



# North Dakota News



Missouri River in North Dakota. Photo: NPS

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



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### CURRENT PROJECTS

#### 1. North Dakota Research and Project Development Partner(s) to be determined

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

### 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.

## Lewis and Clark in ND

The Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled from Illinois to the Pacific Ocean and back between 1804 and 1806. Over two hundred years later, visitors can retrace the Expedition's path by following the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Among the more than 100 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, only five are National Park Service sites. Today's Trail is the product of many diverse groups: federal, tribal, state, and local agencies, and public and private organizations. These groups work together across more than 3,700 miles of the Trail to provide opportunities for visitors to experience and learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and become captivated by its stories.



Work with NPS-RTCA staff to connect your community through trails to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

*“The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) in the Midwest Region is always trying to work with new project partners to meet the needs of those partners in the areas of recreation and natural resource restoration to bring on the ground results to local planning.”*

David Thomson, Midwest RTCA Program Manager

## We're Here For You.

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
- 1,925 Miles of River Conserved
- 33,320 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

Find more information online at [www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)



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# North Dakota Projects

## 1. North Dakota Research and Project Development

RTCA Contact: David Thomson  
Location: Statewide

### Project Goal

Outreach to key partners and communities to establish technical assistance opportunities for building recreation project related to trails and health and natural area restoration

and other enhancement projects throughout North Dakota.

### NPS Role

Regional RTCA staff will work to develop strategic outreach to potential partners, develop and implement projects based on partner needs for the Dakotas.

# Other Midwest Region Projects

## Philip Trail Project

Project Partner: City of Philip, SD  
RTCA Contact: David Thomson, Kenny Points  
Location: Philip, SD

### Project Goal

Develop a trail that helps the city improve safety and health, so that all members of the Philip Community can use and enjoy.

### NPS Role

RTCA will assist in bringing together community members for input, coordinating partners, locating funding sources, addressing community needs, and outlining a trail plan for the Philip community.

### Project Goal

A five-mile, multi-use asphalt trail throughout the city that connects 8 local parks, 2 athletic complexes, school facilities, the fairgrounds, and prairie land. This trail would connect to the existing Blue Mounds Bike Trail that leads to Blue Mounds State Park. The existing and new trail would form a 10-mile loop. The project includes conservation of natural habitat along Poplar Creek and possibly 8 acres of new park.

### NPS Role

Organize and facilitate committee meetings to develop a trail plan. Assist the committee in conducting a trail feasibility assessment, developing community support and involvement, and identifying potential funding sources. Advise the committee on the easement procurement process and permit requirements.

## Poplar Creek Trail

Project Partner: City of Luverne, MN  
RTCA Contact: Holly Larson  
Location: City of Luverne, MN



Fort Mandan Trail North Dakota. Photo: NPS