

Union Calendar No. 74

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2278

[Report No. 117-101]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th
National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. BEYER) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 22, 2021

Additional sponsors: Ms. WILD, Mr. TRONE, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr.
CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. SCANLON,
Ms. DEAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr.
LAMB, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. MORELLE

JULY 22, 2021

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House
on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 29, 2021]

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL**

4 **ROUTE.**

5 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6 (1) *MAP.—The term “Map” means the map enti-*
7 *tled “September 11th National Memorial Trail Route*
8 *Proposed Trail Route,” numbered _____, and dated*
9 *July 2021.*

10 (2) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
11 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-*
12 *rector of the National Park Service.*

13 (3) *TRAIL ROUTE.—The term “Trail Route”*
14 *means the September 11th National Memorial Trail*
15 *Route designated under subsection (b).*

16 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL ROUTE.—*

17 (1) *DESIGNATION.—There is designated a Trail*
18 *Route, to be known as the “September 11th National*
19 *Memorial Trail Route”, to link the National 9/11 Me-*
20 *morial and Museum in New York City, the National*
21 *9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and*
22 *the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County,*
23 *Pennsylvania. The September 11th National Memo-*
24 *rial Trail Route shall—*

1 (A) provide for a tribute to the family mem-
2 bers and loved ones who were victims of the at-
3 tack and the heroes of September 11th, including
4 the first responders in the days, weeks, and
5 months after the attack;

6 (B) be a trail of remembrance to honor the
7 fallen in a tangible way that keeps their memo-
8 ries alive and reaffirms the exceptionalism of our
9 country; and

10 (C) be a celebration of our Nation's resil-
11 ience and perseverance since September 11, 2001.

12 (2) ROUTE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Trail Route shall
14 consist of a series of trails as generally depicted
15 on the Map.

16 (B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall
17 be available in the appropriate offices of the Na-
18 tional Park Service.

19 (C) REVISION.—The Secretary may revise
20 the Map by publication in the Federal Register
21 of a notice of availability of a new Map.

22 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Trail Route program shall
23 be administered by the Secretary in consultation with the
24 affected landowners, including any Federal, State, Tribal
25 or local agencies that manage the affected lands, but shall

1 *not be considered to be a unit of the National Park System*
2 *or a part of the National Trail System.*

3 (d) *ACTIVITIES.—To facilitate the administration of*
4 *the Trail Route program and the dissemination of informa-*
5 *tion regarding the Trail Route, the Secretary shall—*

6 (1) *produce and disseminate appropriate edu-*
7 *cational materials regarding the Trail Route, such as*
8 *handbooks, maps, exhibits, signs, interpretive guides,*
9 *electronic information, and other interpretive mate-*
10 *rials;*

11 (2) *coordinate the management and planning of*
12 *the Trail Route with participating property owners,*
13 *other Federal agencies, State, Tribal, and local gov-*
14 *ernments, and nonprofit entities;*

15 (3) *create and adopt an official, uniform symbol*
16 *or device to mark the Trail Route;*

17 (4) *issue guidelines for the use of the symbol or*
18 *device adopted under paragraph (3); and*

19 (5) *if deemed appropriate by the Secretary, au-*
20 *thorize signage on lands managed by the General*
21 *Services Administration or the National Park Service*
22 *in the District of Columbia and its environs, without*
23 *regard to the requirements of the Commemorative*
24 *Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8901).*

1 *(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF*
2 *UNDERSTANDING.—To ensure effective coordination of the*
3 *Federal and non-Federal properties along the Trail Route,*
4 *the Secretary may enter into agreements with, and provide*
5 *technical and financial assistance to, other Federal agen-*
6 *cies, the State, localities, regional governmental bodies, and*
7 *private entities.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.”.

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