



Rhode Island News



Tillinghast Pond Management Area Trails

Recent Successes

Tillinghast Pond Management Area Trails

“RTCA helped us to see the teachable opportunities in the areas we logged early in 2010. Future trails will help walkers to recognize the dynamics of forest succession.”

- Tim Mooney, TPMA Preserve Manager,
The Nature Conservancy

With the Trail Management Plan in place from our work together last year, The Nature Conservancy staff and volunteers began to cut new trails to create a better network of loop trails. New trails include an historic woods road and a 1.5-mile path around the Tillinghast Pond.

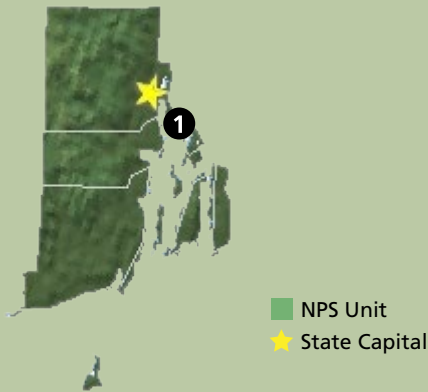
In this second and final year of assistance, RTCA staff helped to clarify ways to implement the

management plan and interpret ongoing timber cuts for walkers and school groups.

The Management Area is a partnership of The Nature Conservancy, the Town of West Greenwich, and the RI Department of Environmental Management. They jointly purchased 1,800 acres around Tillinghast Pond and now manage it cooperatively.

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.



PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Veterans Park Trails
Town of Barrington

Find out more about the project starting on page 2.

We're Here For You.

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



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2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,251	Miles of Trail Developed
1,694	Miles of River Conserved
25,370	Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
94%	Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

Find more information online at www.nps.gov/rtca



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Current Projects

1. Veterans Park Trails

Project Partners: Town of Barrington

RTCA Contact: John Monroe

Location: Town of Barrington, just southeast of Providence

Congressional Districts: RI-1

Project Goal

Establish a trail system that is suited to the needs of residents and the YMCA with sustainable stewardship practices.

RTCA Role

Conduct a trails assessment and train local volunteers in the process. Develop a trail improvement plan including trail closures, improvements, and signage. Build the capacity of the citizen advisory committee to support the town and work with Y to develop trail-based programs for after-school and summer-camp kids. Help to organize and facilitate two public workshops to build public awareness and gain input for desired trail and park uses.



The smiling trail crew of the Tillinghast Pond Management Area Trails