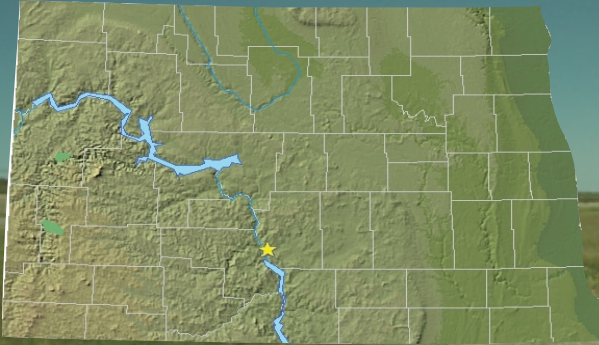




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How can we support community-led projects through planning, partnerships, and capacity building in North Dakota?

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.



Wakopa Trail. NPS Photo.

Recent Successes

Wakopa Trail Documents Transportation History

The Wakopa Trail is an important component of the history of transportation in the Turtle Mountain Region. The original Wakopa Trail led from St. John north to the Canadian border and south from St. John to Rolla as part of the Devils Lake Trail system. The new trail was developed from an abandoned rail corridor (the Burlington Northern). This trail system was initially a path used by the Native Americans on foot or on horseback, followed by trappers and traders, then ox carts and buggies. It parallels a main stage line and mail route, which in turn was expanded to accommodate the automobile travel we use today on the Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway.

The Wakopa Trail project helps interpret this history, as well as accommodates multiple alternative year-round non-motorized transportation opportunities. Funds for the development of the corridor were primarily Transportation Enhancement funds, through the ND DOT and technical assistance was provided by the NPS RTCA program.

“The Rivers & Trails program keeps vibrant by adapting and refocusing efforts in response to the needs of the communities served...”

- Terry Eastin, Executive Director, Mississippi River Trail, Inc..”

We're Here For You.

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



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2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 3,411 Miles of Trail Developed
- 2,664 Miles of River Conserved
- 87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Midwest Region Projects

Centerville's Endless Trails

Project Partner: City of Centerville, Centerville Medical Clinic
RTCA Contact: Karen Anderson
Location: Centerville, SD
Congressional District(s): 1

Project Goal:

Develop a trail plan for the community to use as funding is available.

RTCA Role:

Work with community members to develop a concept plan which will include the ideal route for the trails, type of trails for the desired uses, and potential funding sources to construct the trails.

Parker Vermillion River Beautification Project

Project Partner: City of Parker
RTCA Contact: Karen Anderson
Location: Parker, SD
Congressional District(s): 1

Project Goal:

Provide access to the Vermillion River for residents and visitors to Parker, SD. Connect missing links in the local hike/bike trail.

RTCA Role:

Assist the city administration with a plan for a two-mile walking/biking path alongside the Vermillion River.

City of Avoca River and Trail

Project Partner: City of Avoca, IA
RTCA Contact: David Thomson
Location: Along two forks of the West Nishnabotna River
Congressional District(s): 5

Project Goal:

Develop 5 miles of land-based multi-use trails, 15 miles of river enhancement/water trail development, and 4 acres of wetland/park area development.

RTCA Role:

Develop a dialogue between the various project partners and input into a conceptual plan for each part of this outdoor recreation project.

Landon & Flint Hills Nature Trails

Project Partner: Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy, Inc.
RTCA Contact: Mary Hanson
Location: The Flint Hills of Kansas
Congressional District(s): 1, 2, 3

Project Goal:

Complete the Landon section of the Flint Hills Nature Trails.

RTCA Role:

Assist the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy with development of the rail banked land through advocacy training, coordination of fundraising, and team building between communities along the future trail.

