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# H. R. 5131

**[Report No. 111-596]**

To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut,  
and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Additional sponsors: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. HIMES, and Mr.  
MURPHY of Connecticut

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 22, 2010]

# **A BILL**

To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State  
of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       *This Act may be cited as the “Coltsville National His-*  
5       *torical Park Act”.*

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       *For the purposes of this Act:*

8               (1) *CITY.*—*The term “city” means the city of*  
9       *Hartford, Connecticut.*

10              (2) *COMMISSION.*—*The term “Commission”*  
11       *means the Coltsville National Historical Park Advi-*  
12       *sory Commission established by subsection 6(a).*

13              (3) *HISTORIC DISTRICT.*—*The term “Historic*  
14       *District” means the Coltsville Historic District.*

15              (4) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map ti-*  
16       *tled “Coltsville National Historical Park—Proposed*  
17       *Boundary”, numbered T25/102087, and dated May*  
18       *11, 2010.*

19              (5) *PARK.*—*The term “park” means the*  
20       *Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of*  
21       *Connecticut.*

22              (6) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
23       *the Secretary of the Interior.*

24              (7) *STATE.*—*The term “State” means the State*  
25       *of Connecticut.*

1 **SEC. 3. COLTSVILLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

2 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

3 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2),  
4 there is established in the State a unit of the National  
5 Park System to be known as the “Coltsville National  
6 Historical Park”.

7 (2) *CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT.*—The  
8 park shall not be established until the date on which  
9 the Secretary determines that—

10 (A) the Secretary has acquired by donation  
11 sufficient land or an interest in land within the  
12 boundary of the park to constitute a manageable  
13 unit;

14 (B) the State, city, or private property  
15 owner, as appropriate, has entered into a writ-  
16 ten agreement with the Secretary to donate at  
17 least 10,000 square feet of space in the East Ar-  
18 mory which would include facilities for park ad-  
19 ministration and visitor services;

20 (C) the Secretary has entered into a written  
21 agreement with the State, city, or other public  
22 entity, as appropriate, providing that—

23 (i) land owned by the State, city, or  
24 other public entity within the Coltsville  
25 Historic District shall be managed con-  
26 sistent with this section; and

1                   (ii) future uses of land within the his-  
2                   toric district shall be compatible with the  
3                   designation of the park and the city's pres-  
4                   ervation ordinance; and

5                   (D) the Secretary has reviewed the financial  
6                   resources of the owners of private and public  
7                   property within the boundary of the proposed  
8                   park to ensure the viability of the park based on  
9                   those resources.

10           (b) BOUNDARIES.—The park shall include and provide  
11 appropriate interpretation and viewing of the following  
12 sites, as generally depicted on the map:

13                   (1) The East Armory.

14                   (2) The Church of the Good Shepherd.

15                   (3) The Caldwell/Colt Memorial Parish House.

16                   (4) Colt Park.

17                   (5) The Potsdam Cottages.

18                   (6) Armsmear.

19                   (7) The James Colt House.

20           (c) COLLECTIONS.—The Secretary shall enter into a  
21 written agreement with the State of Connecticut State Li-  
22 brary, Wadsworth Atheneum, and the Colt Trust, or other  
23 public entities, as appropriate, to gain appropriate access  
24 to Colt-related artifacts for the purposes of having items  
25 routinely on display in the East Armory or within the park

1 *as determined by the Secretary as a major function of the*  
 2 *visitor experience.*

3 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall administer the*  
 5 *park in accordance with—*

6 (1) *this Act; and*

7 (2) *the laws generally applicable to units of the*  
 8 *National Park System, including—*

9 (A) *the National Park Service Organic Act*  
 10 *(16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and*

11 (B) *the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.*  
 12 *461 et seq.).*

13 (b) *STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.*—*Nothing in*  
 14 *this Act enlarges, diminishes, or modifies any authority of*  
 15 *the State, or any political subdivision of the State (includ-*  
 16 *ing the city)—*

17 (1) *to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction; or*

18 (2) *to carry out State laws (including regula-*  
 19 *tions) and rules on non-Federal land located within*  
 20 *the boundary of the park.*

21 (c) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*As the Secretary determines*  
 23 *to be appropriate to carry out this Act, the Secretary*  
 24 *may enter into cooperative agreements with the owner*  
 25 *of any property within the Coltsville Historic District*

1       or any nationally significant properties within the  
2       boundary of the park, under which the Secretary may  
3       identify, interpret, restore, rehabilitate, and provide  
4       technical assistance for the preservation of the prop-  
5       erties.

