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To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARRIS (for himself, Mr. HANNA, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. RICHARDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, 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 “Harriet Tubman Na-
5 tional Historical Parks Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NA-**
2 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, MARYLAND.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
5 park” means the Harriet Tubman Underground
6 Railroad National Historical Park established by
7 subsection (b)(1)(A).

8 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Na-
10 tional Historical Park”, numbered P99/111520, and
11 dated November 2011.

12 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
15 of Maryland.

16 (b) HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
17 NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.—

18 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
20 graph (B), there is established the Harriet Tub-
21 man Underground Railroad National Historical
22 Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Coun-
23 ties, Maryland, as a unit of the National Park
24 System.

25 (B) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—

26 The historical park shall not be established

1 until the date on which the Secretary deter-
2 mines that sufficient lands, or interests in
3 lands, have been acquired to constitute a man-
4 ageable park unit.

5 (C) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after
6 the date on which the Secretary makes a deter-
7 mination under subparagraph (B), the Sec-
8 retary shall publish in the Federal Register no-
9 tice of the establishment of the historical park,
10 including an official boundary map for the his-
11 torical park.

12 (D) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The official
13 boundary map published under subparagraph
14 (C) shall be on file and available for public in-
15 spection in appropriate offices of the National
16 Park Service.

17 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the historical
18 park is to preserve and interpret for the benefit of
19 present and future generations the historical, cul-
20 tural, and natural resources associated with the life
21 of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

22 (3) LAND ACQUISITION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may ac-
24 quire land and interests in land within the
25 areas depicted on the map as “NHP - Author-

1 ized Acquisition Areas” by donation or by pur-
2 chase from willing sellers using donated funds
3 only. The Secretary may accept non-Federal
4 funds for acquisitions under this paragraph.

5 (B) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—On acqui-
6 sition of lands or an interests in lands under
7 subparagraph (A), the boundary of the histor-
8 ical park shall be adjusted to reflect the acquisi-
9 tion.

10 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
12 ister the historical park in accordance with this sec-
13 tion and the laws generally applicable to units of the
14 National Park System, including—

15 (A) the National Park System Organic Act
16 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

17 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.
18 461 et seq.).

19 (2) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—Not later
20 than 1 year after the date on which the historical
21 park is established, the Director of the National
22 Park Service and the Director of the United States
23 Fish and Wildlife Service shall enter into an agree-
24 ment to allow the National Park Service to provide
25 for public interpretation of historic resources located

1 within the boundary of the Blackwater National
2 Wildlife Refuge that are associated with the life of
3 Harriet Tubman, consistent with the management
4 requirements of the Refuge.

5 (3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
7 enter into a cooperative agreement with the
8 State, political subdivisions of the State, col-
9 leges and universities, non-profit organizations,
10 and individuals—

11 (i) to mark, interpret, and restore na-
12 tionally significant historic or cultural re-
13 sources relating to the life of Harriet Tub-
14 man or the Underground Railroad within
15 the boundaries of the historical park, if the
16 agreement provides for reasonable public
17 access; or

18 (ii) to conduct research relating to the
19 life of Harriet Tubman and the Under-
20 ground Railroad.

21 (B) FUNDING.—No Federal funds shall be
22 made available under any cooperative agree-
23 ment entered into under this paragraph. The
24 Secretary may accept non-Federal funds to

1 carry out this paragraph or any cooperative
2 agreement entered into under this paragraph.

3 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
6 retary shall prepare a general management plan for
7 the historical park in accordance with section 12(b)
8 of Public Law 91–383 (commonly known as the
9 “National Park Service General Authorities Act”; 16
10 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)).

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—The general management
12 plan shall be prepared in consultation with the
13 State, including political subdivisions of the State.

14 (3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
15 ordinate the preparation and implementation of the
16 management plan with—

17 (A) the Blackwater National Wildlife Ref-
18 uge;

19 (B) the Harriet Tubman National Histor-
20 ical Park established by section 3(b)(1)(A); and

21 (C) the National Underground Railroad
22 Network to Freedom.

