

Parks, Recreation Areas, Refuges, and Historic Sites

IT IS NATIONAL POLICY: that special effort should be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, & historic sites.

In the USDOT Act of 1966, a special provision was included to provide protection to these resources. It is known as Section 4(f). It stipulates that the Secretary of Transportation will not approve any program or project which requires the use of any publicly owned public park, recreation area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or any land from an historic site of national, state, or local significance unless:

- There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use, and
- All possible planning to minimize harm resulting from such use is included.





