

Public Law 100-486
100th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the development and operation of a visitor and environmental education center in the Pinelands National Reserve, in the State of New Jersey.

Oct. 13, 1988
[S. 1165]

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

**SECTION 1. PINELANDS INTERPRETATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM;
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Section 502 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-625; 16 U.S.C. 471i) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) **PINELANDS INTERPRETATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM;
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**—

“(1) **STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERPRETATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.**—For the purpose of enhancing public understanding, awareness, and appreciation with respect to the natural and cultural resources of the Pine Barrens area of New Jersey, the Secretary shall, within 9 months after the enactment of this subsection, study and recommend appropriate initiatives to provide an educational and interpretative program for the Reserve. The Secretary shall conduct such study in consultation with the planning entity and the appropriate departments and agencies of the State of New Jersey.

“(2) **ITEMS INCLUDED.**—The study and recommendations required by this subsection shall include, but not be limited to each of the following:

“(A) Interpretative and informational materials, exhibits, films, lectures, and other devices and educational methods.

“(B) A plan to provide for educational and interpretative programs for the Reserve, considering among other things the improvement of existing facilities and interpretative programs in the Reserve, including the possible use of existing facilities such as Whitesbog, Batsto, Double Trouble State Park and Stockton State College.

“(C) The use and enhancement of existing fire towers in the Reserve to serve as observation platforms.

“(D) The appropriate role for departments and agencies of the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government in implementing the program.

“(3) **STUDY OF DEVELOPMENT CREDIT BANK AND DEVELOPMENT CREDIT SYSTEM.**—The Secretary is authorized and directed to study the State of New Jersey Pinelands Development Credit Bank and Pinelands Development Credit System, and to submit to the Congress within 9 months after enactment of this subsection such recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate for improvements of the operation of the State Pinelands Development Credit Bank and the overall Pinelands Development Credit Program.

“(4) **STUDY OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**—The Secretary shall study the Pinelands Municipal Council, and submit to the Congress within 9 months after enactment of this subsection such recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate for improvements of the operation of the council.

Appropriation
authorization.

“(5) **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary may enter into such contracts and agreements with the State of New Jersey and other public and private entities as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the authorities and responsibilities of the Secretary under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, there is authorized to be appropriated not more than \$500,000 to prepare and complete the study pursuant to paragraph (1) and \$3,000,000 to implement the recommendations of such study upon its approval by the Congress, the Federal share of which may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost.”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

16 USC 471i.

Section 502(k) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 is amended by inserting “(1)” before the first full sentence thereof, and adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(2) In addition to other funds authorized pursuant to this subsection, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$14,500,000 for land acquisition, the Federal share of which may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost. Land acquisition pursuant to this subsection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of subsection (h) of this section insofar as such requirements are not inconsistent with this paragraph. Such acquisitions shall also be carried out in a manner consistent with the management plan and shall include—

“(A) lands located within the preservation area of the National Reserve which is designated in the management plan;

“(B) lands that are within the areas protected by the management plan and that are threatened by adverse development or have critical ecological values; or

“(C) lands that have limited practical use because of their location in the Reserve and that are held by landowners who both own less than 50 acres in the Reserve and have exhausted existing remedies to secure relief.

Additional funds contributed by the State to the Pinelands Development Bank after enactment of this Act, not to exceed \$5,000,000, may be counted as part of the State share of land acquisition funds.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1165:

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