

QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL
HERITAGE CORRIDOR REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1619]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1619) to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCE.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

(b) **REFERENCE.**—Whenever in this Act a section or other provision is amended or repealed, such amendment or repeal shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-449; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Section 102 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of Connecticut”;

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively; and

(3) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by inserting “New Haven,” after “Hartford.”.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR; PURPOSE.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Section 103(a) of the Act is amended by inserting “and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of Connecticut”.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—Section 103(b) of the Act is amended to read as follows:

“(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to provide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their units of local and regional government and citizens in the development and implementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic, scenic, recreational, land, and other resource management programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features of the lands, water, structures, and history of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.”.

SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 104(a) of the Act is amended—

(1) by inserting “Union,” after “Thompson,”; and

(2) by inserting after “Woodstock” the following: “in the State of Connecticut, and the towns of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, E. Brookfield, Holland, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which are contiguous areas in the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley, related by shared natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources”.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 104 of the Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—(A) The Corridor shall be managed by the management entity in accordance with the management plan, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to a compact with the Secretary.

“(B) The management entity shall amend its by-laws to add the Governor of Connecticut (or the Governor’s designee) and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (or the Governor’s designee) as a voting members of its Board of Directors.

“(C) The management entity shall provide the Governor with an annual report of its activities, programs, and projects. An annual report prepared for any other purpose shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

“(2) COMPACT.—To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall enter into a compact with the management entity. The compact shall include information relating to the objectives and management of the Corridor, including, but not limited to, each of the following:

“(A) A delineation of the boundaries of the Corridor.

“(B) A discussion of goals and objectives of the Corridor, including an explanation of the proposed approaches to accomplishing the goals set forth in the management plan.

“(C) A description of the role of the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“(3) AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—For the purpose of achieving the goals set forth in the management plan, the management entity may use Federal funds provided under this Act—

“(A) to make grants to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons;

“(B) to enter into cooperative agreements with or provide technical assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons;

“(C) to hire and compensate staff; and

“(D) to contract for goods and services.

“(4) PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—The management entity may not use Federal funds received under this Act to acquire real property or any interest in real property.”.

SEC. 5. STATES CORRIDOR PLAN.

Section 105 of the Act is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (a);

(3) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking the first sentence and all that follows through “Governor,” and inserting the following: “The management entity shall implement the management plan. Upon request of the management entity,”; and

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking “identified pursuant to the inventory required by section 5(a)(1)”;

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—For the purposes of implementing the management plan, the management entity may make grants or provide technical assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their

political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons to further the goals set forth in the management plan.”.

SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Section 106 of the Act is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Governor” each place it appears and inserting “management entity”;

(B) by striking “preparation and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “Such assistance shall include providing funds authorized under section 109 and technical assistance necessary to carry out this Act.”; and

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may not make any grants or provide any assistance under this Act after September 30, 2009.”.

SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

Section 107 of the Act is amended by striking “Governor” and inserting “management entity”.

SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.

Section 108 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the period the following: “and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts”.

(2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the period the following: “and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts”;

(3) in paragraph (5), by striking “each of” and all that follows and inserting the following: “the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the Windham Regional Council of Governments, and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Connecticut, (or their successors), and the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Southern Worcester County Regional Planning Commission (or their successors) in Massachusetts.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) The term ‘management plan’ means the document approved by the Governor of the State of Connecticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by the management entity, entitled ‘Vision to Reality: A Management Plan’, the management plan for the Corridor, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.

“(7) The term ‘management entity’ means Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation (or its successor) incorporated in the State of Connecticut.”.

SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 109 of the Act is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of \$10,000,000 may be appropriated for the Corridor under this title after the date of the enactment of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999.

“(b) **50 PERCENT MATCH.**—Federal funding provided under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of any assistance or grant provided or authorized under this title.”.

SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) **LONG TITLE.**—The long title of the Act is amended to read as follows: “An Act to establish the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.”.

(b) **HEADING.**—The heading for section 110 of the Act is amended by striking “**service**” and inserting “**system**”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1619 is to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1619 would amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-449) by expanding the boundaries of the Corridor in the State of Connecticut and also into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Located in 25 towns in the northeastern Connecticut counties of New London, Windham, and Tolland, the Quinebaug-Shetucket valley is the last major undeveloped area in the densely urbanized Washington/Boston corridor. This river valley contains significant natural and historical resources including scenic vistas, archaeological sites, and recreational opportunities.

H.R. 1619 would expand the boundaries of the Corridor to include the towns of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, East Brookfield, Holland, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Corridor would be managed by Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. which would also distribute appropriated funds. This is a significant change from the structure of the current statute which delegates substantial oversight and management responsibility to the Governor of Connecticut. H.R. 1619 would extinguish this responsibility and would not offer it to the Governor of Massachusetts.

