



Oklahoma News



View of the Ozarks near Vian, OK



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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks
Blue Sky Water

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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

Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks

Greenway partners have been working to craft their vision for what the greenway should be and to define what it means to be a part of the Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks. Representatives from local non-profit organizations, municipalities, the Cherokee Nation, state and federal land management agencies, local governments, as well as community members are exploring possibilities for a greenway collaboration that will enhance habitat, protect natural resources, create close-to-home recreational opportunities, and interpret and protect natural, cultural, and historic resources.



Community members discuss greenway concepts

We're Here For You.

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

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2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,991 Miles of Trail Developed

1,925 Miles of River Conserved

33,230 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



Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks Planning Group exploring options in the field - in Dahlenegah Park, Adair County, OK

1. Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks

Project Partner: Blue Sky Water

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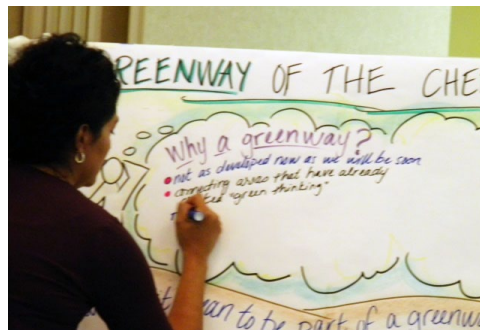
Location: Northeastern Oklahoma

Project Goal & RTCA Role

Provide planning & technical assistance to create a regional greenway corridor that will provide opportunities for close-to-home outdoor recreation, and preserve, enhance, and interpret regional natural, cultural, and scenic resources.

“The Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks links our area, biologically, with our bioregion & is an essential conservation corridor for the game, mammals, birds, and aquatic organisms in this most Western reach of the Ozarks.”

- Kathy Tibbits
Greenway Planning Team Member



Creating the vision for the Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks



The Cherokee Ozarks