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One of the many considerations of trail planning in rural Utah. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



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Recent Successes

Wayne County Bike and Pedestrian Pathway

Wayne County began planning for a 10-mile trail system located outside Capitol Reef National Park. With RTCA assistance, a strong private-public partnership was created that included the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Capitol Reef National Park, Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area, Utah Byways, Torrey Town, and Six County Associations of Government.

“The RTCA program is a great asset as they were instrumental in development of a partnership, outlining planning steps, and securing funding resources.”

- Michelle Coleman,
Wayne County Economic
Development Director

The stakeholders crafted a project vision which stated “through a partnership provide a safe and convenient system of bicycle and pedestrian pathways that establish alternative non-motorized transportation as a viable option to connect communities to public lands for residents, tourists, and visitors of Wayne County, Utah.”

Wayne County was successful in obtaining over \$100,000 in funding for the project from the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area, Community Impact Board funding, and the County Special Service District. With the funds obtained, the County and a trail steering committee selected a consulting firm to design a trail logo, identify interpretive areas, and complete a feasibility study.

The County will adopt the study and apply for grant funding to implement the pathway.

Current Projects

1. Big Bend Habitat Restoration

Project Partner: City of West Jordan
NPS Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: West Jordan, UT
Congressional District: UT - 4

Project Goal

Completion of a significant wildlife habitat restoration project and stream re-meander on a 70-acre site along the Jordan River in West Jordan, UT. The project will include recreation components such as, a wildlife observation area, educational signs about cultural, natural, and geologic features, and an urban fishery.

NPS Role

Assist the City in developing a partnership, facilitate individual and partner meetings, provide technical expertise about recreation elements to include in a design concept plan, and assist in identifying funding sources for implementation.

2. Sandy City Canal Trail

Project Partner: Sandy City
NPS Contact: Ken Richley
Location: Sandy, UT
Congressional District: UT - 3



An urban fishery is one of the potential recreation opportunities being planned for the Big Bend Restoration project. Photo: NPS

Project Goal

Completion of a showcase trail and linear park along an abandon canal corridor connecting a recreation and fitness center, elementary school, and several parks through Sandy City.

NPS Role

Provide facilitation for public input on park amenities and conceptual designs for the City to use for in-house construction.

3. Utah Lake Nature Center

Project Partner: Utah Lake Commission
NPS Contact: Ken Richley
Location: Utah County, UT
Congressional District: UT - 3

Project Goal

Development of a Nature Center Concept that will provide for a variety of uses including office space, research, and education with an emphasis on water quality and ecosystems in and surrounding Utah Lake.

NPS Role

Coordinate and develop a partnership of local, state, federal, and non-profit organizations. Facilitate partner meetings and define possible funding sources.



Red Canyon Trail adjacent to Scenic Byway 12 and the Dixie National Forest. Photo: NPS

4. Red Canyon Trail

Project Partner: Scenic Byway 12 Foundation
NPS Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: Bryce Canyon City, UT
Congressional District: UT - 2

Project Goal

Develop five miles of bike and pedestrian trail to complete the Red Canyon Trail from the Dixie National Forest to Bryce Canyon City, located in the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area. The trail is proposed to end at the

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transit station serving Bryce Canyon National Park. A trail concept plan will allow partners to compete for grant funding and will be the next step in connecting the trail to the park.

NPS Role

RTCA will help the Scenic Byway 12 Foundation complete a trail action plan that will aid the County and other partners in finding and securing funding.

5. Willard City Trails

Project Partner: City of Willard
NPS Contact: Ken Richley
Location: Willard, UT
Congressional District: 1

Project Goal

A 13-mile trail network through the City of Willard connecting to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, city parks and neighborhoods, Willard Bay State Park, and U.S. Forest Service trails.

NPS Role

Coordinate and develop a partnership of local, state, and federal agencies including Perry City, Box Elder County, Bear River Association of Governments, Willard Bay State Park, and U.S. Forest Service. Assist in the development of a trail concept plan to help the city apply and secure funding.

6. Jordan River Environmental Education

Project Partner: Salt Lake City
NPS Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: Salt Lake City, UT
Congressional District: 2, 3, 4

