation and education plan for the heritage area. The plan shall include, but not be limited to—

1. an inventory of important properties and cultural landscapes that should be preserved, managed, developed, and maintained because of their cultural, natural, and public use significance;

2. an analysis of current land uses within the area and how they affect the goals of preservation and public use of the heritage area;

3. an interpretive plan to address the cultural and natural history of the area, and actions to enhance visitor use. This element of the plan shall be undertaken in consultation with the National Park Service and visitor use plans for the historical park;

4. recommendations for coordinating actions by local, State, and Federal governments within the heritage area, to further the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act; and

5. an implementation program for the plan including desired actions by State and local governments and other involved groups and entities.

(b) **APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.**—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the plan within 90 days after receipt of the plan from the Commission. The Commission shall notify the Secretary of the status of approval by the Governor of Louisiana when the plan is submitted for review and approval. In determining whether or not to approve the plan the Secretary shall consider—

1. whether the Commission has afforded adequate opportunity, including public meetings and hearings, for public and governmental involvement in the preparation of the plan; and
(2) whether reasonable assurances have been received from
the State and local governments that the plan is supported and
that the implementation program is feasible.

(c) DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLAN.—If the Secretary disapproves the
plan, he shall advise the Commission in writing of the reasons for
disapproval, and shall provide recommendations and assistance in
the revision plan. Following completion of any revisions to the plan,
the Commission shall resubmit the plan to the Governor of
Louisiana for approval, and to the Secretary, who shall approve or
disapprove the plan within 90 days after the date that the plan is
revised.

SEC. 404. TERMINATION OF HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION.

(a) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate on the day
occurring 10 years after the first official meeting of the
Commission.

(b) EXTENSION.—The Commission may petition to be extended
for a period of not more than 5 years beginning on the day referred
to in subsection (a), provided the Commission determines a critical
need to fulfill the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act; and the
Commission obtains approval from the Secretary, in consultation
with the Governor of Louisiana.

(c) HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE
COMMISSION.—The national heritage area status for the Cane River
region shall continue following the termination of the Commission.
The management plan, and partnerships and agreements subject to
the plan shall guide the future management of the heritage area.
The Commission, prior to its termination, shall recommend to the
Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Secretary, appropriate
entities, including the potential for a nonprofit corporation, to
assume the responsibilities of the Commission.

SEC. 405. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities directly
affecting the heritage area shall—

(1) consult with the Secretary and the Commission with
respect to implementation of their proposed actions; and

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate such
activities with the Commission to minimize potential impacts on
the resources of the heritage area.

SEC. 406. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
necessary to carry out titles III and IV of this Act.

Approved November 2, 1994.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1348:
HOUSE REPORTS: No. 103–233 (Comm. on Natural Resources).
SENATE REPORTS: No. 103–305 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:
Oct. 7, House concurred in Senate amendment.
3. Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor

PUBLIC LAW 102–580—OCT. 31, 1992

An Act

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers civil works program to construct various projects for improvements to the Nation's infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE—This Act may be cited as the "Water Resources Development Act of 1992".

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TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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SEC. 314. ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to make capital improvements to the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

(b) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall, with the consent of appropriate local and State entities, enter into such arrangements, contracts, and leases with public and private entities as may be necessary for the purposes of rehabilitation, renovation, preservation, and maintenance of the Illinois and Michigan Canal and its related facilities, including trailside facilities for recreational use connecting the waterways referred to in subsection (c).

(c) ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL DEFINED.—For the purpose of this section, the "Illinois and Michigan Canal" consists of the following existing waterways: the Chicago River from and including its mouth at Navy Pier through and including its south branch; the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal; and the entire length of those waterways designated as the Illinois and Michigan Heritage Canal between Chicago, Illinois, and LaSalle/Peru, Illinois.

