

cational groups, schools, universities, and other groups to furtherance of the purposes of this subchapter;

(3) in consultation and cooperation with the Secretary, develop partnerships with city-wide organizations, and raise and disperse funds for programs that assist mutual aid and benevolent societies, social and pleasure clubs and other traditional groups in encouraging the continuation of and enhancement of jazz cultural traditions;

(4) acquire or lease property for jazz education, and advise on hiring brass bands and musical groups to participate in education programs and help train young musicians;

(5) in consultation and cooperation with the Secretary, provide recommendations for the location of the visitor center and other interpretive sites;

(6) assist the Secretary in providing funds to support research on the origins and early history of jazz in New Orleans; and

(7) notwithstanding any other provision of law, seek and accept donations of funds, property, or services from individuals, foundations, corporations, or other public or private entities and expend and use the same for the purposes of providing services, programs, and facilities for jazz education, or assisting in the rehabilitation and restoration of structures identified in the national historic landmark study referenced in section 410bbb-1(b)(3) of this title as having outstanding significance to the history of jazz in New Orleans.

(d) Appointment

Members of the Commission shall be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years, as designated by the Secretary at the time of the initial appointment.

(e) Chairman

The Commission shall elect a chairman from among its members. The term of the chairman shall be for 3 years.

(f) Terms

Any member of the Commission appointed by the Secretary for a 3-year term may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor was appointed.

(g) Per diem expenses

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. Members shall be entitled to travel expenses under section 5703, title 5, when engaged in Commission business, including per diem in lieu of subsistence in the same manner as persons employed intermittently.

(h) Administrative support

The Secretary shall provide the Commission with assistance in obtaining such personnel, equipment, and facilities as may be needed by the Commission to carry out its duties.

(i) Annual report

The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Secretary identifying its expenses

and income and the entities to which any grants or technical assistance were made during the year for which the report is made.

(Pub. L. 103-433, title XII, § 1207, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4522.)

§ 410bbb-6. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 103-433, title XII, § 1208, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4525.)

SUBCHAPTER LIX-AA—CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

PART A—CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

§ 410ccc. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

The Congress finds that—

(1) the Natchitoches area along Cane River, established in 1714, is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase territory;

(2) the Cane River area is the locale of the development of Creole culture, from French-Spanish interactions of the early 18th century of today's living communities;

(3) the Cane River, historically a segment of the Red River, provided the focal point for early settlement, serving as a transportation route upon which commerce and communication reached all parts of the colony;

(4) although a number of Creole structures, sites, and landscapes exist in Louisiana and elsewhere, unlike the Cane River area, most are isolated examples, and lack original outbuilding complexes or integrity;

(5) the Cane River area includes a great variety of historical features with original elements in both rural and urban settings and a cultural landscape that represents various aspects of Creole culture, providing the base for a holistic approach to understanding the broad continuum of history within the region;

(6) the Cane River region includes the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District, composed of approximately 300 publicly and privately owned properties, four other national historic landmarks, and other structures and sites that may meet criteria for landmark significance following further study;

(7) historic preservation within the Cane River area has greatly benefitted from individuals and organizations that have strived to protect their heritage and educate others about their rich history; and

(8) because of the complexity and magnitude of preservation needs in the Cane River area, and the vital need for a culturally sensitive approach, a partnership approach is desirable for addressing the many preservation and educational needs.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this subchapter are to—

(1) recognize the importance of the Cane River Creole culture as a nationally signifi-

cant element of the cultural heritage of the United States;

(2) establish a Cane River Creole National Historical Park to serve as the focus of interpretive and educational programs on the history of the Cane River area and to assist in the preservation of certain historic sites along the river; and

(3) establish a Cane River National Heritage Area and Commission to be undertaken in partnership with the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, local communities and settlements of the Cane River area, preservation organizations, and private landowners, with full recognition that programs must fully involve the local communities and landowners.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title III, §302, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4757.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 301 of Pub. L. 103-449 provided that: "Titles III and IV of this Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Cane River Creole National Historical Park and National Heritage Area Act'."

