

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.

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## 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

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## A BILL

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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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