



Nebraska News



Summer adventure group participants tend to their garden. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



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CURRENT PROJECTS

1. **Summer Wilderness Adventure Group**
The Salvation Army
2. **Open Streets Omaha**
Livewell Omaha
3. **Scotts Bluff National Monument Trails**
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
4. **Norfolk Riverfront Trail Project**
North Fork of the Elkhorn Riverfront

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Recent Successes

University of Nebraska- Lincoln Students Assist with Trail Planning at Scotts Bluff National Monument

In 2012, Superintendent of Scotts Bluff National Monument, Ken Mabery, determined that the park was ready to expand its existing trail system. Through a collaborative partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, landscape architecture students and their professor were contracted to produce a conceptual trail plan for the park.

The students' work included a series of maps and design alternatives that were integrated with the National Park Service planning process. Using the student's work as background material, an Environmental Assessment was completed by the National Park Service Midwest Region's Planning and Compliance Division employee, James Lange, with support from National Park Service staff, Mary Hanson and Kim Shafer.

The final Scotts Bluff National Monument Trail Development Plan and Environmental Assessment present a preferred alternative to guide the expansion, restoration, management, operations, and continued use of the trail system and its associated amenities over the next 15 years. The trail development plan also remains true to the purpose, mission, and significance of Scotts Bluff National Monument.

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide 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.

Current Projects

1. Summer Wilderness Adventure Group

Project Partner: The Salvation Army

NPS Contacts: Kenny Points, Karen Anderson

Location: Omaha

Congressional District: NE - 2

Project Goal

Build on concepts from year one while introducing new outdoor experiences to underserved youth. Continue existing partnerships and create new opportunities to work with the North Omaha community.

NPS Role

Bring together partners to provide outdoor experiences for underserved youth.



Seeds are distributed for planting. Photo: NPS



Children prep their garden for planting. Photo: NPS

2. Open Streets Omaha

Project Partner: Livewell Omaha

NPS Contacts: Kenny Points, Karen Anderson

Location: Omaha

Congressional District: NE - 2

Project Goal

Give youth a chance to be outside and get active in their community by bringing together area organizations involved in health, recreation, and youth programming. Host events in four different communities throughout Omaha that close off major streets

and turn them into urban play environments.

NPS Role

Network with area organizations, develop a presence in the Omaha community by participating in each event, and represent the NPS as a unified presence to the community.

3. Scotts Bluff National Monument Trails

Project Partner: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

NPS Contact: Kim Shafer

Location: Scottsbluff

Congressional District: NE - 3

Project Goal

A partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln using the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units network. Landscape Architecture students and their professor were contracted to produce a conceptual trail plan for the park.

NPS Role

Provide an environmental assesment to compliment the student's work and present a preferred alternative to guide the expansion, restoration, management, operations, and use of the trail systems and their associated amenities over the next 15 years.



NPS staff at Open Street Omaha event. Photo: NPS

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2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and Park-land Protected

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Current Projects cont.

4. Norfolk Riverfront Trail

Project Partner: North Fork of the Elkhorn Riverfront
NPS Contacts: Mary Hansen, Kim Shafer
Location: Norfolk
Congressional District: NE - 1

Project Goal

Build a riverfront trail and connecting amenities along the north fork of the Elkhorn River through the city of Norfolk, Nebraska. This will be done in phases and will include improvements to parks and surrounding facilities as well as the construction of a trail.

NPS Role

Facilitate meetings and network with local organizations and government entities to assist with the funding and production of the trail and surrounding facilities.



Community members assess their needs.
Photo: NPS



NPS staff and partners discuss a plan.
Photo: NPS



Community partners look over the Norfolk riverfront. Photo: NPS