§ 410ccc-1. Establishment

(a) In general

In order to assist in the preservation and interpretation of, and education concerning, the Creole culture and diverse history of the Natchitoches region, and to provide technical assistance to a broad range of public and private landowners and preservation organizations, there is hereby established the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the "historical park").

(b) Area included

The historical park shall consist of lands and interests therein as follows:

(1) Lands and structures associated with the Oakland Plantation as depicted on map CARI, 80,002, dated January 1994.

(2) Lands and structures owned or acquired by Museum Contents, Inc. as depicted on map CARI, 80,001A, dated May 1994.

(3) Sites that may be the subject of cooperative agreements with the National Park Service for the purposes of historic preservation and interpretation including, but not limited to, the Melrose Plantation, the Badin-Rouge site, the Cherokee Plantation, the Beau Fort Plantation, and sites within the Natchitoches National Historical Landmark District: *Provided*, That such sites may not be added to the historical park unless the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") determines, based on further research and planning, that such sites meet the applicable criteria for national historical significance, suitability, and feasibility, and notification of the proposed addition has been transmitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives.

(4) Not to exceed 10 acres of land that the Secretary may designate for an interpretive visitor center complex to serve the needs of

the historical park and heritage area established in part B of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title III, §303, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4758.)

§ 410ccc-2. Administration

(a) In general

The Secretary shall administer the historical park in accordance with this part and with provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title and sections 461 to 467 of this title. The Secretary shall manage the historical park in such a manner as will preserve resources and cultural landscapes relating to the Creole culture of the Cane River and enhance public understanding of the important cultural heritage of the Cane River region.

(b) Donations

The Secretary may accept and retain donations of funds, property, or services from individuals, foundations, or other public or private entities for the purposes of providing programs, services, facilities, or technical assistance that further the purposes of this subchapter. Any funds donated to the Secretary pursuant to this subsection may be expended without further appropriation.

(c) Interpretive center

The Secretary is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain an interpretive center on lands identified by the Secretary pursuant to section 410ccc-1(b)(4) of this title. Such center shall provide for the general information and orientation needs of the historical park and the heritage area. The Secretary shall consult with the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, and the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission pursuant to section 410ccc-22 of this title in the planning and development of the interpretive center.

(d) Cooperative agreements and technical assistance

(1) The Secretary, after consultation with the Cane River Heritage Area Commission¹ established pursuant to section 410ccc-22 of this title, is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with owners of properties within the heritage area and owners of properties within the historical park that provide important educational and interpretive opportunities relating to the heritage of the Cane River region. The Secretary may also enter into cooperative agreements for the purpose of facilitating the preservation of important historic sites and structures identified in the historical park's general management plan or other heritage elements related to the heritage of the Cane River region. Such cooperative agreements shall specify that the National Park Service shall have reasonable rights of access for operational and visitor use needs and that preservation treatments will meet the Secretary's standards for rehabilitation of historic buildings.

(2) The Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the City of Natchi-

¹ So in original. Probably should be "Cane River National Heritage Area Commission".

toches, the State of Louisiana, and other public or private organizations for the development of the interpretive center, educational programs, and other materials that will facilitate public use of the historical park and heritage area.

(e) Research

The Secretary, acting through the National Park Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive research program on the complex history of the Cane River region, including ethnography studies of the living communities along the Cane River, and how past and present generations have adapted to their environment, including genealogical studies of families within the Cane River area. Research shall include, but not be limited to, the extensive primary historic documents within the Natchitoches and Cane River areas, and curation methods for their care and exhibition. The research program shall be coordinated with Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and the National Center for Preservation of Technology and Training in Natchitoches.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title III, §304, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4758.)

§ 410ccc-3. Acquisition of property

(a) General authority

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interest therein within the boundaries of the historical park by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(b) State and local properties

Lands and interests therein that are owned by the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only by donation or exchange.

(c) Museum Contents, Inc.

Lands and structures identified in section 410ccc-1(b)(2) of this title may be acquired only by donation.

