

Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(f) Hearings; public involvement

The Commission may, for purposes of carrying out this subchapter, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such public testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission may not issue subpoenas or exercise any subpoena authority.

(Pub. L. 107-373, § 9, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3107.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Advisory commissions established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a commission established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such commission is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a commission established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 1001(2) and 1013 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 410iii-8. Conservation of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park

(a) Encouragement of conservation

The Secretary and the Commission shall encourage conservation of the historic and natural resources within and in proximity of the Park by landowners, local governments, organizations, and businesses.

(b) Provision of technical assistance

The Secretary may provide technical assistance to local governments, in cooperative efforts which complement the values of the Park.

(c) Cooperation by Federal agencies

Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities directly affecting the Park shall consult, cooperate, and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate its activities with the Secretary in a manner that—

- (1) is consistent with the purposes of this subchapter and the standards and criteria established pursuant to the general management plan developed pursuant to section 410iii-6 of this title;
- (2) is not likely to have an adverse effect on the resources of the Park; and
- (3) is likely to provide for full public participation in order to consider the views of all interested parties.

(Pub. L. 107-373, § 10, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3108.)

§ 410iii-9. Endowment

(a) In general

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (b), the Secretary is authorized to receive and expend funds from an endowment to be established with the National Park Foundation, or its successors and assigns.

(b) Conditions

Funds from the endowment referred to in subsection (a) shall be expended exclusively as the

Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, may designate for the interpretation, preservation, and maintenance of the Park resources and public access areas. No expenditure shall be made pursuant to this section unless the Secretary determines that such expenditure is consistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 107-373, § 11, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3108.)

§ 410iii-10. Cooperative agreements

(a) In general

In order to further the purposes of this subchapter, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with interested public and private entities and individuals (including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Belle Grove, Inc., the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, and the Counties of Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren), through technical and financial assistance, including encouraging the conservation of historic and natural resources of the Park.

(b) Technical and financial assistance

The Secretary may provide to any person, organization, or governmental entity technical and financial assistance for the purposes of this subchapter, including the following:

- (1) Preserving historic structures within the Park.
- (2) Maintaining the natural or cultural landscape of the Park.
- (3) Local preservation planning, interpretation, and management of public visitation for the Park.
- (4) Furthering the goals of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation related to the Park.

(Pub. L. 107-373, § 12, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3109.)

§ 410iii-11. Roles of key partner organizations

(a) In general

In recognition that central portions of the Park are presently owned and operated for the benefit of the public by key partner organizations, the Secretary shall acknowledge and support the continued participation of these partner organizations in the management of the Park.

(b) Park partners

Roles of the current key partners include the following:

(1) Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation

The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation may—

- (A) continue to own, operate, and manage the lands acquired by the Foundation within the Park;
- (B) continue to conduct reenactments and other events within the Park; and
- (C) transfer ownership interest in portions of their land to the National Park Service by donation, sale, or other means that meet the legal requirements of National Park Service land acquisitions.

(2) National Trust for Historic Preservation and Belle Grove Incorporated

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Belle Grove Incorporated may continue to