

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2742

AN ACT

To establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fort Ontario Holo-
3 caust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park Establish-
4 ment Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
8 titled “Fort Ontario Holocaust Refugee Shelter Na-
9 tional Historical Park Proposed Boundary”, num-
10 bered 962/194,681, and dated September 2024.

11 (2) NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.—The term
12 “National Historical Park” means the Fort Ontario
13 Holocaust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park
14 established by section 3(a)(1).

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
18 of New York.

19 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF FORT ONTARIO HOLOCAUST**
20 **REFUGEE SHELTER NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
21 **PARK.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
24 there is established in the State as a unit of the Na-
25 tional Park System the Fort Ontario Holocaust Ref-
26 ugee Shelter National Historical Park.

1 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National
 2 Historical Park is to preserve, protect, and interpret
 3 for the benefit of present and future generations re-
 4 sources associated with the stories of the 982 refu-
 5 gees from World War II who were housed at Fort
 6 Ontario from August of 1944 until February of
 7 1946.

8 (3) CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHMENT.—

9 (A) DETERMINATION BY THE SEC-
 10 RETARY.—The National Historical Park shall
 11 not be established until the date on which the
 12 Secretary determines that a sufficient quantity
 13 of land or interests in land has been acquired
 14 from land identified as “Proposed Boundary”
 15 on the map to constitute a manageable park
 16 unit.

17 (B) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days
 18 after the date on which the Secretary makes a
 19 determination under subparagraph (A), the
 20 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register
 21 notice of the establishment of the National His-
 22 torical Park.

23 (4) MAP.—The map shall be on file and avail-
 24 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices
 25 of the National Park Service.

1 (5) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the National
 2 Historical Park shall include any land or interests in
 3 land acquired by the Secretary under this section.

4 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
 6 ister the National Historical Park in accordance
 7 with—

8 (A) this section; and

9 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
 10 of the National Park System, including—

11 (i) sections 100101(a), 100751(a),
 12 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54,
 13 United States Code; and

14 (ii) chapters 1003 and 3201 of title
 15 54, United States Code.

16 (2) AGREEMENTS.—

17 (A) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In ac-
 18 cordance with section 101702 of title 54,
 19 United States Code, the Secretary may enter
 20 into cooperative agreements with the State or
 21 other public and private entities to provide in-
 22 terpretive and educational services within the
 23 National Historical Park.

24 (B) INTERPRETATION AND RESTORATION
 25 AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into

1 agreements to identify, interpret, and restore
 2 nationally significant historic or cultural re-
 3 sources located on non-Federal land within the
 4 boundary of, or in close proximity to, the Na-
 5 tional Historical Park.

6 (C) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Any cooperative
 7 agreement entered into under subparagraph (B)
 8 to provide assistance to non-Federal land shall
 9 provide for reasonable public access to the non-
 10 Federal land.

11 (3) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 13 graph (B), the Secretary may acquire land and
 14 interests in land located within the boundary of
 15 the National Historical Park by—

16 (i) donation;

17 (ii) purchase with donated or appro-
 18 priated funds; or

19 (iii) exchange.

20 (B) LIMITATION.—Any land owned by the
 21 State or a political subdivision of the State may
 22 be acquired for inclusion in the National His-
 23 torical Park only by donation.

24 (4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 fis-
 25 cal years after the date on which funds are made

1 available to carry out this section, the Secretary, in
2 consultation with the State, shall complete a general
3 management plan for the National Historical Park
4 in accordance with—

5 (A) section 100502 of title 54, United
6 States Code; and

7 (B) any other applicable laws.

 Passed the Senate December 19 (legislative day, December 16), 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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