

with the Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson campaign of 1862 and the decisive campaigns of 1864.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §2, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3104.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 107-373, §1, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3104, provided that: "This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Act.'"

§ 410iii-1. Findings

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Battle of Cedar Creek, also known as the battle of Belle Grove, was a major event of the Civil War and the history of this country. It represented the end of the Civil War's Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1864 and contributed to the reelection of President Abraham Lincoln and the eventual outcome of the war.

(2) 2,500 acres of the Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation were designated a national historic landmark in 1969 because of their ability to illustrate and interpret important eras and events in the history of the United States. The Cedar Creek Battlefield, Belle Grove Manor House, the Heater House, and Harmony Hall (a National Historic Landmark) are also listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register.

(3) The Secretary of the Interior has approved the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Management Plan and the National Park Service Special Resource Study, both of which recognized Cedar Creek Battlefield as the most significant Civil War resource within the historic district. The management plan, which was developed with extensive public participation over a 3-year period and is administered by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, recommends that Cedar Creek Battlefield be established as a new unit of the National Park System.

(4) The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, organized in 1988 to preserve and interpret the Cedar Creek Battlefield and the 1864 Valley Campaign, has acquired 308 acres of land within the boundaries of the National Historic Landmark. The foundation annually hosts a major reenactment and living history event on the Cedar Creek Battlefield.

(5) Belle Grove Plantation is a Historic Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that occupies 383 acres within the National Historic Landmark. The Belle Grove Manor House was built by Isaac Hite, a Revolutionary War patriot married to the sister of President James Madison, who was a frequent visitor at Belle Grove. President Thomas Jefferson assisted with the design of the house. During the Civil War Belle Grove was at the center of the decisive battle of Cedar Creek. Belle Grove is managed locally by Belle Grove, Incorporated, and has been open to the public since 1967. The house has remained virtually unchanged since it was built in 1797, offering visitors an experience of the life and times of the people who lived there in the 18th and 19th centuries.

(6) The panoramic views of the mountains, natural areas, and waterways provide visitors

with an inspiring setting of great natural beauty. The historic, natural, cultural, military, and scenic resources found in the Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation areas are nationally and regionally significant.

(7) The existing, independent, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to the protection and interpretation of the resources described above provide the foundation for public-private partnerships to further the success of protecting, preserving, and interpreting these resources.

(8) None of these resources, sites, or stories of the Shenandoah Valley are protected by or interpreted within the National Park System.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §3, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3104.)

§ 410iii-2. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Commission

The term "Commission" means the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission established by section 410iii-7 of this title.

(2) Map

The term "Map" means the map entitled "Boundary Map Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park", numbered CEBE-80,001, and dated September 2002.

(3) Park

The term "Park" means the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park established under section 410iii-3 of this title and depicted on the Map.

(4) Secretary

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §4, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3105.)

§ 410iii-3. Establishment of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park

(a) Establishment

There is established the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, consisting of approximately 3,000 acres, as generally depicted on the Map.

(b) Availability of Map

The Map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §5, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3106.)

§ 410iii-4. Acquisition of property

(a) Real property

The Secretary may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the Park, from willing sellers only, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(b) Boundary revision

After acquiring land for the Park, the Secretary shall—

(1) revise the boundary of the Park to include newly acquired land within the boundary; and

(2) administer newly acquired land subject to applicable laws (including regulations).

(c) Personal property

The Secretary may acquire personal property associated with, and appropriate for, interpretation of the Park.

(d) Conservation easements and covenants

The Secretary is authorized to acquire conservation easements and enter into covenants regarding lands in or adjacent to the Park from willing sellers only. Such conservation easements and covenants shall have the effect of protecting the scenic, natural, and historic resources on adjacent lands and preserving the natural or historic setting of the Park when viewed from within or outside the Park.

(e) Support facilities

The National Park Service is authorized to acquire from willing sellers, land outside the Park boundary but in close proximity to the Park, for the development of visitor, administrative, museum, curatorial, and maintenance facilities.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §6, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3106.)

§ 410iii-5. Administration

The Secretary shall administer the Park in accordance with this subchapter and the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

- (1) sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title; and
- (2) sections 461 to 467 of this title.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §7, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3106.)

§ 410iii-6. Management of Park

(a) Management plan

The Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, shall prepare a management plan for the Park. In particular, the management plan shall contain provisions to address the needs of owners of non-Federal land, including independent nonprofit organizations within the boundaries of the Park.

(b) Submission of plan to Congress

Not later than 3 years after December 19, 2002, the Secretary shall submit the management plan for the Park to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §8, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3106.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 410iii-7. Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission

(a) Establishment

There is established the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

(b) Duties

The Commission shall—

(1) advise the Secretary in the preparation and implementation of a general management plan described in section 410iii-6 of this title; and

(2) advise the Secretary with respect to the identification of sites of significance outside the Park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this subchapter.

(c) Membership

(1) Composition

The Commission shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary so as to include the following:

(A) 1 representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(B) 1 representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County.

(C) 2 representatives of private landowners within the Park.

(D) 1 representative from a citizen interest group.

(E) 1 representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation.

(F) 1 representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated.

(G) 1 representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

(H) 1 representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

(I) 1 ex-officio representative from the National Park Service.

(J) 1 ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

(2) Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by the members to serve a term of one year renewable for one additional year.

(3) Vacancies

A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) Terms of service

(A) In general

Each member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed for not more than 2 successive terms.

(B) Initial members

Of the members first appointed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall appoint—

- (i) 4 members for a term of 1 year;
- (ii) 5 members for a term of 2 years; and
- (iii) 6 members for a term of 3 years.

(5) Extended service

A member may serve after the expiration of that member's term until a successor has taken office.

(6) Majority rule

The Commission shall act and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of its members.

(7) Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the members of the Commission.