

(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.

(8) Quorum

8 members shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Compensation

Members shall serve without pay. Members who are full-time officers or employees of the United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or any political subdivision thereof shall receive no additional pay on account of their service on the Commission.

(e) Travel expenses

While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of service for the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(f) Hearings; public involvement

The Commission may, for purposes of carrying out this subchapter, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such public testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission may not issue subpoenas or exercise any subpoena authority.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §9, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3107.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMISSIONS**

Advisory commissions established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a commission established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such commission is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a commission established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 410iii-8. Conservation of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park**(a) Encouragement of conservation**

The Secretary and the Commission shall encourage conservation of the historic and natural resources within and in proximity of the Park by landowners, local governments, organizations, and businesses.

(b) Provision of technical assistance

The Secretary may provide technical assistance to local governments, in cooperative efforts which complement the values of the Park.

(c) Cooperation by Federal agencies

Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities directly affecting the Park shall consult, cooperate, and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate its activities with the Secretary in a manner that—

(1) is consistent with the purposes of this subchapter and the standards and criteria established pursuant to the general management plan developed pursuant to section 410iii-6 of this title;

(2) is not likely to have an adverse effect on the resources of the Park; and

(3) is likely to provide for full public participation in order to consider the views of all interested parties.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §10, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3108.)

§ 410iii-9. Endowment

(a) In general

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (b), the Secretary is authorized to receive and expend funds from an endowment to be established with the National Park Foundation, or its successors and assigns.

(b) Conditions

Funds from the endowment referred to in subsection (a) shall be expended exclusively as the Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, may designate for the interpretation, preservation, and maintenance of the Park resources and public access areas. No expenditure shall be made pursuant to this section unless the Secretary determines that such expenditure is consistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §11, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3108.)

§ 410iii-10. Cooperative agreements

(a) In general

In order to further the purposes of this subchapter, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with interested public and private entities and individuals (including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Belle Grove, Inc., the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, and the Counties of Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren), through technical and financial assistance, including encouraging the conservation of historic and natural resources of the Park.

(b) Technical and financial assistance

The Secretary may provide to any person, organization, or governmental entity technical and financial assistance for the purposes of this subchapter, including the following:

- (1) Preserving historic structures within the Park.
- (2) Maintaining the natural or cultural landscape of the Park.
- (3) Local preservation planning, interpretation, and management of public visitation for the Park.
- (4) Furthering the goals of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation related to the Park.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §12, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3109.)

§ 410iii-11. Roles of key partner organizations

(a) In general

In recognition that central portions of the Park are presently owned and operated for the benefit of the public by key partner organizations, the Secretary shall acknowledge and support the continued participation of these partner organizations in the management of the Park.

(b) Park partners

Roles of the current key partners include the following:

(1) Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation

The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation may—

- (A) continue to own, operate, and manage the lands acquired by the Foundation within the Park;
- (B) continue to conduct reenactments and other events within the Park; and
- (C) transfer ownership interest in portions of their land to the National Park Service by donation, sale, or other means that meet the legal requirements of National Park Service land acquisitions.

(2) National Trust for Historic Preservation and Belle Grove Incorporated

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Belle Grove Incorporated may continue to own, operate, and manage Belle Grove Plantation and its structures and grounds within the Park boundary. Belle Grove Incorporated may continue to own the house and grounds known as Bowman's Fort or Harmony Hall for the purpose of permanent preservation, with a long-term goal of opening the property to the public.

(3) Shenandoah County

Shenandoah County may continue to own, operate, and manage the Keister park site within the Park for the benefit of the public.

(4) Park community partners

The Secretary shall cooperate with the Park's adjacent historic towns of Strasburg and Middletown, Virginia, as well as Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren counties in furthering the purposes of the Park.

(5) Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation may continue to administer and manage the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District in partnership with the National Park Service and in accordance with the Management Plan for the District in which the Park is located.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §13, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3109.)

§ 410iii-12. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 107-373, §14, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3110.)

SUBCHAPTER LIX—HH—CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK

§ 410jjj. Establishment

(a) In general

In order to preserve and protect for the education, inspiration, and enjoyment of present and future generations an outstanding example of a near-virgin southern hardwood forest situated in the Congaree River floodplain in Richland County, South Carolina, there is established the Congaree National Park (hereinafter referred to as the "park"). The park shall consist of the area within the boundary as generally depicted on the map entitled "Congaree Swamp