

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3514

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington
Spy Ring National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. SUOZZI (for himself and Mr. ZELDIN) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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Washington Spy Ring National Historic Trail, and for
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Washington Spy Ring
5 National Historic Trail Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Culper Spy Ring was a group of Amer-
9 ican Revolutionaries who gathered intelligence on
10 British troop movements and fortifications in Man-

1 hattan, Long Island, and elsewhere for General
2 George Washington.

3 (2) The Culper Spy Ring is credited with un-
4 covering Benedict Arnold's conspiracy to surrender
5 West Point to the British and saving the Franco-
6 American alliance by uncovering plans to ambush
7 the French army in Rhode Island.

8 (3) Key locations used by the Culper Spy Ring
9 include—

10 (A) Raynham Hall in Oyster Bay, New
11 York, the home of intelligence operative Robert
12 Townsend;

13 (B) the Arsenal (also known as the Job
14 Sammis House) in Huntington, New York,
15 which was used to store gunpowder during the
16 British occupation of Long Island and the town
17 of Huntington;

18 (C) the Brewster House, a tavern in
19 Setauket, New York, owned by the Brewster
20 family and used to spy on British officers and
21 transfer information to General Washington
22 across the Long Island Sound; and

23 (D) generally, the byways and highways
24 connecting these sites.

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE WASHINGTON SPY RING NA-**
2 **TIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

3 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “() WASHINGTON SPY RING NATIONAL HIS-
7 TORIC TRAIL.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Washington Spy
9 Ring National Historic Trail, a trail of approxi-
10 mately 50 miles of village, town, and city
11 streets and New York Route 25A, from Great
12 Neck, New York, along Long Island’s North
13 Shore, through Nassau and Suffolk Counties, to
14 Port Jefferson, New York, following the route
15 generally depicted on the map entitled _____,
16 numbered _____, and dated _____.

17 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
18 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
19 and available for public inspection in the appro-
20 priate office of the Secretary.

21 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—In cooperation
22 with the Secretary, the Washington Spy Ring
23 National Historic Trail designated by this para-
24 graph shall be administered by the North Shore
25 Promotion Alliance, an organization described
26 in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue

- 1 Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under
- 2 section 501(a) of such Code.”.

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