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At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE IX—YORK RIVER WILD
AND SCENIC RIVER

SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as “York River Wild and Scenic River Act”.

SEC. 902. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION.
Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(l) YORK RIVER, MAINE.—Segments of the main stem and its tributaries in the State of Maine, Bass Cove Creek, Cider Hill Creek, Cutts Ridge Brook, Dolly Gordon Brook, Libby Brook, Rogers Brook, Smelt Brook, totaling approximately 30.8 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, as a recreational river:

“(A) The approximately 0.95-mile segment of Bass Cove Creek from the outlet of Boulter Pond in York, Maine, and extending down-
stream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

“(B) The approximately 3.77-mile segment of Cider Hill Creek from the Middle Pond dam in York, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

“(C) The approximately 2.15-mile segment of Cutts Ridge Brook from its headwaters in Kittery, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

“(D) The approximately 3.17-mile segment of Dolly Gordon Brook from its headwaters in York, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

“(E) The approximately 1.65-mile segment of Libby Brook from its headwaters in Kittery, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with Dolly Gordon Brook in York, Maine.

“(F) The approximately 2.43-mile segment of Rogers Brook from its headwaters in Eliot, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.
“(G) The approximately 4.54-mile segment of Smelt Brook from the Bell Marsh Reservoir dam in York, Maine, and extending downstream to its confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

“(H) The approximately 12.14-mile segment of the York River from the outlet of York Pond in Eliot, Maine, and extending downstream to the Route 103 Bridge in York, Maine, including Barrell Mill Pond in York, Maine.”.

SEC. 903. MANAGEMENT OF YORK RIVER, MAINE SEGMENTS.

(a) Process.—

(1) In General.—The York River, Maine segments shall be managed in accordance with—

(A) the stewardship plan; and

(B) such amendments to the stewardship plan as the Secretary determines are consistent with this section and as are approved by the Stewardship Committee.

(2) Comprehensive Management Plan.—

The stewardship plan shall be considered to satisfy the requirements for a comprehensive management
plan under section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(d)).

(b) COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall coordinate management responsibilities under this title with the Stewardship Committee, as specified in the stewardship plan.

c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to provide for the long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement of the York River, Maine segments, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements pursuant to sections 10(e) and 11(b)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e) and 1282(b)(1)) with—

(A) the State of Maine;

(B) the municipalities of Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, and York in Maine; and

(C) appropriate local, regional, or State planning, environmental, or recreational organizations.

(2) CONSISTENCY.—Each cooperative agreement entered into under this subsection shall be consistent with the stewardship plan and may include provisions for financial or other assistance from the United States.
(d) LAND MANAGEMENT.—

(1) ZONING ORDINANCES.—For the purpose of the York River, Maine segments, the zoning ordinances adopted by the municipalities named in subsection (c)(1)(B), including provisions for conservation of floodplains, wetlands, and watercourses associated with the York River, Maine segments, shall be deemed to satisfy the standards and requirements of section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1277(c)).

(2) ACQUISITION OF LANDS.—The authority of the Secretary to acquire land for the purposes of the York River, Maine segments shall be—

(A) limited to acquisition by donation or acquisition with the consent of the owner of the land; and

(B) subject to the additional criteria set forth in the stewardship plan.

(3) NO CONDEMNATION.—No land or interest in land within the watersheds of the York River, Maine segments may be acquired by condemnation.

(e) RELATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(c)), the York River, Maine segments shall not—
(1) be administered as a unit of the National Park System; or

(2) be subject to regulations that govern the National Park System.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.—The term “Stewardship Committee” means the York River Stewardship Committee.

(3) STEWARDSHIP PLAN.—The term “stewardship plan” means the York River Watershed Stewardship Plan, dated August 2018, developed pursuant to the study described in section 5(b)(21) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)(21)).

(4) YORK RIVER, MAINE SEGMENTS.—The term “York River, Maine segments” means the river segments described by the amendment made by section 902.