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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 “Great Falls Preserva-
5 tion and Redevelopment Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Great Falls Historic District in the
4 State of New Jersey is an area of historical signifi-
5 cance as an early site of planned industrial develop-
6 ment, and has remained largely intact, including
7 architecturally significant structures;

8 (2) the Great Falls Historic District is listed on
9 the National Register of Historic Places and has
10 been designated a National Historic Landmark;

11 (3) the Great Falls Historic District is within
12 a half hour drive of New York City, and within two
13 hours of Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, and
14 Wilmington;

15 (4) the District was originally established by
16 the Society of Useful Manufactures, an organization
17 whose leaders included a number of historically re-
18 nowned individuals, including Alexander Hamilton;
19 and

20 (5) the Great Falls Historic District has been
21 the subject of a number of studies which have shown
22 that the District possesses a combination of historic
23 significance and natural beauty worthy of and
24 uniquely situated for preservation and redevelop-
25 ment.

1 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to preserve and interpret
3 for the educational and inspirational benefit of the public,
4 the contribution to our national heritage of certain historic
5 and cultural lands, waterways and edifices of the Great
6 Falls Historic District with emphasis on harnessing this
7 unique urban environment for its educational and rec-
8 reational value, as well as to enhance economic and cul-
9 tural redevelopment within the District.

10 **SEC. 4. GREAT FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
12 the city of Paterson in the county of Passaic in the State
13 of New Jersey the Great Falls Historic District.

14 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the District
15 shall be the boundaries as specified for the Great Falls
16 Historic District listed on the National Register of His-
17 toric Places.

18 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
20 enter into cooperative agreements in accordance with this
21 Act. In expending moneys appropriated pursuant to this
22 Act, the Secretary may make grants to and enter into co-
23 operative agreements with State or local government agen-
24 cies or nonprofit entities for each of the following:

25 (1) The preparation of a plan for the develop-
26 ment of historic, architectural, natural, cultural, and

1 interpretive resources within the District. The plan
2 shall include each of the following:

3 (A) An evaluation of—

4 (i) the existing condition of historic
5 and architectural resources; and

6 (ii) the environmental and flood haz-
7 ard conditions within the District.

8 (B) Recommendations for—

9 (i) rehabilitating, reconstructing, and
10 adaptively reusing such historic and archi-
11 tectural resources;

12 (ii) preserving viewsheds, focal points,
13 and streetscapes;

14 (iii) establishing gateways to the Dis-
15 trict;

16 (iv) establishing and maintaining
17 parks and public spaces;

18 (v) restoring, improving, and develop-
19 ing raceways and adjacent areas;

20 (vi) developing public parking areas;

21 (vii) improving pedestrian and vehicu-
22 lar circulation within the District;

23 (viii) improving security within the
24 District, with an emphasis on preserving

1 historically significant structures from
2 arson; and

3 (ix) establishing a visitor's center.

4 (2) Implementation of projects approved by the
5 Secretary pursuant to the Plan.

6 (b) RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE, AND INTERPRE-
7 TATION.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
8 ments with the owners of properties within the District
9 of historical or cultural significance as determined by the
10 Secretary, pursuant to which the Secretary may mark, in-
11 terpret, improve, restore, and provide technical assistance
12 with respect to the preservation and interpretation of such
13 properties. Such agreements shall contain, but need not
14 be limited to, provisions that the Secretary shall have the
15 right of access at reasonable times to public portions of
16 the property for interpretive and other purposes, and that
17 no changes or alterations shall be made in the property
18 except by mutual agreement.

19 (c) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—(1) Application for funds
20 for capital projects and improvements under this Act shall
21 be submitted to the Secretary and shall include a descrip-
22 tion of how the project proposed to be funded will further
23 the purposes of the District.

24 (2) In making such funds available, the Secretary
25 shall give consideration to projects which provide a greater

1 leverage of Federal funds. Any payment made shall be
2 subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal
3 of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
4 poses of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall
5 result in a right of the United States of reimbursement
6 of all funds made available to such project or the propor-
7 tion of the increased value of the project attributable to
8 such funds as determined at the time of such conversion,
9 use, or disposal, whichever is greater.

10 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

11 As used in this Act—

12 (1) The term “District” means the Great Falls
13 Historic District established by section 4.

14 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
15 of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
18 retary to carry out this Act not more than—

19 (1) \$3,000,000 for capital projects;

20 (2) \$250,000 for planning; and

21 (3) \$50,000 for technical assistance.

22 Funds made available pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2)
23 shall not exceed 50 percent of the total costs of the project

- 1 to be funded. The authority to expend funds under this
- 2 Act shall expire 5 years from the date of enactment.

Passed the House of Representatives April 13, 1994.

Attest:

Clerk.