

New Bridge Landing Train Station Naming Commemorated by Congressman Rothman

Rail Station Honors

Location Where George Washington Crossed the Hackensack River in 1776

(Washington, DC) — Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D — NJ) commemorated the renaming of the North Hackensack Station as the New Bridge Landing Station at River Edge. The station is served by New Jersey Transit's Pascack Valley line and is located in River Edge at Kinderkamack Road and Grand Street. The name change is in honor of nearby New Bridge Landing, where George Washington crossed the Hackensack River in his retreat after the loss of Fort Washington, in 1776, during the New York and New Jersey campaign of the American Revolution.

"The renaming of the train station at New Bridge Landing is a long overdue recognition of our region's historic importance during the American Revolution," said Rothman. "New Bridge Landing is the place where George Washington and his troops once fought for our freedom, and today we preserve our honored past."

In the early morning hours of November 20, 1776, Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis led a British and Hessian army of about 2,500 soldiers across the Hudson River for an attack against Fort Lee, then defended by about 900 soldiers. Washington led his 2,000 troops from Fort Lee in a ragged retreat through present-day Englewood and Teaneck across the Hackensack River at New Bridge. The hasty withdrawal of the American garrison across the Hackensack River at New Bridge saved them from entrapment on the peninsula between the Hudson and Hackensack Rivers.

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