

(Pub. L. 102-427, § 5, Oct. 21, 1992, 106 Stat. 2182.)

§ 698u. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) of the 400,000 square miles of tallgrass prairie that once covered the North American Continent, less than 1 percent remains, primarily in the Flint Hills of Kansas;

(2) in 1991, the National Park Service conducted a special resource study of the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas;

(3) the study concludes that the Spring Hill Ranch—

(A) is a nationally significant example of the once vast tallgrass ecosystem, and includes buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to section 101 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470a)¹ that represent outstanding examples of Second Empire and other 19th Century architectural styles; and

(B) is suitable and feasible as a potential addition to the National Park System; and

(4) the National Park Trust, which owns the Spring Hill Ranch, has agreed to permit the National Park Service—

(A) to acquire a portion of the ranch, as specified in sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title; and

(B) to manage the ranch in order to—

(i) conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife of the ranch; and

(ii) provide for the enjoyment of the ranch in such a manner and by such means as will leave the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title are—

(1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the public an example of a tallgrass prairie ecosystem on the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas; and

(2) to preserve and interpret for the public the historic and cultural values represented on the Spring Hill Ranch.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1002, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4204; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §122(1), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 101 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470a), referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(A), is section 101 of Pub. L. 89-665, which was repealed and restated as chapters 3021 to 3027 and sections 302902(a), 302903(a), 302904 to 302909, 303902, 303903, and 306101(b) and (c) of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs, by Pub. L. 113-287, §§3, 7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3094, 3272.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a)(4)(A). Pub. L. 106-176 substituted “to acquire” for “to purchase”.

¹ See References in Text note below.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1001, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4204, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle A (§§1001-1009) of title X of div. I of Pub. L. 104-333, enacting this section and sections 698u-1 to 698u-7 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Act of 1996.’”

§ 698u-1. Definitions

In sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title:

(1) Advisory Committee

The term “Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee established under section 698u-5 of this title.

(2) Preserve

The term “Preserve” means the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve established by section 698u-2 of this title.

(3) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) Trust

The term “Trust” means the National Park Trust, Inc., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation, or any successor-in-interest.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1003, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4205.)

§ 698u-2. Establishment of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

(a) In general

In order to provide for the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the Spring Hill Ranch area of the Flint Hills of Kansas, for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations, there is established the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

(b) Description

The Preserve shall consist of the lands and interests in land, including approximately 10,894 acres, generally depicted on the map entitled “Boundary Map, Flint Hills Prairie National Monument” numbered NM-TGP 80,000 and dated June 1994, more particularly described in the deed filed at 8:22 a.m. on June 3, 1994, with the Office of the Register of Deeds in Chase County, Kansas, and recorded in Book L-106 at pages 328 through 339, inclusive. In the case of any difference between the map and the legal description, the legal description shall govern, except that if, as a result of a survey, the Secretary determines that there is a discrepancy with respect to the boundary of the Preserve that may be corrected by making minor changes to the map, the Secretary shall make changes to the map as appropriate, and the boundaries of the Preserve shall be adjusted accordingly. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1004, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4205; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §122(2), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29.)