(d) Cooperative agreement sites

Lands and interests therein that are the subject of cooperative agreements pursuant to section 410ccc-1(b)(3) of this title shall not be acquired except with the consent of the owner thereof.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title III, §305, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4759.)

§ 410ccc-4. General management plan

Within 3 years after the date funds are made available therefor and in consultation with the Cane River Heritage Area Commission,¹ the National Park Service shall prepare a general management plan for the historical park. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to—

(1) a visitor use plan indicating programs and facilities that will be provided for public use, including the location and cost of an interpretive center;

(2) programs and management actions that the National Park Service will undertake co-

operatively with the heritage area commission,² including preservation treatments for important sites, structures, objects, and research materials. Planning shall address educational media, roadway signing, and brochures that could be coordinated with the Commission pursuant to section 410ccc-23 of this title; and

(3) preservation and use plans for any sites and structures that are identified for National Park Service involvement through cooperative agreements.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title III, §306, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4760.)

PART B—CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

§ 410ccc-21. Establishment

(a) In general

There is hereby established the Cane River National Heritage Area (hereinafter in this part referred to as the “heritage area”).

(b) Purpose

In furtherance of the need to recognize the value and importance of the Cane River region and in recognition of the findings of section 410ccc(a) of this title, it is the purpose of this part to establish a heritage area to complement the historical park and to provide for a culturally sensitive approach to the preservation of the heritage of the Cane River region, and for other needs including—

(1) recognizing areas important to the Nation’s heritage and identity;

(2) assisting in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region;

(3) providing a framework for those who live within this important dynamic cultural landscape to assist in preservation and educational actions; and

(4) minimizing the need for Federal land acquisition and management.

(c) Area included

The heritage area shall include—

(1) an area approximately 1 mile on both sides of the Cane River as depicted on map CARI, 80,000A, dated May 1994;

(2) those properties within the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District which are the subject of cooperative agreements pursuant to section 410ccc-2(d) of this title;

(3) the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area;

(4) the Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area;

(5) the Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Commemorative Area; and

(6) the Kate Chopin House.

A final identification of all areas and sites to be included in the heritage area shall be included in the heritage area management plan as required in section 410ccc-23 of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §401, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4760.)

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²So in original. Probably should be “Heritage Area Commission.”

§ 410ccc-22. Cane River National Heritage Area Commission

(a) Establishment

To assist in implementing the purposes of this subchapter¹ and to provide guidance for the management of the heritage area, there is established the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission (hereinafter in this part referred to as the "Commission").

(b) Membership

The Commission shall consist of 19 members to be appointed no later than 6 months after November 2, 1994. The Commission shall be appointed by the Secretary as follows—

- (1) one member from recommendations submitted by the Mayor of Natchitoches;
- (2) one member from recommendations submitted by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches;
- (3) one member from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc.;
- (4) two members with experience in and knowledge of tourism in the heritage area from recommendations submitted by local business and tourism organizations;
- (5) one member from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Louisiana;
- (6) one member from recommendations submitted by the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish;
- (7) one member from recommendations submitted by the Concern² Citizens of Cloutierville;
- (8) one member from recommendations submitted by the St. Augustine Historical Society;
- (9) one member from recommendations submitted by the Black Heritage Committee;
- (10) one member from recommendations submitted by the Los Adaes/Robeline Community;
- (11) one member from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Historic District Commission;
- (12) one member from recommendations submitted by the Cane River Waterway Commission;
- (13) two members who are landowners in and residents of the heritage area;
- (14) one member with experience and knowledge of historic preservation from recommendations submitted by the Museum Contents, Inc.;
- (15) one member with experience and knowledge of historic preservation from recommendations submitted by the President of Northwestern State University of Louisiana;
- (16) one member with experience in and knowledge of environmental, recreational and conservation matters affecting the heritage area from recommendations submitted by the Natchitoches Sportsmans³ Association and other local recreational and environmental organizations; and
- (17) the director of the National Park Service, or the Director's designee, ex officio.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original.

³ So in original. Probably should be "Sportsman's".

