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H. R. 1259

[Report No. 113-391]

To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2013

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HIMES, and Ms. ESTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 19, 2013]

A BILL

To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State
of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

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 “Coltsville National His-*
5 *torical Park Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *For the purposes of this Act:*

8 (1) *CITY.*—*The term “city” means the city of*
9 *Hartford, Connecticut.*

10 (2) *HISTORIC DISTRICT.*—*The term “Historic*
11 *District” means the Coltsville Historic District.*

12 (3) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map ti-*
13 *tled “Coltsville National Historical Park—Proposed*
14 *Boundary”, numbered T25/102087, and dated May*
15 *11, 2010.*

16 (4) *PARK.*—*The term “park” means the*
17 *Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of*
18 *Connecticut.*

19 (5) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
20 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

21 (6) *STATE.*—*The term “State” means the State*
22 *of Connecticut.*

23 **SEC. 3. COLTSVILLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

24 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2),
2 there is established in the State a unit of the National
3 Park System to be known as the “Coltsville National
4 Historical Park”.

5 (2) *CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT.*—The
6 park shall not be established until the date on which
7 the Secretary determines that—

8 (A) the Secretary has acquired by donation
9 sufficient land or an interest in land within the
10 boundary of the park to constitute a manageable
11 unit;

12 (B) the State, city, or private property
13 owner, as appropriate, has entered into a writ-
14 ten agreement with the Secretary to donate at
15 least 10,000 square feet of space in the East Ar-
16 mory which would include facilities for park ad-
17 ministration and visitor services;

18 (C) the Secretary has entered into a written
19 agreement with the State, city, or other public
20 entity, as appropriate, providing that and
21 owned by the State, city, or other public entity
22 within the Coltsville Historic District shall be
23 managed consistent with this section; and

24 (D) prior to accepting the donation referred
25 to in subparagraph (B), the Secretary has re-

1 *viewed the plans and financial resources of the*
2 *developer of the East Armory to ensure the via-*
3 *bility of the park based on those resources.*

4 **(b) BOUNDARIES.**—*The park may include and provide*
5 *appropriate interpretation and viewing of the following*
6 *sites, as generally depicted on the map:*

7 (1) *The East Armory.*

8 (2) *The Church of the Good Shepherd.*

9 (3) *The Caldwell/Colt Memorial Parish House.*

10 (4) *Colt Park.*

11 (5) *The Potsdam Cottages.*

12 (6) *Armsmear.*

13 (7) *The James Colt House.*

14 **(c) WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OWNER.**—*No non-Fed-*
15 *eral property may be included in the park without the writ-*
16 *ten consent of the owner.*

17 **(d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.**—*The map shall be on file*
18 *and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-*
19 *fices of the National Park Service.*

20 **(e) NOTICE.**—*No later than 30 days after the date on*
21 *which the Secretary makes a determination under section*
22 *3(a)(2), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register*
23 *notice of the establishment of the park.*

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall administer the*
3 *park in accordance with—*

4 (1) *this Act; and*

5 (2) *the laws generally applicable to units of the*
6 *National Park System, including—*

7 (A) *the National Park Service Organic Act*
8 *(16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and*

9 (B) *the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.*
10 *461 et seq.).*

11 (b) *STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.*—*Nothing in*
12 *this Act enlarges, diminishes, or modifies any authority of*
13 *the State, or any political subdivision of the State (includ-*
14 *ing the city)—*

15 (1) *to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction; or*

16 (2) *to carry out State laws (including regula-*
17 *tions) and rules on non-Federal land located within*
18 *the boundary of the park.*

19 (c) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—

20 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may enter into*
21 *cooperative agreements to carry out this Act.*

22 (2) *RIGHT OF ACCESS.*—*A cooperative agreement*
23 *entered into under paragraph (1) shall provide that*
24 *the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Na-*
25 *tional Park Service, shall have the right of access at*

