

Public Law 107-346
107th Congress

An Act

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To convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes.

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

Virgin River
Dinosaur
Footprint
Preserve Act.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve Act”.

SEC. 2. VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**—As soon as is practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, if the City agrees to the conditions set forth in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior may award to the City a grant equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the fair market value of up to 10 acres of land (and all related facilities and other appurtenances thereon) generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve”, numbered 09/06/2001-A, for purchase of that property.

(b) **CONDITIONS OF GRANT.**—The grant under subsection (a) shall be made only after the City agrees to the following conditions:

(1) **USE OF LAND.**—The City shall use the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve in a manner that accomplishes the following:

(A) Preserves and protects the paleontological resources located within the exterior boundaries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve.

(B) Provides opportunities for scientific research in a manner compatible with subparagraph (A).

(C) Provides the public with opportunities for educational activities in a manner compatible with subparagraph (A).

(2) **REVERTER.**—If at any time after the City acquires the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve, the Secretary determines that the City is not substantially in compliance with the conditions described in paragraph (1), all right, title, and interest in and to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve shall immediately revert to the United States, with no further consideration on the part of the United States, and such property shall then be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) **CONDITIONS TO BE CONTAINED IN DEED.**—If the City attempts to transfer title to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint

Preserve (in whole or in part), the conditions set forth in this subsection shall transfer with such title and shall be enforceable against any subsequent owner of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in part).

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.—

(1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the City for the management of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve by the City.

(2) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide to the City—

(A) financial assistance, if the Secretary determines that such assistance is necessary for protection of the paleontological resources located within the exterior boundaries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve; and

(B) technical assistance to assist the City in complying with subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (b)(1).

(3) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to funds made available under subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary may provide grants to the City to carry out its duties under the cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1).

(B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL MATCH.—Grants under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed \$500,000 and shall be provided only to the extent that the City matches the amount of such grants with non-Federal contributions (including in-kind contributions).

(d) MAP ON FILE.—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Department of the Interior.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of St. George, Utah.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.—The term “Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve” means the

property (and all facilities and other appurtenances thereon) described in subsection (a).

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