(c) Duties of Commission

The Commission shall—

- (1) prepare a management plan for the heritage area in consultation with the National Park Service, the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, interested groups, property owners, and the public;
- (2) consult with the Secretary on the preparation of the general management plan for the historical park;
- (3) develop cooperative agreements with property owners, preservation groups, educational groups, the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, universities, and tourism groups, and other groups to further the purposes of this subchapter; and
- (4) identify appropriate entities, such as a non-profit corporation, that could be established to assume the responsibilities of the Commission following its termination.

(d) Powers of Commission

In furtherance of the purposes of this subchapter, the Commission is authorized to—

- (1) procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent that is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates determined by the Commission to be reasonable;
- (2) accept the services of personnel detailed from the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof, and may reimburse the State or political subdivision for such services;
- (3) upon the request of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of such agency to the Commission to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties;
- (4) appoint and fix the compensation of such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties. Staff shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates;
- (5) enter into cooperative agreements with public or private individuals or entities for research, historic preservation, and education purposes;
- (6) make grants to assist in the preparation of studies that identify, preserve, and plan for the management of the heritage area;
- (7) notwithstanding any other provision of law, seek and accept donations of funds or services from individuals, foundations, or other public or private entities and expend the same for the purposes of providing services and programs in furtherance of the purposes of this subchapter;
- (8) assist others in developing educational, informational, and interpretive programs and facilities;
- (9) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission may consider appropriate; and
- (10) use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments or agencies of the United States.

(e) Compensation

Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service on the Commission. While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(f) Chairman

The Commission shall elect a chairman from among its members. The term of the chairman shall be for 3 years.

(g) Terms

The terms of Commission members shall be for 3 years. Any member of the Commission appointed by the Secretary for a 3-year term may serve after expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor was appointed.

(h) Annual reports

The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Secretary identifying its expenses and any income, the entities to which any grants or technical assistance were made during the year for which the report is made, and actions that are planned for the following year.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §402, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4761.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "titles II and III of this Act" and was translated as reading "titles III and IV of this Act" meaning titles III and IV of Pub. L. 103-449, which are classified generally to this subchapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress in view of similar references in subsecs. (c) and (d) of this section. Title II of Pub. L. 103-449, known as the Weir Farm National Historic Site Expansion Act of 1994, amended provisions listed in a table of National Historic Sites set out under section 461 of this title.

§ 410ccc-23. Preparation of plan**(a) In general**

Within 3 years after the Commission conducts its first meeting, it shall prepare and submit a heritage area management plan to the Governor of the State of Louisiana. The Governor shall, if the Governor approves the plan, submit it to the Secretary for review and approval. The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to the Commission in the preparation and implementation of the plan, in concert with actions by the National Park Service to prepare a general management plan for the historical park. The plan shall consider local government plans and shall present a unified heritage preservation and education plan for the heritage area. The plan shall include, but not be limited to—

(1) an inventory of important properties and cultural landscapes that should be preserved, managed, developed, and maintained because

of their cultural, natural, and public use significance;

(2) an analysis of current land uses within the area and how they affect the goals of preservation and public use of the heritage area;

(3) an interpretive plan to address the cultural and natural history of the area, and actions to enhance visitor use. This element of the plan shall be undertaken in consultation with the National Park Service and visitor use plans for the historical park;

(4) recommendations for coordinating actions by local, State, and Federal governments within the heritage area, to further the purposes of this subchapter; and

(5) an implementation program for the plan including desired actions by State and local governments and other involved groups and entities.

(b) Approval of plan

The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the plan within 90 days after receipt of the plan from the Commission. The Commission shall notify the Secretary of the status of approval by the Governor of Louisiana when the plan is submitted for review and approval. In determining whether or not to approve the plan the Secretary shall consider—

(1) whether the Commission has afforded adequate opportunity, including public meetings and hearings, for public and governmental involvement in the preparation of the plan; and

(2) whether reasonable assurances have been received from the State and local governments that the plan is supported and that the implementation program is feasible.