1 *all reasonable times to all public portions of the prop-*
2 *erty covered by the agreement for the purposes of—*

3 *(A) conducting visitors through the prop-*
4 *erties; and*

5 *(B) interpreting the properties for the pub-*
6 *lic.*

7 *(3) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.—No changes or*
8 *alterations shall be made to any properties covered by*
9 *a cooperative agreement entered into under para-*
10 *graph (1) unless the Secretary and the other party to*
11 *the agreement agree to the changes or alterations.*

12 *(4) CONVERSION, USE, OR DISPOSAL.—Any pay-*
13 *ment by the Secretary under this subsection shall be*
14 *subject to an agreement that the conversion, use, or*
15 *disposal of a project for purposes contrary to the pur-*
16 *poses of this section, as determined by the Secretary,*
17 *shall entitle the United States to reimbursement in an*
18 *amount equal to the greater of—*

19 *(A) the amounts made available to the*
20 *project by the United States; or*

21 *(B) the portion of the increased value of the*
22 *project attributable to the amounts made avail-*
23 *able under this subsection, as determined at the*
24 *time of the conversion, use, or disposal.*

25 *(5) MATCHING FUNDS.—*

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—As a condition of the re-
2 ceipt of funds under this subsection, the Sec-
3 retary shall require that any Federal funds made
4 available under a cooperative agreement shall be
5 matched on a 1-to-1 basis by non-Federal funds.

6 (B) *FORM.*—With the approval of the Sec-
7 retary, the non-Federal share required under
8 subparagraph (A) may be in the form of donated
9 property, goods, or services from a non-Federal
10 source, fairly valued.

11 (d) *COLLECTIONS.*—The Secretary may enter into a
12 written agreement with the State of Connecticut State Li-
13 brary, Wadsworth Atheneum, the Colt Trust, or other public
14 entities, as appropriate, to gain appropriate access to Colt-
15 related artifacts for routine display in the East Armory or
16 within other areas of the park to enhance the visitor experi-
17 ence.

18 (e) *ACQUISITION OF LAND.*—The Secretary is author-
19 ized to acquire land and interests in land by donation, pur-
20 chase with donated funds, or exchange, except that land or
21 interests in land owned by the State or any political sub-
22 division of the State may be acquired only by donation.

23 (f) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC INTERPRETA-*
24 *TION.*—The Secretary may provide technical assistance and

1 *public interpretation of related historic and cultural re-*
2 *sources within the boundary of the historic district.*

3 (g) *NO USE OF CONDEMNATION.*—*The Secretary may*
4 *not acquire by condemnation any land or interest in land*
5 *under this Act or for the purposes of this Act.*

6 (h) *NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.*—*Nothing in this*
7 *Act, the establishment of the park, or the management plan*
8 *for the park shall be construed to create buffer zones outside*
9 *of the park. That activities or uses can be seen, heard, or*
10 *detected from areas within the park shall not preclude,*
11 *limit, control, regulate or determine the conduct or manage-*
12 *ment of activities or uses outside of the park.*

13 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 3 fiscal years after*
15 *the date on which funds are made available to carry out*
16 *this Act, the Secretary shall complete a management plan*
17 *for the park in accordance with—*

18 (1) *section 12(b) of the National Park Service*
19 *General Authorities Act; and*

20 (2) *other applicable laws.*

21 (b) *COST SHARE.*—*The management plan shall in-*
22 *clude provisions that identify costs to be shared by the Fed-*
23 *eral Government, the State, and the city, and other public*
24 *or private entities or individuals for necessary capital im-*

1 *provements to, and maintenance and operations of, the*
2 *park.*

3 *(c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the*
4 *management plan, the Secretary shall submit the manage-*
5 *ment plan to—*

6 *(1) the Committee on Natural Resources of the*
7 *House of Representatives; and*

8 *(2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-*
9 *sources of the Senate.*

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