113TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# H.R.930

## AN ACT

- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "New Philadelphia, Illinois, Study Act".
- 4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 5 Congress finds that—
- 6 (1) Frank McWorter, an enslaved man, bought
  7 his freedom and the freedom of 15 family members
  8 by mining for crude niter in Kentucky caves and
  9 processing the mined material into saltpeter;
- 10 (2) New Philadelphia, founded in 1836 by 11 Frank McWorter, was the first town planned and le-12 gally registered by a free African-American before 13 the Civil War;
- 14 (3) the first railroad constructed in the area of 15 New Philadelphia bypassed New Philadelphia, which 16 led to the decline of New Philadelphia; and
- 17 (4) the New Philadelphia site—
- 18 (A) is a registered National Historic Land-19 mark;
- (B) is covered by farmland; and
- 21 (C) does not contain any original buildings 22 of the town or the McWorter farm and home 23 that are visible above ground.
- 24 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
- 25 In this Act:

1	(1) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
2	the Secretary of the Interior.
3	(2) STUDY AREA.—The term "Study Area"
4	means the New Philadelphia archeological site and
5	the surrounding land in the State of Illinois.
6	SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.
7	(a) Study.—The Secretary shall conduct a special
8	resource study of the Study Area.
9	(b) Contents.—In conducting the study under sub-
10	section (a), the Secretary shall—
11	(1) evaluate the national significance of the
12	Study Area;
13	(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
14	designating the Study Area as a unit of the National
15	Park System;
16	(3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
17	protection, and interpretation of the Study Area
18	by—
19	(A) Federal, State, or local governmental
20	entities; or
21	(B) private and nonprofit organizations;
22	(4) consult with—
23	(A) interested Federal, State, or local gov-
24	ernmental entities;
25	(B) private and nonprofit organizations; or

1	(C) any other interested individuals;
2	(5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
3	quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
4	maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-
5	ered under paragraph (3);
6	(6) determine the effect of the designation of
7	the Study Area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
8	tem on—
9	(A) existing commercial and recreational
10	activities, including but not limited to hunting,
11	fishing, recreational shooting, and on the au-
12	thorization, construction, operation, mainte-
13	nance or improvement of energy production and
14	transmission infrastructure; and
15	(B) the effect of the authority of State and
16	local governments to manage those activities;
17	and
18	(7) identify any authorities, including con-
19	demnation, that will compel or permit the Secretary
20	to influence or participate in local land use decisions
21	(such as zoning) or place restrictions on nonfederal
22	land if the Study Area is designated a unit of the
23	National Park System.

- 1 (c) Applicable Law.—The study required under
- 2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
- 3 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).
- 4 (d) Report.—Not later than 3 years after the date
- 5 on which funds are first made available for the study
- 6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
- 7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
- 8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
- 9 Resources of the Senate a report containing—
- 10 (1) the results of the study; and
- 11 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
- 12 Secretary.

Passed the House of Representatives April 28, 2014. Attest:

Clerk.

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