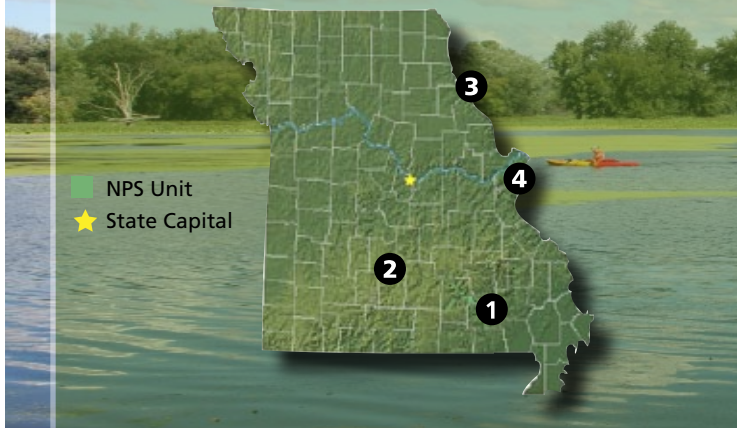




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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

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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.

Current Projects

1. Brown Road - Tram Road Trail

Project Partner: Van Buren Area Chamber of Commerce
RTCA Contact: David Thomson
Location: Trail connecting the City of Van Buren to Ozark National Scenic Riverways, along the Current River.
Congressional District(s): MO-8

Project Goal

A 10.2-mile multi-use trail along the Current River in Carter County, Missouri, via county road and service road enhancements that will connect Van Buren to land and water resources of Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

NPS Role

Assistance in the development of a master plan for the trail project as well as assistance identifying funding sources that might be used in the development and marketing of the trail. We will also need help in moving ideas into action and realizing our vision

2. Kansas City Rock Island Trail

Project Partner: Mid-America Regional Council
RTCA Contact: Karen Anderson
Location: A 30 mile former RR corridor will connect the Kansas City Metro region to the Katy Trail (Central MO).
Congressional District(s): MO-4,5

Project Goal

MARC will acquire title to the 30 mile rail corridor for rail-trail development.

NPS Role

Staff will work w/ MARC staff to develop a plan to acquire the RR ROW. The Rock Island RR has not yet sold the corridor to MARC.

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

3. Mississippi River Trail & Collaborative Support

Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

RTCA Contact: David Thomson

Location: Headwaters of Mississippi River in Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans.

Congressional District(s): AR-1, 4; IA-2, 4; IL-4, 12, 16, 17, 19; MN-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; MO-1, 2, 3, 8, 9; WI-3

Project Goal

Locally: Develop 71 miles of trail from Vicksburg, MS to Natchez, MS. Nationally: Create a network of 3,000 miles of trail from Minnesota to Louisiana.

NPS Role

Provide facilitation assistance in support of the development of segments of the MRT in Mississippi through outreach and MRT Workshop Planning. Provide facilitation assistance towards developing framework for Mississippi River Connections Collaborative as outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

4. Mounds Heritage Trail

Project Partner: The Confluence Partnership

RTCA Contact: Diane Banta

Location: City of St. Louis, St. Clair and Madison Counties

Congressional District(s): IL-12, MO-1,3

Project Goal

Develop a nine-mile on-road interpretive trail, with links to two miles of off-road interpretive trails at Cahokia Mounds that will focus visitors on the rich cultural and natural attributes of the area.

NPS Role

RTCA staff will serve on the Technical Advisory Team to this project, and assist with community outreach and technical support. Community input for the project will be needed from a number of jurisdictions and building that support will require individuals knowledgeable about community development, local culture and trail development. RTCA will assist with this outreach effort to Illinois and Missouri communities. RTCA staff may have information on comparable heritage trail projects nationally that could be models.

