

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1182

To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20, 2007

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Quinebaug and  
5 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor  
6 Amendments Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) thousands of individuals, hundreds of non-  
4 profit organizations, businesses, and local and re-  
5 gional organizations, 35 towns, and 2 States have  
6 worked to preserve and enhance the significant nat-  
7 ural, historic, cultural, and scenic resources of the  
8 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National  
9 Heritage Corridor, an area which is commonly  
10 known as “The Last Green Valley”;

11 (2) the Green Valley Institute, a partnership  
12 between the University of Connecticut and the coop-  
13 erative extension system of the University of Massa-  
14 chusetts, has significantly improved the information  
15 base available to the primarily volunteer municipal  
16 officers that are responsible for making land use and  
17 natural resource conservation decisions with respect  
18 to The Last Green Valley;

19 (3) during the 5 years preceding the date of en-  
20 actment of this Act, the Green Valley Institute was  
21 recognized with a total of 8 State or national awards  
22 for public education;

23 (4) significant historic structures have been  
24 identified and restored under the programs carried  
25 out in the Heritage Corridor;

1           (5) museums, attractions, landscapes, and busi-  
2           nesses in the Heritage Corridor have been assembled  
3           into cohesive interpretive projects that tell the sto-  
4           ries of The Last Green Valley for residents and  
5           tourists;

6           (6) as part of the vision to sustain the tradi-  
7           tional land-based economy of the region, the Herit-  
8           age Corridor has—

9                   (A) developed agritourism and continuing  
10                  education programs for the region; and

11                  (B) collected and analyzed data relating to  
12                  the vision;

13           (7) recreational tourism has been enhanced by  
14           the many trails, greenways, river access, and inter-  
15           pretive projects in the Heritage Corridor;

16           (8) each of the 35 municipal governments with-  
17           in the Heritage Corridor has signed a voluntary and  
18           nonbinding community compact in which govern-  
19           ments—

20                   (A) accept the goals and objectives of the  
21                  management plan for the Heritage Corridor;  
22                  and

23                   (B) formalize the commitment of the gov-  
24                  ernments to balance conservation and growth

1 and the collective vision of the governments for  
 2 the watershed;

3 (9) during the past 11 years the Heritage Cor-  
 4 ridor has consistently leveraged an average of \$19  
 5 for every Federal dollar invested in the Heritage  
 6 Corridor;

7 (10) the Heritage Corridor has adopted, and is  
 8 implementing, a comprehensive plan, entitled “The  
 9 Trail to 2015, A Sustainability Plan for The Last  
 10 Green Valley”, to become self-sufficient by the year  
 11 2015; and

12 (11) reauthorizing the Heritage Corridor would  
 13 leverage significant multiyear commitments and en-  
 14 sure self-sufficiency by 2015 for the programs and  
 15 projects that are fulfilling the mission of the Herit-  
 16 age Corridor.

17 **SEC. 3. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NA-**  
 18 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

19 (a) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 106(b)  
 20 of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National  
 21 Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Pub-  
 22 lic Law 103–449) is amended by striking “September 30,  
 23 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2015”.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 25 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Na-

1 tional Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;  
2 Public Law 103–449) is amended by striking  
3 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

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