

Public Law 100-206
100th Congress

An Act

Dec. 23, 1987
[H.R. 2416]

To establish the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and Preservation District in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

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

16 USC 161 note.

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to provide for the benefit, inspiration, and education of the American people, there is hereby established the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia. In administering the historic site, the Secretary shall—

(1) preserve the key sites and structures located within the historic site associated with Jimmy Carter during his lifespan;

(2) provide for the interpretation of the life and Presidency of Jimmy Carter; and

(3) present the history of a small rural southern town.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—(1) The historic site shall consist of the lands and interests in lands (including the real property described in paragraph (2)) as generally depicted on the map entitled “Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and Preservation District Boundary Map”, numbered NHS-JC-80000, and dated April 1987. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection at appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

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information.

(2) The real property referred to in paragraph (1) is that real property which has significant historical association with the life of James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States, located in the town of Plains and the County of Sumter, Georgia, and described more particularly as follows—

(A) the home of former President Carter on Woodland Drive in Plains, Georgia, including the residence and approximately 2.9 acres across Woodland Drive;

(B) the Plains Railroad Depot, adjacent to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, which served as the campaign headquarters of former President Carter;

(C) the boyhood home of former President Carter, consisting of the residence, together with not more than 15 acres, located west of Plains near the community of Archery, Georgia;

(D) the 100-foot wide scenic easements on either side of Old Plains Highway from the intersection of U.S. Highway 280 to the boyhood home referred to in subparagraph (C);

(E) the Plains High School and grounds of approximately 12 acres; and

(F) the Gnann House at 1 Woodland Drive, which is adjacent to the residence referred to in subparagraph (A) of former President Carter.

(c) ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subject to such terms,

reservations, and conditions as the Secretary determines reasonable or necessary, the Secretary may acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, exchange, or otherwise—

(A) lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the historic site; and

(B) personal property and artifacts for purposes of the historic site.

(2) The Carter home (described in subsection (b)(2)(A)), the Plains Railroad Depot (described in subsection (b)(2)(B)), and the Plains High School (referred to in subsection (b)(2)(E)) may only be acquired by donation.

(3) Former President and Mrs. Carter may, as a condition of the acquisition of the Carter home (described in subsection (b)(2)(A)), reserve for themselves a right of use and occupancy of the home for a term of years or for a term ending at the deaths of President and Mrs. Carter.

(4) The Administrator of the General Services Administration shall acquire by purchase the Gnann House (described in subsection (b)(2)(F)) to be used for security purposes during the lives of former President and Mrs. Carter, or for such period as they may be entitled to security pursuant to Federal law, after which time the Gnann House shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for administrative purposes by the National Park Service.

SEC. 2. JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT.

16 USC 461 note.

(a) JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT.—In order to preserve and interpret the life of James Earl Carter, Jr. and the rural southern town of Plains, Georgia, including the 20th century south and the roles of agriculture and the agricultural economy there is hereby established the Jimmy Carter National Preservation District, which shall consist of the area identified on the map referred to in section 1(b)(1) as “Preservation District”. The preservation district shall include the Plains Historic District as listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 28, 1984, and those agricultural lands not to exceed 650 acres and that portion of Bond Street as depicted on such map.

(b) PRESERVATION EASEMENTS.—(1) The Secretary may obtain by donation or purchase preservation easements on historically or culturally significant (as determined by the Secretary) buildings and open spaces located within the preservation district. Each preservation easement shall contain (but need not be limited to) provisions that the Secretary shall have the right of access at reasonable times to the portions of the property covered by that easement for interpretive or other purposes, and that no changes or alterations shall be made to such portions of the property except by mutual agreement.

(2) The Secretary may mark, interpret, and provide technical assistance to properties within the preservation district in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation Projects.

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE AND PRESERVATION DISTRICT.

16 USC 461 note.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the historic site and the preservation district in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the provisions of law generally applicable to national historic sites, including the Act entitled “An Act to establish a

National Park Service, and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4), and the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes", approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

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(b) **COOPERATION WITH STATE OF GEORGIA.**—The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Georgia pursuant to which the Secretary may cooperate in the operation and use of the State of Georgia Visitor Center in Sumter County.

(c) **HISTORY.**—The Secretary shall gather oral history on the historic site, its occupants, and environs. The Secretary may also preserve personal property that has been acquired by the Secretary for purposes of the historic site.

(d) **REPORT.**—25 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convene a distinguished group of nationally recognized historians, scholars, and other experts to examine the life of President Carter in greater historical perspective. The group shall examine the research then available on President Carter, his life and Presidency, and make recommendations on interpretation, preservation, and other issues (as appropriate) at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and the Jimmy Carter National Preservation District.

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SEC. 4. ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall establish an advisory commission to provide advice on achieving balanced and accurate interpretation of the historic site.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—(1) The commission shall consist of a group of five nationally recognized scholars with collective expertise on the life and Presidency of Jimmy Carter, the 20th century rural south, historic preservation, and the American Presidency.

(2) The commission members shall be appointed by the Secretary for staggered terms of 3 years each. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member of the Commission appointed for a definite term may serve after the expiration of such term until a successor is appointed.

(3) Meetings of the Commission shall be called twice annually by the Secretary.

(c) **EXPENSES.**—The Secretary is authorized to pay, in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, the expenses reasonably incurred by the members of the Commission in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act.

16 USC 461 note.

SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Congress a general management plan for the use and development of the historic site and the preservation district. Such plan shall—

(1) be prepared in accordance with section 12(b) of the Act entitled "An Act to improve the administration of the national park system by the Secretary, and to clarify the authorities applicable to the system, and for other purposes", approved August 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a-1 et seq.), and shall be consistent with the purposes of this Act;

(2) include consideration of the economic feasibility and interpretive necessity of providing a transportation system for visitor use; and

(3) address the preservation and interpretation of Plains High School (referred to in section 1(b)(2)(E)) including appropriate use by the town of Plains.

Following a determination of the appropriate uses of the Plains High School for the town of Plains, the Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with the town concerning its use of the high school.

SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act—

(1) the term “preservation district” means the Jimmy Carter National Preservation District established under section 2;

(2) the term “historic site” means the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site established under section 1; and

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act, except that not more than \$3,500,000 is authorized to be appropriated for acquisition of real and personal property (including preservation easements) and development of the preservation district and the historic site.

(b) **COST SHARING.**—Not more than 60 percent of the aggregate cost of restoring the Plains High School (referred to in section 1(b)(2)(E)) may be provided from appropriated Federal funds. The remaining 40 percent, non-Federal share of such cost may be in the form of cash, goods, or services, fairly valued.

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