Although the current funding level for this Heritage Corridor is \$250,000, as reported this bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 per fiscal year, with a total \$10,000,000 cap. Federal funding may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of any assistance or grant provided or authorized under this bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1619 was introduced on April 29, 1999, by Congressman Sam Gejdenson (D-CT). This bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On June 10, 1999, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill, where the National Park Service testified in support of the bill if suggested minor amendments were adopted. On July 15, 1999, the Subcommittee met to consider the bill. An amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered by Congressman James V. Hansen (R-UT) which assures that both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Connecticut remain involved in the management of the Corridor. The amendment also reduced the authorized funding level by \$5 million total and provided for a sunset of the grants and assistance from the federal government. The amendment was adopted by voice vote and the bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee by voice vote. On August 4, 1999, the Full Resources Committee met to consider H.R. 1619. No amendments were offered and the bill, as amended, was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by a roll call vote of 22-5, as follows:

Committee on Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
106th Congress

Full Committee

Date 8-4-99Roll No. 1

Bill No. H.R. 1619 Short Title Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999

Amendment or matter voted on: FINAL PASSAGE

Mr. Young (Chairman)			<i>Mr. Miller</i>			
Mr. Tauzin	X		<i>Mr. Rahall</i>			
Mr. Hansen	X		<i>Mr. Vento</i>	X		
Mr. Saxton	X		<i>Mr. Kildee</i>	X		
Mr. Gallegly			<i>Mr. DeFazio</i>	X		
Mr. Duncan			<i>Mr. Faleomavaega</i>			
Mr. Hefley	X		<i>Mr. Abercrombie</i>			
Mr. Doolittle			<i>Mr. Ortiz</i>			
Mr. Gilchrest	X		<i>Mr. Pickett</i>	X		
Mr. Calvert	X		<i>Mr. Pallone</i>			
Mr. Pombo			<i>Mr. Dooley</i>	X		
Mrs. Cubin		X	<i>Mr. Romero-Barcelo</i>	X		
Mrs. Chenoweth		X	<i>Mr. Underwood</i>			
Mr. Radanovich		X	<i>Mr. Kennedy</i>			
Mr. Jones	X		<i>Mr. Smith</i>	X		
Mr. Thornberry			<i>Mr. John</i>			
Mr. Cannon			<i>Mrs. Christensen</i>			
Mr. Brady			<i>Mr. Kind</i>			
Mr. Peterson			<i>Mr. Inslee</i>	X		
Mr. Hill	X		<i>Mrs. Napolitano</i>			
Mr. Schaffer			<i>Mr. Tom Udall</i>	X		
Mr. Gibbons		X	<i>Mr. Mark Udall</i>			
Mr. Souder			<i>Mr. Crowley</i>	X		
Mr. Walden	X		<i>Mr. Holt</i>	X		
Mr. Sherwood						
Mr. Hayes	X					
Mr. Simpson	X					
Mr. Tancredo		X	TOTAL	22	5	

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. **Cost of Legislation.** Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. **Congressional Budget Act.** As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. **Government Reform Oversight Findings.** Under clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. **Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate.** Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 19, 1999.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1619, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Victoria Heid Hall (for federal costs) and Keith Mattrick (for the private-sector impact).

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H.R. 1619—Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999

Summary: H.R. 1619 would expand the boundaries of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor, increase the authorization of appropriations to \$1 million in each year through 2009, and assign a management entity to oversee the corridor and to use federal funds provided under the bill.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1619 would cost about \$9 million over the 2000–2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Because H.R. 1619 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1619 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. H.R. 1619 would impose new federal mandates on the private sector, but CBO estimates that the direct costs of those mandates would be far below the statutory threshold established in UMRA (\$100 million in 1996, adjusted annually for inflation).

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: H.R. 1619 would expand the boundaries of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor to include an additional town in Connecticut and nine towns in Massachusetts. The bill would transfer the authority to oversee the corridor from the Governor of Connecticut to the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a non-profit corporation. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a compact with that corporation and would allow it to use federal funds provided under the bill.

Public Law 103–449 authorizes the appropriation of \$250,000 annually through fiscal year 2002 for the corridor. Since the authorization was first enacted in late 1994, a total of \$800,000 has been appropriated to the National Park Service for the corridor. H.R. 1619 would increase the amount authorized to be appropriated manage the corridor to \$1 million annually. A total of not more than \$10 million could be appropriated for the corridor after the enactment of the bill. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, we estimate that additional outlays for the corridor would be \$750,000 in fiscal year 2000 and a total of about \$9 million over the 2000–2009 period.

Estimated impact on state, local, and tribal governments: H.R. 1619 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. Any costs to the participating states would be incurred voluntarily.