Project Goal

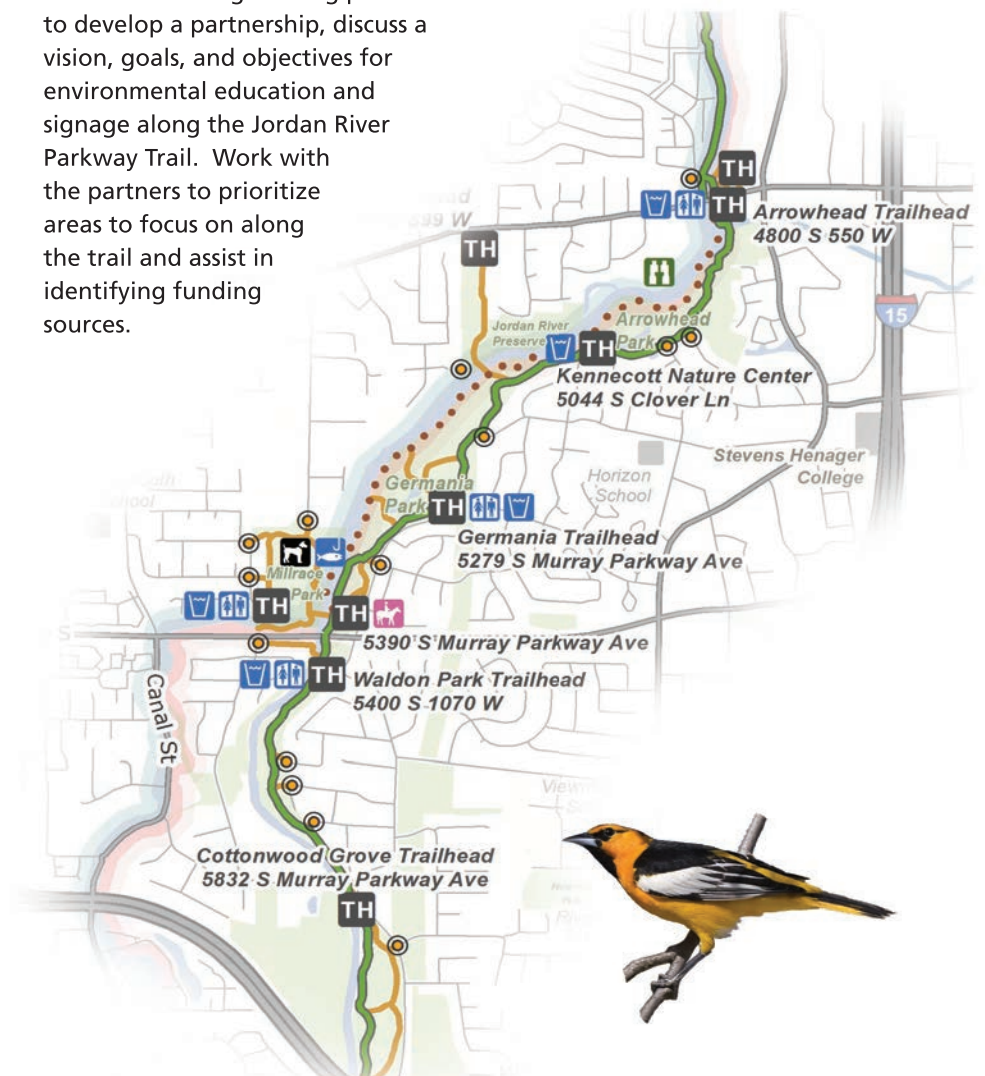
Implement trail and interpretive signage along the Jordan River Parkway Trail with involvement from Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Jordan River Commission, and the Utah Natural History Museum. The signage will attract trail users and provide a missing educational component for an enhanced trail experience.



A current environmental education site along the Jordan River. Photo: NPS

NPS Role

Facilitate meetings among partners to develop a partnership, discuss a vision, goals, and objectives for environmental education and signage along the Jordan River Parkway Trail. Work with the partners to prioritize areas to focus on along the trail and assist in identifying funding sources.



The Jordan River has many opportunities for environmental education along its path from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake. Drawing: NPS

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



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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

2,154 Miles of Trail Developed

1,074 Miles of River Conserved

70,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Jordan River Parkway Trail Map

The Jordan River Parkway Trail has been constructed in phases over the last several decades. RTCA is currently working with stakeholders to finish one of only four remaining trail gaps. Also, as part of the America's Great Outdoors initiative and with the help of a talented Landscape Architect intern from Utah State University, RTCA worked with Salt Lake County and the Jordan River Commission to produce the first complete map of the trail. The map is expected to increase community awareness of recreation access, improve opportunities for physical activity, and is already in it's second printing!



The Trail Map highlights access points, restoration areas, transit connections and other amenities.
Brochure: NPS

"We had a fantastic experience working with NPS. Our trail map has already introduced thousands of new people to the river corridor and is being used by school groups, environmental educators, elected officials, and local non-profits."

- Laura Hanson, Executive Director
Jordan River Commission



The Candy Mountain Whistle Stop logo highlights the true multi-use nature of the trailhead. Trail sign: NPS

Sevier County Multi-Use Trailhead

RTCA helped Sevier County envision a multi-use trailhead that would service users of the Candy Mountain Express paved rail-trail, the Paiute ATV system, and the Sevier River. These visions are becoming a reality as a restroom was installed with a grant from the Utah State Parks, the parking lot graded and graveled with the help of a local business owner, and informational kiosks installed by the county with funds from their tourism bureau. RTCA also developed a logo to highlight the true multi-use nature of the trailhead.

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.