

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1836

To amend the acquisition authority for land for the development of visitor and administrative facilities at Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

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

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## 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 “Weir Farm National  
5 Historic Site Amendment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOCATION OF VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE FA-**  
2 **CILITIES FOR WEIR FARM NATIONAL HIS-**  
3 **TORIC SITE.**

4 Section 4(d) of the Weir Farm National Historic Site  
5 Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “contig-  
8 uous to” and all that follows and inserting “within  
9 Fairfield County.”;

10 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12 “(2) DEVELOPMENT.—

13 “(A) MAINTAINING NATURAL CHAR-  
14 ACTER.—The Secretary shall keep development  
15 of the property acquired under paragraph (1) to  
16 a minimum so that the character of the ac-  
17 quired property will be similar to the natural  
18 and undeveloped landscape of the property de-  
19 scribed in subsection (b).

20 “(B) TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY DEVEL-  
21 OPED PROPERTY.—Nothing in subparagraph  
22 (A) shall either prevent the Secretary from ac-  
23 quiring property under paragraph (1) that,  
24 prior to the Secretary’s acquisition, was devel-  
25 oped in a manner inconsistent with subpara-  
26 graph (A), or require the Secretary to reme-

1           diate such previously developed property to re-  
2           flect the natural character described in sub-  
3           paragraph (A).”; and

4           (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “the appro-  
5           priate zoning authority” and all that follows through  
6           “Wilton, Connecticut,” and inserting the following:  
7           “the chief elected official of the unit of local govern-  
8           ment having jurisdiction over the property acquired  
9           under paragraph (1) (as determined in accordance  
10          with applicable State law)”.

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