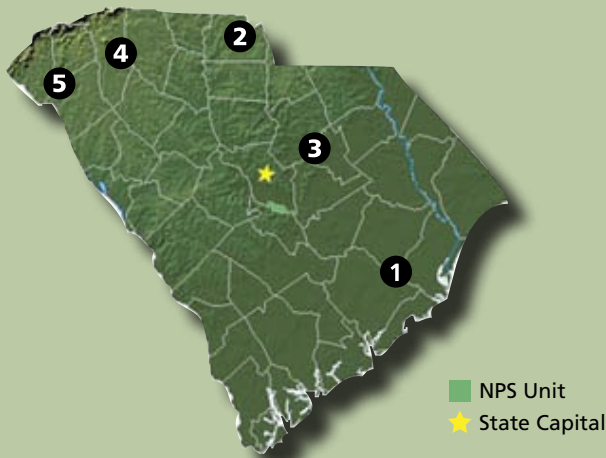




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Hiking at Jones Gap State Park, South Carolina



PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

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YMCA
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Upstate Forever

Current Projects

1. Waccamaw River Blue Trail

Location: Lake Waccamaw, NC to Georgetown, SC - along the eastern seaboard of NC/SC
Congressional District(s): SC-1, NC-7
Project Partner: Waccamaw Riverkeeper, American Rivers
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

To establish a "Blue Trail" along the entire length of the Waccamaw River from Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina to Georgetown, South Carolina. The 140-mile trail project will increase recreational opportunities and stewardship of this important public natural resource.

RTCA Role

RTCA will continue to assist with the development of trail marketing material as well as design and complete a trail sign standards manual. The manual will be incorporated in both North Carolina and South Carolina sections of the trail.

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.

We're Here For You.

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

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2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 1,251 Miles of Trail Developed
- 1,694 Miles of River Conserved
- 25,370 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects cont.

2. Nation Ford Greenway

Location: Fort Mill. It will encompass the town of Fort Mill and provide linkages to the cities of Rock Hill and Charlotte.
Congressional District(s): 5
Project Partner: Nation Ford Greenway
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

To develop a perimeter trail surrounding the town of Fort Mill, South Carolina. The trail will serve as a key segment of the larger Carolina Thread Trail linking the City of Charlotte, North Carolina with Rock Hill, South Carolina.

RTCA Role

RTCA will collaborate with local non-profits to develop a set of design guidelines, marketing/branding package and assisting to create a friends support group.

3. Upper Pee Dee Greenways, Trails and Blueways Initiative

Location: Chesterfield and Darlington Counties (Cities of Darlington, Hartsville and Chesterfield)
Congressional District(s): 5
Project Partner: Hartsville Family YMCA
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

A network of greenways, trails, and blueways in the Upper Pee Dee region. The network of land and water trails and open space will connect each community to local and state parks, and promote economic development from new recreation and tourism-based businesses.

RTCA Role

Develop a diverse and strong trails steering committee within each community and create a regional trails plan with implementation strategies.

4. Tyger River Trails and Blueways Project

Location: Spartanburg
Congressional District(s): 4
Project Partner: Tyger River Foundation
NPS Contact: Joshua Moore

Project Goal

The Tyger River Foundation is developing a strategic plan that will establish guidelines for developing working relationships with local partners, build connections with regional trail systems and provide a workplan to create blueways and greenways on the Tyger River.

RTCA Role

RTCA staff will conduct and facilitate meetings with the TRF and partners, assist in organizational development and capacity building for the foundation, and help with design charrettes for possible blueways and trails.

5. Twelve Mile River Recreation/Restoration Plan

Location: Pickens County
Congressional District(s): 3
Project Partner: Upstate South Carolina
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

Develop a community sponsored, natural resource-based recreation plan for the Twelve Mile River Corridor. The concept is to merge an array of recreational opportunities into a comprehensive recreational plan that will enhance opportunities for healthy living and provide economic benefits.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in building public consensus through a series of public workshops as part of developing a master recreation/restoration plan for the 12 Mile River Corridor.