(c) Disapproval of plan

If the Secretary disapproves the plan, he shall advise the Commission in writing of the reasons for disapproval, and shall provide recommendations and assistance in the revision plan. Following completion of any revisions to the plan, the Commission shall resubmit the plan to the Governor of Louisiana for approval, and to the Secretary, who shall approve or disapprove the plan within 90 days after the date that the plan is revised.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §403, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4763.)

§ 410ccc-24. Termination of Heritage Area Commission**(a) Termination**

The Commission shall terminate on the day occurring 10 years after the first official meeting of the Commission.

(b) Extension

The Commission may petition to be extended for a period of not more than 5 years beginning on the day referred to in subsection (a) of this section, provided the Commission determines a critical need to fulfill the purposes of this subchapter; and the Commission obtains approval from the Secretary, in consultation with the Governor of Louisiana.

(c) Heritage area management following termination of Commission

The national heritage area status for the Cane River region shall continue following the termi-

nation of the Commission. The management plan, and partnerships and agreements subject to the plan shall guide the future management of the heritage area. The Commission, prior to its termination, shall recommend to the Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Secretary, appropriate entities, including the potential for a nonprofit corporation, to assume the responsibilities of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §404, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4764.)

§ 410ccc-25. Duties of other Federal agencies

Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities directly affecting the heritage area shall—

(1) consult with the Secretary and the Commission with respect to implementation of their proposed actions; and

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate such activities with the Commission to minimize potential impacts on the resources of the heritage area.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §405, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4764.)

§ 410ccc-26. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 103-449, title IV, §406, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4765.)

SUBCHAPTER LIX-BB—NEW BEDFORD
WHALING NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

§ 410ddd. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

(a) Findings and purposes

(1) Findings

The Congress finds that—

(A) the New Bedford National Historic Landmark District and associated historic sites as described in subsection (c)(2) of this section, including the Schooner Ernestina, are National Historic Landmarks and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as historic sites associated with the history of whaling in the United States;

(B) the city of New Bedford was the 19th century capital of the world's whaling industry and retains significant architectural features, archival materials, and museum collections illustrative of this period;

(C) New Bedford's historic resources provide unique opportunities for illustrating and interpreting the whaling industry's contribution to the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States and provide opportunities for public use and enjoyment; and¹

(D) during the nineteenth century, over two thousand whaling voyages sailed out of New Bedford to the Arctic region of Alaska, and joined Alaska Natives from Barrow, Alaska and other areas in the Arctic region in subsistence whaling activities; and

(E) the National Park System presently contains no sites commemorating whaling and its contribution to American history.

(2) Purposes

The purposes of this section are—

(A) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the resources within the areas described in subsection (c)(2) of this section, including architecture, setting, and associated archival and museum collections;

(B) to collaborate with the city of New Bedford and with associated historical, cultural, and preservation organizations to further the purposes of the park established under this section; and

(C) to provide opportunities for the inspirational benefit and education of the American people.

(b) Definitions

For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term "park" means the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park established by subsection (c) of this section; and

(2) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

(1) Establishment

In order to preserve for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States as a national historical park certain districts, structures, and relics located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and associated with the history of whaling and related social and economic themes in America, there is established the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

(2) Boundaries

(A) The boundaries of the park shall be those generally depicted on the map numbered NAR-P49-80,000-4 and dated June 1994. Such map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service. In case of any conflict between the descriptions set forth in clauses (i) through (iv) and such map, such map shall govern. The park shall include the following:

(i) The area included within the New Bedford Historic District (a National Landmark District), also known as the Bedford Landing Waterfront Historic District, as listed within the National Register of Historic Places and in the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places.

(ii) The National Historic Landmark Schooner Ernestina, with its home port in New Bedford.

(iii) The land along the eastern boundary of the New Bedford National Historic Landmark District over the east side of MacArthur Drive from the Route 6 overpass on the north to an extension of School Street on the south.

(iv) The land north of Elm Street in New Bedford, bounded by Acushnet Avenue on the west, Route 6 (ramps) on the north, MacArthur Drive on the east, and Elm Street on the south.

¹ So in original. The word "and" probably should not appear.