

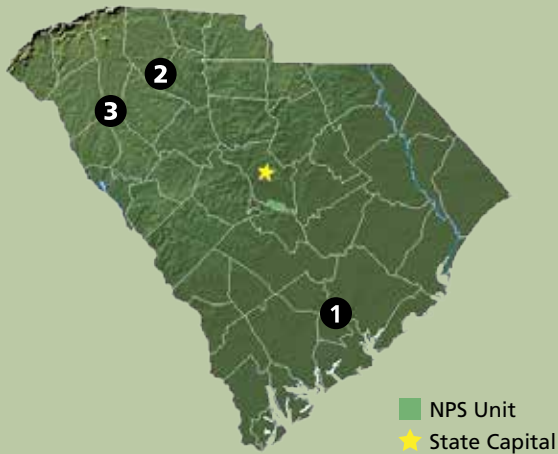


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Saluda River Blueway. Photo: Matt Schell, Anderson County Parks and Recreation

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Low Country Regional Blueways
Berkeley-Charleston and Dorchester Council of Governments
2. Saluda River Blue Trail
Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department
3. Brushy Creek Greenway
City of Easley

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

Recent Successes

Waccamaw River Blue Trail Recieve National Water Trail Designation

Recently designated as a Department of the Interior National Water Trail, the Waccamaw River Blue Trail is considered one of the finest black water rivers in the Southeast. Since 2011, the NPS has been working in partnership with American Rivers, the Waccamaw RiverKeeper, and the Pee Dee Land Trust to create a 141-mile trail connecting communities and rural landscapes from Lake Waccamaw to Winyah Bay, South Carolina.

The Waccamaw River Blue Trail became the first National Water Trail in the state of South Carolina and one of only a few located within the southeast.



Kids paddling the Waccamaw River with Service Over Self Youth.
Photo: Staci Williams, American Rivers

We're Here For You!

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

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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 Parkland Protected

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.

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Current Projects

1. Low Country Regional Blueways

Project Partners: Berkeley-Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments
NPS Contact: Bill Lane
Location: Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Counties
Congressional Districts: SC - 1, 6

Project Goal

In partnership with Berkeley, Charleston, and the Dorchester Council of Governments, create a regional blueways partnership that will link coordination and planning efforts for all tri-county waterways; work to enhance recreation, economic development, and environmental stewardship in the local region; protect the area's natural resources through education and outreach.

NPS Role

Guide the development of a regional blueways partnership, help develop educational outreach materials and strategies, and work with partners to collect and inventory all existing recreational opportunities in the region.

2. Saluda River Blue Trail

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

Project Goal

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

NPS Role

Guide development of a diverse steering committee for the creation of a comprehensive blue trail plan, wayfinding design manual, and access point identification and evaluation.

3. Brushy Creek Greenway

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

Project Goal

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

NPS Role

Work with project partners to develop a marketing and branding package, uniform signage standards, and short and long-term development strategies.



Brushy Creek Greenway Mapping. Photo: Alta Engineering