

the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or if they are not approximately equal the values shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require. Any cash payment received by the Secretary shall be credited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the Treasury of the United States. A conveyance of the federally owned lot shall eliminate it from the park.

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Public Law 89-616

AN ACT

October 3, 1966
[S. 3510]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility and desirability of a Connecticut River National Recreation Area, in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to consider preserving the Connecticut River area and appropriate segments of adjoining land in their natural condition for public outdoor recreation, and preserving the priceless natural beauty and historic heritage of the river valley, the Secretary of the Interior shall study, investigate, and formulate recommendations on the feasibility and desirability of establishing all or parts of the Connecticut River Valley from its source to its mouth, in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire, as a Connecticut River National Recreation Area. The Secretary shall consult with other interested Federal agencies, and the State and local bodies and officials involved, and shall coordinate his study with applicable highway plans and other planning activities relating to the region. In conducting the study, the Secretary shall hold public hearings within any State involved, upon the request of the Governor thereof, for the purpose of receiving views and recommendations on the establishment of a national recreation area.

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SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the President, within two years after the date of this Act, a report of his findings and recommendations. The President shall submit to the Congress such recommendations, including legislation, as he deems appropriate. The Secretary's report shall contain, but not be limited to, findings with respect to—

Report to President and Congress.

(a) the scenic, scientific, historic, outdoor recreation, and the natural values of the water and related land resources involved, including driving for pleasure, walking, hiking, riding, boating, bicycling, swimming, picnicking, camping, forest management, fish and wildlife management, scenic and historic site preservation, hunting, fishing, and winter sports;

(b) the potential alternative beneficial uses of the water and related land resources involved, taking into consideration appropriate uses of the land for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and transportation purposes, and for public services; and

(c) the type of Federal program that is feasible and desirable in the public interest to preserve, develop, and make accessible the values set forth in subsection (a), including the consideration of scenic roads or parkways, and that also will have a minimum impact on other essential operations and activities in the area, and on private property owners.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000 or such part of said sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation.

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