

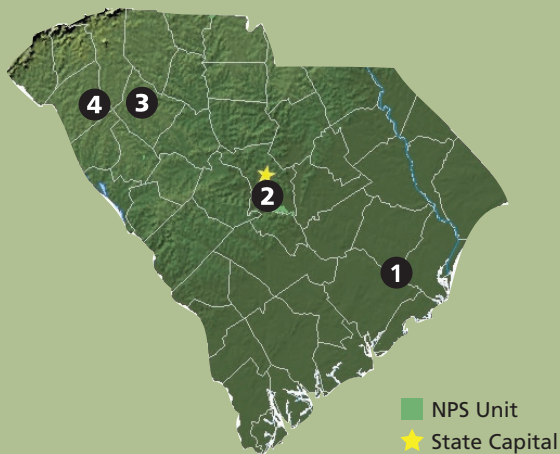


South Carolina News



12-mile River Blueway. Photo: Scott Pigeon

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Waccamaw River Blue Trail
Waccamaw River Keeper, American Rivers
2. Three River Greenway
River Alliance
3. Saluda River Blue Trail
Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department
4. Brushy Creek Greenway
City of Easley

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

Recent Successes

Three Rivers Greenway, America's Great Outdoors Project

Recently, selected as the Department of Interior's America's Great Outdoors Project for the state of South Carolina, the Three River Greenway continues to move forward in developing Congaree Creek Archaeological/Historical Park. Interns from the National Park Service's Business Management Office recently completed a strategic business plan for the historical park which includes a visitor center and 3.5 miles of interpretive trails.



NPS Business Management Office Interns at the Three River Greenway. Photo: NPS

Current Projects

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance?
Contact us to find out.

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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

2,154	Miles of Trail Developed
1,074	Miles of River Conserved
70,385	Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
94%	Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

About Us

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

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1. Waccamaw River Blue Trail

Project Partner: Waccamaw Riverkeeper, American Rivers
NPS Contact: Bill Lane
Location: Lake Waccamaw, NC to Georgetown, SC - along the eastern seaboard of NC/SC
Congressional District: NC - 7, SC - 1

Project Goal

Establish a "Blue Trail" along the entire length of the Waccamaw River. The 140-mile trail project will increase recreational opportunity and stewardship of this public and important natural resource.

NPS Role

Continue to assist American Rivers in building greater public support for the project and increasing awareness of environmental issues surrounding the river. The National Park Service will work with partners to seek National Water Trail designation and expand the existing paddle guide to include resources from the NC section of trail.

2. Three River Greenway

Project Partner: The River Alliance
NPS Contact: Bill Lane
Location: City of Columbia
Congressional District: SC - 2

Project Goal

Development of the Congaree Creek Archaeological/Historical Park. When completed, the park will provide an educational experience that interprets roughly 12,000 years of continuous human occupation, including Native American remains, Colonial outpost features, and Civil War earthworks.

NPS Role

Continue to provide project partner assistance for the development of the Congaree Creek Archaeological/Historical Park. Will research opportunities to market and implement the NPS Business Management Intern Plan, developed following the project's selection as the Department of Interior's

America's Great Outdoors (AGO) project for the state of South Carolina.

3. Saluda River Blue Trail

Project Partner: Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department
NPS Contact: Bill Lane
Location: City of Columbia
Congressional District: SC - 3, 4

Project Goal

Development of a 48-mile blue trail along the Saluda River in upstate South Carolina. The greater vision will create a 127-mile blue trail connecting six counties and several municipalities. Phase one will include developing long-term support strategies, creating a wayfinding signage design manual, and designing specific access points.

NPS Role

Provide guidance in developing a diverse steering committee for the development of a comprehensive blue trail plan, wayfinding design manual, and access point identification/evaluation.

4. Brushy Creek Greenway

Project Partner: City of Easley
NPS Contact: Bill Lane
Location: City of Easley
Congressional District: SC - 3

Project Goal

Create a three-mile, shared-use greenway which will run parallel to Brushy Creek. The greenway will provide bicycle and pedestrian access from downtown Easley to the site of the new Easley High School located on the south side of the city.

NPS Role

Assist with the project partner to develop a marketing and branding package, uniform signage standards, and short and long term development strategies.