Estimated impact on the private sector: This bill would impose new private-sector mandates on the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, which would be designated as the management entity for the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor. The corporation would be responsible for implementing the corridor's management plan, reporting annually on the corridor's activities to the states involved, and amending its by-laws to include the governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut on its board of directors. As the corporation currently manages the corridor under an agreement

with the governor of Connecticut, CBO estimates that the incremental costs of managing the expanded corridor would be minor. The corporation currently provides an annual report on the corridor's programs to Connecticut's governor and has indicated that the cost of complying with the additional reporting requirements in the bill would be minimal. According to information provided by the corporation, the cost imposed by the mandate requiring a change in by-laws would also be small. Overall, CBO estimates that the direct costs of private-sector mandates contained in this bill would fall far below the statutory threshold established in UMRA (\$100 million in 1996, adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, those costs could be offset by federal technical assistance or the appropriation of funds for the corridor. The bill would authorize up to \$10 million for federal assistance in implementing the corridor's management plan and would direct federal agencies to provide assistance to management entity upon request.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: Victoria Heid Hall; Impact on state, local, and tribal governments: Majorie Miller; Impact on the private sector: Keith Mattrick.

Estimate approved by: Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt State, local, or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

**QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY
NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ACT OF 1994**

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

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

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SEC. 102. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

- (1) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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)】 (2) 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)】 (3) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley is within a two-hour drive of the major metropolitan areas of New York City, Hartford, *New Haven*, Providence, Worcester, Springfield, and Boston. With the President's Commission 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)】 (4) the existing mill sites and other structures throughout the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley were instrumental in the development of the industrial revolution;

【(6)】 (5) 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)】 (6) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley represents one of the last traditional upland farming and mill village communities in the Northeastern United States;

【(8)】 (7) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley played a nationally significant role in the cultural evolution of the pre-war 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)】 (8) many local, regional and State agencies businesses, and private citizens and the New England Governor's 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 *and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts* 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.】

(b) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this title to provide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their units of local and regional government and citizens in the development and implementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic, scenic, recreational, land, and other resource management programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features of the lands, water, structures, and history 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, Chaplain, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Lisbott, Mansfield, Norwich, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Scotland Sprague, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Windham, and Woodstock in the State of Connecticut, and the towns of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, E. Brookfield, Holland, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which are contiguous areas in the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley, related by shared natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources. 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 such subsection.

(b) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—(A) *The Corridor shall be managed by the management entity in accordance with the management plan, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to a compact with the Secretary.*

(B) *The management entity shall amend its by-laws to add the Governor of Connecticut (or the Governor's designee) and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (or the Governor's designee) as a voting members of its Board of Directors.*

(C) *The management entity shall provide the Governor with an annual report of its activities, programs, and projects. An annual report prepared for any other purpose shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.*

(2) *COMPACT.*—*To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall enter into a compact with the management entity. The compact shall include information relating to the objectives and management of the Corridor, including, but not limited to, each of the following:*

(A) *A delineation of the boundaries of the Corridor.*

(B) *A discussion of goals and objectives of the Corridor, including an explanation of the proposed approaches to accomplishing the goals set forth in the management plan.*

(C) *A description of the role of the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

(3) *AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.*—*For the purpose of achieving the goals set forth in the management plan, the management entity may use Federal funds provided under this Act—*

(A) to make grants to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons;

(B) to enter into cooperative agreements with or provide technical assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons;

(C) to hire and compensate staff; and

(D) to contract for goods and services.

(4) *PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.*—The management entity may not use Federal funds received under this Act to acquire real property or any interest in real property.

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) (a) 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 management entity shall implement the management plan. Upon request of the management entity,* 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;

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(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)];

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(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—*For the purposes of implementing the management plan, the management entity may make grants or provide technical assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons to further the goals set forth in the management plan.*

SEC. 106. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

(a) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary and the heads of other Federal agencies shall, upon request of the [Governor] *management entity* assist the [Governor] *management entity* in the [preparation and] implementation of the plan. *Such assistance shall include providing funds authorized under section 109 and technical assistance necessary to carry out this Act.*

[(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.】

(b) *TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may not make any grants or provide any assistance under this Act after September 30, 2009.*

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】 *management entity* 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 *and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

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(3) The term “Governor” means the Governor of the State of Connecticut *and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

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(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 Southeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency or its successor).】 *the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the Windham Regional Council of Governments, and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Connecticut, (or their successors), and the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Southern Worcester County Regional Planning Commission (or their successors) in Massachusetts.*

(6) *The term “management plan” means the document approved by the Governor of the State of Connecticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by the management entity, entitled “Vision to Reality: A Management Plan”, the management plan for the Corridor, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.*

(7) *The term “management entity” means Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation (or its successor) incorporated in the State of Connecticut.*

【SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

【There is authorized to be 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. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of \$10,000,000 may be appropriated for the Corridor under this title after the date of the enactment of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999.

(b) 50 PERCENT MATCH.—Federal funding provided under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of any assistance or grant provided or authorized under this title.

SEC. 110. NATIONAL PARK [SERVICE] SYSTEM.

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