(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of capital improvements under this section shall be 50 percent.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 6167:
Oct. 5, considered and passed House.
Oct. 8, considered and passed Senate.
4. Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

108 STAT. 4752 PUBLIC LAW 103-449—NOV. 2, 1994

Public Law 103-449
103d Congress

An Act

Nov. 2, 1994 [H.R. 1348] To establish the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994”.

SEC. 102. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley in the State of Connecticut is one of the last unspoiled and undeveloped areas in the Northeastern United States and has remained largely intact, including important aboriginal archaeological sites, excellent water quality, beautiful rural landscapes, architecturally significant mill structures and mill villages, and large acreages of parks and other permanent open space;

(2) the State of Connecticut ranks last among the 50 States in the amount of federally protected park and open space lands within its borders and lags far behind the other Northeastern States in the amount of land set-aside for public recreation;

(3) the beautiful rural landscapes, scenic vistas and excellent water quality of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers contain significant undeveloped recreational opportunities for people throughout the United States;

(4) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley is within a two-hour drive of the major metropolitan areas of New York City, Hartford, Providence, Worcester, Springfield, and Boston. With the President’s Commission on Americans Outdoors reporting that Americans are taking shorter “closer-to-home” vacations, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley represents important close-by recreational opportunities for significant population;

(5) the existing mill sites and other structures throughout the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley were instrumental in the development of the industrial revolution;
(6) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley contains a vast number of discovered and unrecovered Native American and colonial archaeological sites significant to the history of North America and the United States;
(7) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley represents one of the last traditional upland farming and mill village communities in the Northeastern United States;
(8) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley played a nationally significant role in the cultural evolution of the prewar colonial period, leading the transformation from Puritan to Yankee, the “Great Awakening” religious revival and early political development leading up to and during the War of Independence; and
(9) many local, regional and State agencies, businesses, and private citizens and the New England Governors’ Conference have expressed an overwhelming desire to combine forces; to work cooperatively to preserve and enhance resources region-wide and better plan for the future.

SEC. 103. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR; PURPOSE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the State of Connecticut the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor.
(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to provide assistance to the State of Connecticut, its units of local and regional government and citizens in the development and implementation of integrated cultural, historical, and recreational land resource management programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features of the lands, water, and structures of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.

SEC. 104. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Corridor shall include the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Lisbon, Mansfield, Norwich, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Thompson, Voluntown, Windham, and Woodstock. As soon as practical after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed description and map of boundaries established under this subsection.

SEC. 105. STATE CORRIDOR PLAN.

(a) PREPARATION OF PLAN.—Within two years after the date of enactment of this title, the Governor of the State of Connecticut is encouraged to develop a Cultural Heritage and Corridor Management Plan. The plan shall be based on existing Federal, State, and local plans, but shall coordinate those plans and present a comprehensive historic preservation, interpretation, and recreational plan for the Corridor. The plan shall—
(1) recommend non-binding advisory standards and criteria pertaining to the construction, preservation, restoration, alteration and use of properties within the Corridor, including an inventory of such properties which potentially could be preserved, restored, managed, developed, maintained, or acquired based upon their historic, cultural or recreational significance;
(2) develop an historic interpretation plan to interpret the history of the Corridor;

(3) develop an inventory of existing and potential recreational sites which are developed or which could be developed within the Corridor;

(4) recommend policies for resource management which consider and detail application of appropriate land and water management techniques, including but not limited to, the development of intergovernmental cooperative agreements to protect the Corridor's historical, cultural, recreational, scenic, and natural resources in a manner consistent with supporting appropriate and compatible economic revitalization efforts;

(5) detail ways in which local, State, and Federal programs may best be coordinated to promote the purposes of this title; and

(6) contain a program for implementation of the plan by the State and its political subdivisions.

