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To designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SHERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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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 “Grey Towers National
5 Historic Site Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) James and Mary Pinchot constructed a
9 home and estate that is known as Grey Towers in
10 Milford, Pennsylvania.

1 (2) James and Mary Pinchot were also the pro-
2 genitors of a family of notable accomplishment in
3 the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 and the Nation, in particular, their son, Gifford Pin-
5 chot.

6 (3) Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the
7 Forest Service, a major influence in formulating and
8 implementing forest conservation policies in the early
9 20th Century, and twice Governor of Pennsylvania.

10 (4) During the early 20th century, James and
11 Gifford Pinchot used Grey Towers and the environs
12 to establish scientific forestry, to develop conserva-
13 tion leaders, and to formulate conservation prin-
14 ciples, thus making this site one of the primary
15 birthplaces of the American conservation movement.

16 (5) In 1963, Gifford Bryce Pinchot, the son of
17 Gifford and Cornelia Pinchot, donated Grey Towers
18 and 102 acres to the Nation.

19 (6) In 1963, President John F. Kennedy dedi-
20 cated the Pinchot Institute for Conservation “for the
21 greater knowledge of land and its uses” at Grey
22 Towers National Historic Landmark, thereby estab-
23 lishing a partnership between the public and private
24 sectors.

1 (7) Grey Towers today is a place of historical
2 significance where leaders in natural resource con-
3 servation meet, study, and share ideas, analyses, val-
4 ues, and philosophies, and is also a place where the
5 public can learn and appreciate our conservation
6 heritage.

7 (8) As established by President Kennedy, the
8 Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and the Forest
9 Service at Grey Towers operate through an estab-
10 lished partnership in developing and delivering pro-
11 grams that carry on Gifford Pinchot's conservation
12 legacy.

13 (9) Grey Towers and associated structures in
14 and around Milford, Pennsylvania, can serve to en-
15 hance regional recreational and educational opportu-
16 nities.

17 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
18 lows:

19 (1) To honor and perpetuate the memory of
20 Gifford Pinchot.

21 (2) To promote the recreational and educational
22 resources of Milford, Pennsylvania, and its environs.

23 (3) To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture—

1 (A) to further the scientific, policy anal-
2 ysis, educational, and cultural programs in nat-
3 ural resource conservation at Grey Towers;

4 (B) to manage the property and environs
5 more efficiently and effectively; and

6 (C) to further collaborative ties with the
7 Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and other
8 Federal, State, and local agencies with shared
9 interests.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

11 (1) ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES.—The term “As-
12 sociated Properties” means lands and improvements
13 outside of the Grey Towers National Historic Land-
14 mark within Pike County, Pennsylvania, and which
15 were associated with James and Mary Pinchot, the
16 Yale School of Forestry, or the Forest Service.

17 (2) GREY TOWERS.—The term “Grey Towers”
18 means the buildings and surrounding area of ap-
19 proximately 303 acres, including the 102 acres do-
20 nated in 1963 to the United States and so des-
21 ignated that year.

22 (3) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Historic Site”
23 means the Grey Towers National Historic Site, as so
24 designated by this Act.

1 (4) PINCHOT INSTITUTE.—The term “Pinchot
2 Institute” means the Pinchot Institute for Conserva-
3 tion, a nonprofit corporation established under the
4 laws of the District of Columbia.

5 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Agriculture.

7 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

8 Subject to valid existing rights, all lands and im-
9 provements formerly encompassed within the Grey Towers
10 National Historic Landmark are designated as the “Grey
11 Towers National Historic Site”.

12 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

13 (a) PURPOSES.—The Historic Site shall be adminis-
14 tered for the following purposes:

15 (1) Education, public demonstration projects,
16 and research related to natural resource conserva-
17 tion, protection, management, and use.

18 (2) Leadership development within the natural
19 resource professions and the Federal civil service.

20 (3) Continuing Gifford Pinchot’s legacy through
21 pursuit of new ideas, strategies, and solutions to
22 natural resource issues that include economic, eco-
23 logical, and social values.

1 (4) Preservation, use, and maintenance of the
2 buildings, grounds, facilities, and archives associated
3 with Gifford Pinchot.

4 (5) Study and interpretation of the life and
5 works of Gifford Pinchot.

6 (6) Public recreation and enjoyment.

7 (7) Protection and enjoyment of the scenic and
8 natural environs.

