



Alabama News



Kayaking down the Cahaba River. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Chattahoochee Valley Recreational Master Plan
City of Valley
2. Cahaba River Blueway
Alabama Nature Conservancy

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Current Projects

1. Chattahoochee Valley Recreational Master Plan

Project Partner: City of Valley

RTCA Contact: Charlotte Gillis, Joshua Moore

Location: City of Valley

Congressional District: AL - 3

Project Goal

RTCA will continue to work with the City of Valley on a master plan for a 22 mile blueway on the Chattahoochee River which extends from West Point Lake, Georgia (GA) to Lake Harding.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the planning aspect of the blueway, provide technical assistance in mapping and safety standards, and facilitate meetings with partners and local communities.



RTCA staff and partners discuss access points and plans for the Chattahoochee River in Valley. Photo: NPS

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
- 1,074 Miles of River Conserved
- 70,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects cont.

2. Cahaba River Blueway

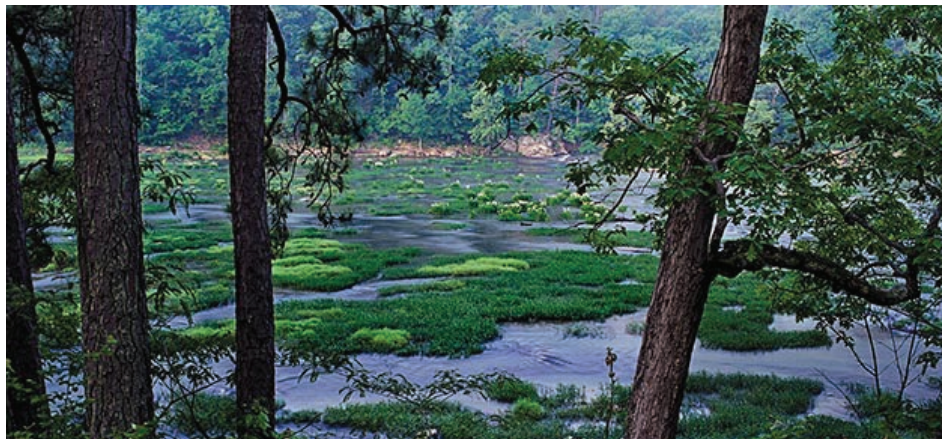
Project Partner: Alabama Nature Conservancy
RTCA Contact: Alison Bullock, Joshua Moore
Location: Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Bibb, Perry and Dallas Counties
Congressional District: AL - 3, 6, 7

Project Goal

The Cahaba River Blueway project will promote outdoor recreational opportunities on the river while linking greenways, parks, preserves and historic sites in the central Alabama region. The long-term goal is to create a blueway (or water trail) along the Cahaba River with more than 30 sites stretching over approximate 190 miles of the river.

RTCA Role

RTCA will coordinate the planning of the project, assist project partners with identifying potential funding sources, provide technical assistance in design standards, and mapping, facilitate meetings and help with public outreach.



The 190-mile-long Cahaba River is home to many rare species, some of which were thought to be extinct. The showy Cahaba lily (at Halfmile Shoals) thrives in clean, clear, rapidly flowing water. Photo: Smithsonian Magazine, Beth Maynor Young

Read more: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/River-of-Riches.html#ixzz27bXLo225>

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.