

# A NATIONAL PARK FOR STONEWALL

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The Stonewall legacy is a part of the push for human rights and civil rights in the United States. This special place, and the demonstrations and protests that occurred here in response to police raids against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community are considered some of the most important events in LGBT history. Stonewall is recognized as a turning point in the modern LGBT civil rights movement.

- None of our more than 400 national park sites currently represent or connect to LGBT history.
- Stonewall represents a nationally significant cultural shift in our nation, and its powerful story should be remembered and recounted.
- The area around Stonewall is already recognized as a National Historic Landmark for its extraordinary significance in American history. However, unlike a national park, a national historic landmark does not provide for additional interpretation.

### THE ROAD TO BECOMING A NATIONAL PARK

For more than two years, NPCA has led intensive discussions across the country with community groups, LGBT organizations, and elected officials in an effort to build broad support for creating a national park.

As a result, the campaign has gained overwhelming support from New York city and state officials, community leaders, national organizations and more than 25,000 people from around the country have signed our petition calling for President Obama to designate a national park for Stonewall.

In September 2015, we launched a national campaign with U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Congressman Jerrold Nadler, state and local elected officials, national advocacy groups and community leaders to designate the nation's first national park site dedicated to LGBT history at Stonewall.

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## FAQs

**Why a national park for Stonewall?** National parks protect America's special places and preserve stories of undisputed national significance. What happened at Stonewall is a part of the story of the struggle for human rights and civil rights in the United States and is worthy of national park status. Its powerful civil rights story should be remembered and recounted for the millions of people that visit America's national parks each year.

**How much of the neighborhood would be included in the national park site?** The Stonewall Inn and the nationally significant portion of the neighborhood extends through several surrounding blocks—an area already recognized as a National Historic Landmark. The proposed national park could mirror the historic landmark boundaries encompassing the Stonewall Inn, Christopher Park, and the surrounding streets where the uprising took place.



**Will the National Park Service (NPS) own the Stonewall Inn bar?** No, the Stonewall Inn bar will continue to be privately owned. However, the bar can be included in the interpretation of the park for telling the full story of Stonewall.

**Will NPS rangers be present at the park?** Yes, NPS rangers will be present at a Stonewall national park site to help interpret the important LGBT story for park visitors.

**Will transgender history be included in the Stonewall national park story? Will LGBT people of color be represented?** The National Park Service will manage and interpret the narrative at the park and would facilitate a robust public process with the local community, government agencies, nonprofit partners and educational institutions to ensure that the history is accurate and the Stonewall story is inclusive.

**What will change in the Greenwich Village neighborhood with a Stonewall national park site?** Christopher Park would continue to remain a community park for local residents and visitors to enjoy. Christopher Park may be enhanced with interpretive signage and the NPS arrowhead logo to highlight and tell the important Stonewall story.



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