

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 397

To extend the authorization of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts) 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. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY**
4 **NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

5 (a) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 106(b)
6 of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
7 Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Pub-
8 lic Law 103–449) is amended by striking “September 30,
9 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2015”.

1 (b) EVALUATION; REPORT.—Section 106 of the
2 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage
3 Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law
4 103–449) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) EVALUATION; REPORT.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years be-
7 fore the date on which authority for Federal funding
8 terminates for the Corridor, the Secretary shall—

9 “(A) conduct an evaluation of the accom-
10 plishments of the Corridor; and

11 “(B) prepare a report in accordance with
12 paragraph (3).

13 “(2) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted
14 under paragraph (1)(A) shall—

15 “(A) assess the progress of the manage-
16 ment entity with respect to—

17 “(i) accomplishing the purposes of
18 this title for the Corridor; and

19 “(ii) achieving the goals and objectives
20 of the management plan for the Corridor;

21 “(B) analyze the Federal, State, local, and
22 private investments in the Corridor to deter-
23 mine the leverage and impact of the invest-
24 ments; and

1 “(C) review the management structure,
2 partnership relationships, and funding of the
3 Corridor for purposes of identifying the critical
4 components for sustainability of the Corridor.

5 “(3) REPORT.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Based on the evalua-
7 tion conducted under paragraph (1)(A), the
8 Secretary shall prepare a report that includes
9 recommendations for the future role of the Na-
10 tional Park Service, if any, with respect to the
11 Corridor.

12 “(B) REQUIRED ANALYSIS.—If the report
13 prepared under subparagraph (A) recommends
14 that Federal funding for the Corridor be reau-
15 thorized, the report shall include an analysis
16 of—

17 “(i) ways in which Federal funding
18 for the Corridor may be reduced or elimi-
19 nated; and

20 “(ii) the appropriate time period nec-
21 essary to achieve the recommended reduc-
22 tion or elimination.

23 “(C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On
24 completion of the report, the Secretary shall
25 submit the report to—

1 “(i) the Committee on Energy and
2 Natural Resources of the Senate; and

3 “(ii) the Committee on Natural Re-
4 sources of the House of Representatives.”.

5 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
6 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Na-
7 tional Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;
8 Public Law 103–449) is amended by striking
9 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

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