

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1429

To expand the mission of the National Park Service to include active use of System units located in urban areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Activating National
5 Parks in Cities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE USE OF SYSTEM UNITS IN URBAN AREAS.**

7 Title 54, United States Code, is amended as follows:

8 (1) In section 100101(a), by inserting ““, and
9 to promote active use of System units located in
10 urban areas” before the final period.

1 (2) In section 100102, by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(7) ACTIVE USE.—The term ‘active use’
4 means use that prioritizes current enjoyment by peo-
5 ple and improves quality of life, and includes play-
6 grounds, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly infrastruc-
7 ture, sports and recreation facilities, community
8 events, programming, and concessions.

9 “(8) URBAN AREA.—The term ‘urban area’
10 means an area that has been defined and designated
11 in the most recent decennial census as an ‘urban
12 area’ by the Secretary of Commerce.”.

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