6               (2) *RIGHT OF ACCESS.*—A cooperative agreement  
7       entered into under paragraph (1) shall provide that  
8       the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Na-  
9       tional Park Service, shall have the right of access at  
10      all reasonable times to all public portions of the prop-  
11      erty covered by the agreement for the purposes of—

12               (A) conducting visitors through the prop-  
13      erties; and

14               (B) interpreting the properties for the pub-  
15      lic.

16               (3) *CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.*—No changes or  
17      alterations shall be made to any properties covered by  
18      a cooperative agreement entered into under para-  
19      graph (1) unless the Secretary and the other party to  
20      the agreement agree to the changes or alterations.

21               (4) *CONVERSION, USE, OR DISPOSAL.*—Any pay-  
22      ment by the Secretary under this subsection shall be  
23      subject to an agreement that the conversion, use, or  
24      disposal of a project for purposes contrary to the pur-  
25      poses of this section, as determined by the Secretary,

1       *shall entitle the United States to reimbursement in an*  
 2       *amount equal to the greater of—*

3               *(A) the amounts made available to the*  
 4               *project by the United States; or*

5               *(B) the portion of the increased value of the*  
 6               *project attributable to the amounts made avail-*  
 7               *able under this subsection, as determined at the*  
 8               *time of the conversion, use, or disposal.*

9       (5) *MATCHING FUNDS.—*

10               *(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the re-*  
 11               *ceipt of funds under this subsection, the Sec-*  
 12               *retary shall require that any Federal funds made*  
 13               *available under a cooperative agreement shall be*  
 14               *matched on a 1-to-1 basis by non-Federal funds.*

15               *(B) FORM.—With the approval of the Sec-*  
 16               *retary, the non-Federal share required under*  
 17               *subparagraph (A) may be in the form of donated*  
 18               *property, goods, or services from a non-Federal*  
 19               *source, fairly valued.*

20       (d) *ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Land or interests in land*  
 21       *owned by the State or any political subdivision of the State*  
 22       *may be acquired only by donation.*

23       (e) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC INTERPRE-*  
 24       *TATION.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance*



1 *and public interpretation of related historic and cultural*  
2 *resources within the boundary of the historic district.*

3 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after*  
5 *the date on which funds are made available to carry out*  
6 *this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-*  
7 *sion, shall complete a management plan for the park in*  
8 *accordance with—*

9 *(1) section 12(b) of Public Law 91–383 (com-*  
10 *monly known as the National Park Service General*  
11 *Authorities Act) (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)); and*

12 *(2) other applicable laws.*

13 *(b) COST SHARE.—The management plan shall in-*  
14 *clude provisions that identify costs to be shared by the Fed-*  
15 *eral Government, the State, and the city, and other public*  
16 *or private entities or individuals for necessary capital im-*  
17 *provements to, and maintenance and operations of, the*  
18 *park.*

19 *(c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the*  
20 *management plan, the Secretary shall submit the manage-*  
21 *ment plan to—*

22 *(1) the Committee on Natural Resources of the*  
23 *House of Representatives; and*

24 *(2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-*  
25 *sources of the Senate.*

1 **SEC. 6. COLTSVILLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ADVI-**  
2 **SORY COMMISSION.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established a Commis-*  
4 *sion to be known as the Coltsville National Historical Park*  
5 *Advisory Commission.*

6 (b) *DUTY.*—*The Commission shall advise the Secretary*  
7 *in the development and implementation of the management*  
8 *plan.*

9 (c) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

10 (1) *COMPOSITION.*—*The Commission shall be*  
11 *composed of 11 members, to be appointed by the Sec-*  
12 *retary, of whom—*

13 (A) *2 members shall be appointed after con-*  
14 *sideration of recommendations submitted by the*  
15 *Governor of the State;*

