



# Alabama News



Cahaba River. Photo: Earth Observing Laboratory

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- Cahaba River Blueway**  
Alabama Nature Conservancy

- NPS Unit
- ★ State Capital



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

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### 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. Cahaba River Blueway

Project Partners: Alabama Nature Conservancy, Cahaba River Society, Alabama Engine  
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock  
Location: Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Bibb, Perry, and Dallas Counties  
Congressional Districts: AL - 3, 6, 7

#### Project Goal

Promote outdoor recreation opportunities on the Cahaba River while linking greenways, parks, preserves, and historic sites in the central Alabama region. Overall, the blueway will have more than 30 sites stretching over approximately 190 miles of the river.

#### NPS Role

Continue to assist project partners with developing partnerships among state, county, and municipal park and recreation department. Help develop a strategic plan for the project, identify potential sources of funding, and assist with public outreach.



Matt Leavall at a Cahaba strategic planning meeting. Photo: NPS