(b) Public Involvement in Plan Development.—During development of the plan, the Governor is encouraged to include:

(1) The participation of at least the following:
   (A) Local elected officials in the communities defined in section 104.
   (B) Representatives of the three Regional Planning Agencies as defined in section 108.
   (C) Representatives of Northeast Connecticut Visitors District and Southeastern Connecticut Tourism District.
   (D) The Commissioners, or their designees, of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Department of Economic Development.
   (E) Director, or his designee of the Connecticut State Historical Commission.
   (F) Residents of the communities within the Corridor as defined in section 104.

(2) Hold at least one public hearing in each of the following counties: Windham; Tolland; and New London.

(3) Consider, to the maximum extent practicable, the recommendations, comments, proposals and other information submitted at the public hearings when developing the final version of the plan. The Governor is encouraged to publish notice of hearings discussed in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph in newspapers of general circulation at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. The Governor is encouraged to use any other means authorized by Connecticut law to gather public input and/or involve members of the public in the development of the plan.

(c) Implementation of Plan.—After review of the plan by the Secretary as provided for in section 106, the Governor shall implement the plan. Upon the request of the Governor, the Secretary may take appropriate steps to assist in the preservation and interpretation of historic resources, and to assist in the development of recreational resources within the Corridor. These steps may include, but need not be limited to—

(1) assisting the State and local governmental entities or regional planning organizations, and non-profit organizations in preserving the Corridor and ensuring appropriate use of lands and structures throughout the Corridor;
(2) assisting the State and local governmental entities or regional planning organizations, and non-profit organizations in establishing and maintaining visitor centers and other interpretive exhibits in the Corridor;
(3) assisting the State and local governmental entities or regional planning organizations, and non-profit organizations in developing recreational programs and resources in the Corridor;
(4) assisting the State and local governmental entities or regional planning organizations, and non-profit organizations in increasing public awareness of and appreciation for the historical and architectural resources and sites in the Corridor;
(5) assisting the State and local governmental or regional planning organizations and non-profit organizations in the restoration of historic buildings within the Corridor identified pursuant to the inventory required in section 5(a)(1);
(6) encouraging by appropriate means enhanced economic and industrial development in the Corridor consistent with the goals of the plan;
(7) encouraging local governments to adopt land use policies consistent with the management of the Corridor and the goals of the plan; and
(8) assisting the State and local governmental entities or regional planning organizations to ensure that clear, consistent signs identifying access points and sites of interest are put in place throughout the Corridor.

SEC. 106. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

(a) Assistance.—The Secretary and the heads of other Federal agencies shall, upon request of the Governor assist the Governor in the preparation and implementation of the plan.

(b) Completion.—Upon completion of the plan the Governor shall submit such plan to the Secretary for review and comment. The Secretary shall complete such review and comment within 60 days. The Governor shall make such changes in the plan as he deems appropriate based on the Secretary's review and comment.

SEC. 107. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.

Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities directly affecting the Corridor shall consult with the Secretary and the Governor with respect to such activities to minimize any adverse effect on the Corridor.

SEC. 108. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this title:
(1) The term “State” means the State of Connecticut.
(2) The term “Corridor” means the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor under section 3.
(3) The term “Governor” means the Governor of the State of Connecticut.
(4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.
(5) The term “regional planning organizations” means each of the three regional planning organizations established by Connecticut State statute chapter 127 and chapter 50 (the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the Windham Regional Planning Agency or its successor, and the
SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to the appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this title: Provided, That not more than $200,000 shall be appropriated for fiscal year 1995, and not more than $250,000 annually thereafter shall be appropriated for the Secretary to carry out his duties under this title for a period not to exceed seven years: Provided further, That the Federal funding for the Corridor shall not exceed 50 percent of the total annual costs for the Corridor.

SEC. 110. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

The Corridor shall not be deemed to be a unit of the National Park System.

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Southeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency or its successor).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1348:
HOUSE REPORTS: No. 103–233 (Comm. on Natural Resources).
SENATE REPORTS: No. 103–305 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:
Oct. 7, House concurred in Senate amendment.