

Public Law 100-515  
100th Congress

## An Act

To provide for the establishment of the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes.

Oct. 20, 1988  
[S. 2057]

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

Conservation.

## SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE.

16 USC 1244  
note.

In order to provide for public appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment, through a coordinated interpretive program of certain nationally significant natural and cultural sites associated with the coastal area of the State of New Jersey that are accessible generally by public road, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary"), acting through the Director of the National Park Service, with the concurrence of the agency having jurisdiction over such roads, is authorized to designate, by publication of a map or other description thereof in the Federal Register, a vehicular tour route along existing public roads linking such natural and cultural sites in New Jersey. Such route shall be known as the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route (hereinafter referred to as the "route").

Federal  
Register,  
publication.  
Highways.

## SEC. 2. LOCATION; ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS.

16 USC 1244  
note.

The route shall follow public roads, which are generally located to the east of the Garden State Parkway, linking the New Jersey portion of Gateway National Recreation Area, known generally as the Sandy Hook Unit, with the national historic landmark in Cape May and that area north and west of Cape May in the vicinity of Deepwater, New Jersey. The Secretary may, in the manner set forth in section 1, designate additional segments of the route from time to time as appropriate to link the foregoing sites with other natural and cultural sites when such sites are designated and protected by Federal, State, or local governments, or other public or private entities.

## SEC. 3. INVENTORY AND PLAN.

16 USC 1244  
note.

(a) PREPARATION.—Within one year after the date of availability of funds, the Secretary shall prepare a comprehensive inventory of sites along the route and general plan which shall include but not be limited to the location and description of each of the following:

- (1) Significant fish and wildlife habitat and other natural areas.
- (2) Unique geographic or geologic features and significant landforms.
- (3) Important cultural resources, including historical and archeological resources.
- (4) Migration routes for raptors and other migratory birds, marine mammals, and other wildlife.

Fish and fishing.  
Wildlife.

Historic  
preservation.

Birds.

(b) **INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.**—The general plan shall include proposals for a comprehensive interpretive program of the area and it shall identify alternatives for appropriate levels of protection of significant resources.

(c) **TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—The Secretary shall transmit the comprehensive inventory and the general plan to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

(d) **CONSULTATION; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**—The inventory and plan shall be prepared in consultation with other Federal agencies, the State of New Jersey, units of local government, and public and private entities. In addition, the Secretary shall ensure that there are ample opportunities for public involvement and participation in the preparation of the inventory and plan.

16 USC 1244  
note.

#### SEC. 4. PUBLIC APPRECIATION.

With respect to sites linked by segments of the route which are administered by other Federal, State, local nonprofit or private entities, the Secretary is authorized, pursuant to cooperative agreements with such entities, to provide technical assistance in the development of interpretive devices and materials and conservation methods regarding the resources enumerated in section 3 in order to contribute to public appreciation, understanding and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of the sites along the route. The Secretary, in cooperation with State and local governments, and other public and private entities, shall prepare and distribute informational material for the public appreciation of sites along the route.

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note.

#### SEC. 5. MARKERS.

The route is to be marked with appropriate markers to guide the public. With the concurrence and assistance of the State or local entity having jurisdiction over the roads designated as part of the route, the Secretary may erect thereon signs and other informational devices displaying the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route marker. The Secretary is authorized to accept the donation of suitable signs and other informational devices for placement at appropriate locations.

Gifts and  
property.

16 USC 1244  
note.

#### SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary not more than \$250,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. No funds made available under this Act shall be used for the operation, maintenance, or repair of any road or related structure.

16 USC 1244  
note.  
Public buildings  
and grounds.

#### SEC. 7. REVITALIZATION OF OFFICERS ROW, SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY.

(a) **AGREEMENT WITH STATE.**—To further the revitalization, rehabilitation, and utilization of the area known as "Officers Row" located within the Sandy Hook Unit of the Gateway National Recreation Area, the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, shall enter into an agreement to permit the State of New Jersey to use and occupy the property depicted on the map numbered 646/80,003, entitled "Marine Science Laboratory Land Assignment", dated September 1988, for the express purpose of constructing, developing, and operating, without cost to the National Park Service, a marine sciences laboratory to be known as the "James J. Howard Marine

Sciences Laboratory". The design of the new facility, the rehabilitation of Building 74, the design and location of landscaping modifications thereto, shall be reviewed by, and subject to the approval of, the Director of the National Park Service or his designee using the standards for rehabilitation and National Park Service guidelines and policies approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) REVERSION.—If the improvements described in subsection (a) are not used as a marine sciences laboratory by the State of New Jersey, all use of the property and the improvements thereon shall revert, without consideration, to the National Park Service.

Approved October 20, 1988.

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