9 (b) APPLICABLE LAWS.—The Secretary shall admin-
10 ister federally owned lands and interests in lands at the
11 Historic Site and Associated Properties as components of
12 the National Forest System in accordance with this Act
13 and the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the Sys-
14 tem, except that the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Re-
15 sources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600, et seq.)
16 shall not apply.

17 (c) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary is authorized
18 to acquire, on a willing seller basis, by purchase, donation,
19 exchange, or otherwise, privately owned lands and inter-
20 ests in lands, including improvements, within the Historic
21 Site and the Associated Properties, using donated or ap-
22 propriated funds.

23 (d) GIFTS.—

24 (1) ACCEPTED BY ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE
25 SECRETARY.—Subject to such terms and conditions

1 as the Secretary may prescribe, any public or private
2 agency, organization, institution, or individual may
3 solicit, accept, and administer private gifts of money
4 and real or personal property for the benefit of, or
5 in connection with, the activities and services at the
6 Historic Site.

7 (2) ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY.—Gifts may
8 be accepted by the Secretary for the benefit of, or
9 in connection with, the activities and services at the
10 Historic Site notwithstanding the fact that a donor
11 conducts business with or is regulated by the De-
12 partment of Agriculture in any capacity.

13 **SEC. 5. COOPERATIVE AUTHORITIES.**

14 (a) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE
15 AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary is authorized to enter into
16 agreements for grants, contracts, and cooperative agree-
17 ments as appropriate with the Pinchot Institute, public
18 and other private agencies, organizations, institutions, and
19 individuals to provide for the development, administration,
20 maintenance, or restoration of land, facilities, or Forest
21 Service programs at Grey Towers or to otherwise further
22 the purposes of this Act.

23 (b) INTERDEPARTMENTAL.—The Secretary and the
24 Secretary of the Interior are authorized and encouraged
25 to cooperate in promoting public use and enjoyment of

1 Grey Towers and the Delaware Water Gap National
2 Recreation Area and in otherwise furthering the adminis-
3 tration and purposes for which both areas were des-
4 ignated. Such cooperation may include colocation and use
5 of facilities within Associated Properties and elsewhere.

6 (c) OTHER.—The Secretary may authorize use of the
7 grounds and facilities of Grey Towers by the Pinchot In-
8 stitute and other participating partners including Federal,
9 State, and local agencies, on such terms and conditions
10 as the Secretary may prescribe, including the waiver of
11 special use authorizations and the waiver of rental and use
12 fees.

13 **SEC. 6. FUNDS.**

14 (a) FEES AND CHARGES.—The Secretary may im-
15 pose reasonable fees and charges for admission to and use
16 of facilities on Grey Towers.

17 (b) SPECIAL FUND.—Any monies received by the
18 Forest Service in administering Grey Towers shall be de-
19 posited into the Treasury of the United States and covered
20 in a special fund called the Grey Towers National Historic
21 Site Fund. Monies in the Grey Towers National Historic
22 Site Fund shall be available until expended, without fur-
23 ther appropriation, for support of programs of Grey Tow-
24 ers, and any other expenses incurred in the administration
25 of Grey Towers.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS; FUNDRAISING.—Funds gen-
2 erated at Grey Towers shall be retained for the enhance-
3 ment of the Historic Site and furtherance of its programs.
4 Generation of such funds shall be secondary to the mission
5 of Grey Towers administration and fund-raising activities
6 shall be compatible with the purposes for which Grey Tow-
7 ers is administered.

8 **SEC. 7. PINCHOT INSTITUTE.**

9 (a) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—In order to facilitate
10 and promote the purposes of Grey Towers and the Pinchot
11 Institute, Federal employees may participate in the activi-
12 ties of the Pinchot Institute and serve in nonsalaried ca-
13 pacities, including as members of the Board of Directors,
14 notwithstanding their status as Federal employees.

15 (b) ASSISTANCE.—In furtherance of the purposes of
16 this Act and subject to the availability of appropriations
17 or monies in the Grey Towers National Historic Site
18 Fund, the Secretary may provide financial assistance for
19 the operations of the Pinchot Institute.

20 **SEC. 8. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

21 Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to diminish the
22 authorities of the Secretary under the Cooperative For-
23 estry Assistance Act or any other law pertaining to the
24 National Forest System.

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