16 (B) *1 member shall be appointed after con-*  
17 *sideration of recommendations submitted by the*  
18 *State Senate President;*

19 (C) *1 member shall be appointed after con-*  
20 *sideration of recommendations submitted by the*  
21 *Speaker of the State House of Representatives;*

22 (D) *2 members shall be appointed after con-*  
23 *sideration of recommendations submitted by the*  
24 *Mayor of Hartford, Connecticut;*

1           (E) 2 members shall be appointed after con-  
2 sideration of recommendations submitted by  
3 Connecticut's 2 United States Senators;

4           (F) 1 member shall be appointed after con-  
5 sideration of recommendations submitted by  
6 Connecticut's First Congressional District Rep-  
7 resentative;

8           (G) 2 members shall have experience with  
9 national parks and historic preservation;

10          (H) all appointments must have significant  
11 experience with and knowledge of the Coltsville  
12 Historic District; and

13          (I) 1 member of the Commission must live  
14 in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood within  
15 the Coltsville Historic District.

16          (2) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary shall  
17 appoint the initial members of the Commission not  
18 later than the earlier of—

19               (A) the date that is 30 days after the date  
20 on which the Secretary has received all of the  
21 recommendations for appointments under para-  
22 graph (1); or

23               (B) the date that is 30 days after the park  
24 is established.

25          (d) TERM; VACANCIES.—

1           (1) *TERM.*—

2                   (A) *IN GENERAL.*—A member shall be ap-  
3           pointed for a term of 3 years.

4                   (B) *REAPPOINTMENT.*—A member may be  
5           reappointed for not more than 1 additional  
6           term.

7           (2) *VACANCIES.*—A vacancy on the Commission  
8           shall be filled in the same manner as the original ap-  
9           pointment was made.

10          (e) *MEETINGS.*—The Commission shall meet at the call  
11       of—

12                   (1) *the Chairperson; or*

13                   (2) *a majority of the members of the Commis-*  
14       *sion.*

15          (f) *QUORUM.*—A majority of the Commission shall  
16       constitute a quorum.

17          (g) *CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.*—

18                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Commission shall select a  
19       Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the  
20       members of the Commission.

21                   (2) *VICE CHAIRPERSON.*—The Vice Chairperson  
22       shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chair-  
23       person.

1           (3) *TERM.*—*A member may serve as Chairperson*  
2           *or Vice Chairperson for not more than 1 year in each*  
3           *office.*

4           (h) *COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.*—

5                 (1) *COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.*—

6                     (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Members of the Commis-*  
7                     *sion shall serve without compensation.*

8                     (B) *TRAVEL EXPENSES.*—*Members of the*  
9                     *Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, in-*  
10                    *cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates*  
11                    *authorized for an employee of an agency under*  
12                    *subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United*  
13                    *States Code, while away from the home or reg-*  
14                    *ular place of business of the member in the per-*  
15                    *formance of the duty of the Commission.*

16                 (2) *STAFF.*—

17                     (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall pro-*  
18                     *vide the Commission with any staff members*  
19                     *and technical assistance that the Secretary, after*  
20                     *consultation with the Commission, determines to*  
21                     *be appropriate to enable the Commission to*  
22                     *carry out the duty of the Commission.*

23                     (B) *DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.*—*The Sec-*  
24                     *retary may accept the services of personnel de-*

1           tailed from the State or any political subdivision  
2           of the State.

3           (i) *FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.*—Section 14(b) of the  
4 *Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)* shall not  
5 *apply to the Commission.*

6           (j) *TERMINATION.*—

7                 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Unless extended under para-  
8 *graph (2), the Commission shall terminate on the*  
9 *date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment*  
10 *of this Act.*

11                (2) *EXTENSION.*—Eight years after the date of  
12 *the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall make*  
13 *a recommendation to the Secretary if a body of its*  
14 *nature is still necessary to advise on the development*  
15 *of the park. If, based on a recommendation under this*  
16 *paragraph, the Secretary determines that the Com-*  
17 *mission is still necessary, the Secretary may extend*  
18 *the life of the Commission for not more than 10 years.*

19 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

20           *There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for*  
21 *the development of the park.*



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