23 **SEC. 3. HARRIET TUBMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK,**
24 **AUBURN, NEW YORK.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
2 park” means the Harriet Tubman National Histor-
3 ical Park established by subsection (b)(1)(A).

4 (2) HOME.—The term “Home” means The
5 Harriet Tubman Home, Inc., located in Auburn,
6 New York.

7 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
8 titled “Harriet Tubman National Historical Park”,
9 numbered T18/80,000, and dated March 2009.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
13 of New York.

14 (b) HARRIET TUBMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL
15 PARK.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
18 graph (B), there is established the Harriet Tub-
19 man National Historical Park in Auburn, New
20 York, as a unit of the National Park System.

21 (B) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—
22 The historical park shall not be established
23 until the date on which the Secretary deter-
24 mines that a sufficient quantity of land, or in-

1 terests in land, has been acquired to constitute
2 a manageable park unit.

3 (C) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date on which the Secretary makes a deter-
5 mination under subparagraph (B), the Sec-
6 retary shall publish in the Federal Register no-
7 tice of the establishment of the historical park.

8 (D) MAP.—The map shall be on file and
9 available for public inspection in appropriate of-
10 fices of the National Park Service.

11 (2) BOUNDARY.—The historical park shall in-
12 clude the Harriet Tubman Home, the Tubman
13 Home for the Aged, the Thompson Memorial AME
14 Zion Church and Rectory, and associated land, as
15 identified in the area entitled “National Historical
16 Park Proposed Boundary” on the map.

17 (3) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the historical
18 park is to preserve and interpret for the benefit of
19 present and future generations the historical, cul-
20 tural, and natural resources associated with the life
21 of Harriet Tubman.

22 (4) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may
23 acquire land and interests in land within the areas
24 depicted on the map by donation. The Secretary may

1 accept non-Federal funds for acquisitions under this
2 paragraph.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
5 ister the historical park in accordance with this sec-
6 tion and the laws generally applicable to units of the
7 National Park System, including—

8 (A) the National Park System Organic Act
9 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

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

12 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
14 enter into a cooperative agreement with the
15 owner of any land within the historical park to
16 mark, interpret, or restore nationally significant
17 historic or cultural resources relating to the life
18 of Harriet Tubman, if the agreement provides
19 that—

20 (i) the Secretary shall have the right
21 of access to any public portions of the land
22 covered by the agreement to allow for—

23 (I) access at reasonable times by
24 historical park visitors to the land;
25 and

1 (II) interpretation of the land for
2 the public; and

3 (ii) no changes or alterations shall be
4 made to the land except by mutual agree-
5 ment of the Secretary and the owner of the
6 land.

7 (B) RESEARCH.—The Secretary may enter
8 into a cooperative agreement with the State, po-
9 litical subdivisions of the State, institutions of
10 higher education, the Home and other nonprofit
11 organizations, and individuals to conduct re-
12 search relating to the life of Harriet Tubman.

13 (C) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
15 submit to the Attorney General for review
16 any cooperative agreement under this
17 paragraph involving religious property or
18 property owned by a religious institution.

19 (ii) FINDING.—No cooperative agree-
20 ment subject to review under this subpara-
21 graph shall take effect until the date on
22 which the Attorney General issues a find-
23 ing that the proposed agreement does not
24 violate the Establishment Clause of the
25 First Amendment to the Constitution.

1 (D) FUNDING.—No Federal funds shall be
2 made available under any cooperative agree-
3 ment entered into under this paragraph. The
4 Secretary may accept non-Federal funds to
5 carry out this paragraph or any cooperative
6 agreement entered into under this paragraph.

7 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
9 the date of enactment, the Secretary shall prepare a
10 general management plan for the historical park in
11 accordance with section 12(b) of Public Law 91–383
12 (commonly known as the “National Park Service
13 General Authorities Act”; 16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)).

14 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
15 ordinate the preparation and implementation of the
16 management plan with—

17 (A) the Harriet Tubman Underground
18 Railroad National Historical Park established
19 by section 2(b)(1); and

20 (B) the National Underground Railroad
21 Network to Freedom.

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