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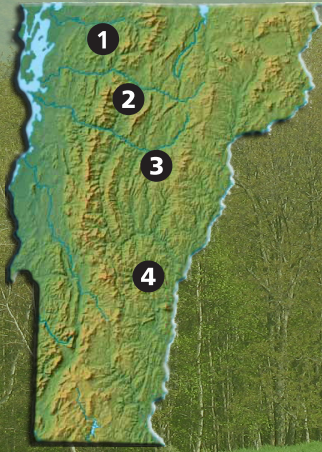


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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Bakersfield Community Trails
Bakersfield Conservation Commission
2. Vermont Mountain Bike Ride Center
Vermont Mountain Bikers Association
3. Millstone Trails
Millstone Trails Association
4. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration
Woodstock Trails Association

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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.

Recent Successes

“Ride Center” Envisioned for Waterbury-Stowe Region

The Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA) has a vision: to create a 75-mile, state-of-the-art “Ride Center” in the Waterbury–Stowe region. What’s a Ride Center? It’s a model trail systems whose concept was pioneered by the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Vermont’s would be the first in the northeast and only the 6th designated nationwide. The Vermont Ride Center will provide something for everyone, encompassing best practices in trail planning and building, and enhancing our communities’ economy and sense of place. RTCA is working with VMBA to build partnerships, bring resources to the project, and create the first on-the-ground links in the system.

“National Park Service Rivers & Trails support has been very valuable in offering technical assistance and guidance on the project, as well as adding significant credibility to the project, simply through VMBA having this assistance.”

- Patrick Kell, Executive Director, Vermont Mountain Bike Association

We're Here For You.

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



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2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,411 Miles of Trail Developed

2,664 Miles of River Conserved

87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects

1. Bakersfield Community Trails

Location: Bakersfield, Vermont
Congressional District(s): 1
Project Partner: Bakersfield Conservation Commission

Project Goal

A system of walking trails for the community of Bakersfield that will link private and public lands and promote exploration of the area's natural and cultural heritage.

2. Vermont Mountain Bike Ride Center

Location: Waterbury, Bolton, Stowe and Jeffersonville, Vermont
Congressional District(s): 1
Project Partner: Vermont Mountain Bike Association

Project Goal

Vermont Mountain Bike Association and the International Mountain Bike Association will develop the first Ride Center in the northeast US - an extensive trail network of interconnected multi-ability, single-track trails representing state-of-the-art construction methods, providing

healthy lifestyle opportunities and generating economic benefit to local communities.

3. Millstone Trails

Location: Websterville, Vermont
Congressional District(s): 1
Project Partner: Millstone Trails Association

Project Goal

Adding 25 miles of trails to the existing 60-mile multi-purpose Millstone Trails system and working to acquire several hundreds acres of former granite quarry lands for permanent MTA use.

4. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration

Location: Woodstock, Vermont
Congressional District(s): 1
Project Partner: Woodstock Trails Partnership

Project Goal

Restoration of a historically significant set of trails on Mount Tom that is a central component of the Woodstock Trails System and gateway to the trail system of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

"A liaison between our national park and our community has been critically important to us. Together, our partnership oversees 30 miles of trails. It's an invaluable piece of what the National Park Service can do in outreach to local communities"

- Alison Clarkson, Chair, Billings Park Commission



Trail Stewards