

HR 1798

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 21, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 280	Related bill	Nov 19, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act - Establishes the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Designates the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, Inc., as the Area's management entity (the entity), which shall: (1) submit to the Secretary of the Interior for approval a management plan which includes policies, strategies, and recommendations for conservation, funding, management, development, and interpretation of the Area; and (2) assist local governments, regional planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations in implementing the plan. Allows the entity, for purposes of preparing and implementing the plan for the Area, to make grants and enter into cooperative agreements to provide technical assistance to Connecticut and Massachusetts and other specified entities.

Prohibits the management entity from using Federal funds received under this Act to acquire real property, but may use any other source of funding, including other Federal funding, intended for the acquisition of real property.

Requires the management entity to submit the management plan within three years after funds are made available for this Act. Bars the entity, if the plan is not submitted to the Secretary by such deadline, from qualifying for Federal funding under this Act until it is submitted.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide technical and financial assistance to the Area and enter into cooperative agreements with the management entity and other public or private entities to develop and implement the plan.

Prohibits the preservation, conservation, or promotion of any privately owned property by the plan until the owner of that private property has been notified in writing and has given written consent to the management entity. Provides for any owner of private property included within the Area's boundary to have their property immediately removed from the boundary by submitting a written request to the entity.

Authorizes appropriations. Limits: (1) the amount of funding for any fiscal year; (2) the total amount that may be appropriated for the Area under this Act; and (3) Federal matching funds provided under this Act to 50 percent of the total cost of any assistance or grant provided or authorized under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-365.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 215.
- **Nov 5, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 5, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 21, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 21, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 16, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 23, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 23, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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