



# New York News



As part of World Water Monitoring Day and the Harlem River Festival, South Bronx youth taking a lesson from USGS on how to track the Harlem River's water quality.

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012



### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Bronx Harlem Urban Waters Federal Partnership  
Harlem River Working Group, Bronx River Alliance
2. Carr's Creek Watershed Management  
Sidney Center Improvement Group, Delaware County Planning Department, and Sidney High School
3. Jamaica Bay Greenway  
Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition, including Regional Plan Association, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, Rockaway Waterfront Alliance, and Gateway National Recreation Area
4. Kinderhook - Stuyvesant - Stockport Trail  
Columbia Land Conservancy and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site
5. Kingston Rail Trail Connections  
Kingston Land Trust
6. September 11th National Memorial Trail  
September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance

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## Recent Successes

### Kinderhook - Stuyvesant - Stockport Trail

A small planning grant enabled the KSS Trail Committee to engage a University of Albany planning studio class to create a trail feasibility study. Public workshops highlighted key issues and problem areas, and also developed some new ideas. As a result, the Committee is moving ahead with some trail sections and carefully reviewing the options for others. The project received the 2011 Outstanding Student Project award from the Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association.



A county-wide trail planning workshop helped people envision the Kinderhook-Stockport-Stuyvesant Trail as part of a larger trail system

# Current Projects

## 1. Bronx-Harlem Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Project Partners: Harlem River Working Group, Bronx River Alliance  
RTCA Contact: Jerry Willis  
Location: Bronx and Harlem Rivers, New York City  
Congressional Districts: NY-15, 16, 17

### Project Goal

A continuous greenway along both sides of Bronx and Harlem Rivers; implementation of river restoration projects aimed at improving the ecological functions of the rivers.

### RTCA Role

Lead the Urban Waters Federal Partnership in determining and directing federal resources to address locally identified needs and priorities.

## 2. Carr's Creek Watershed Management

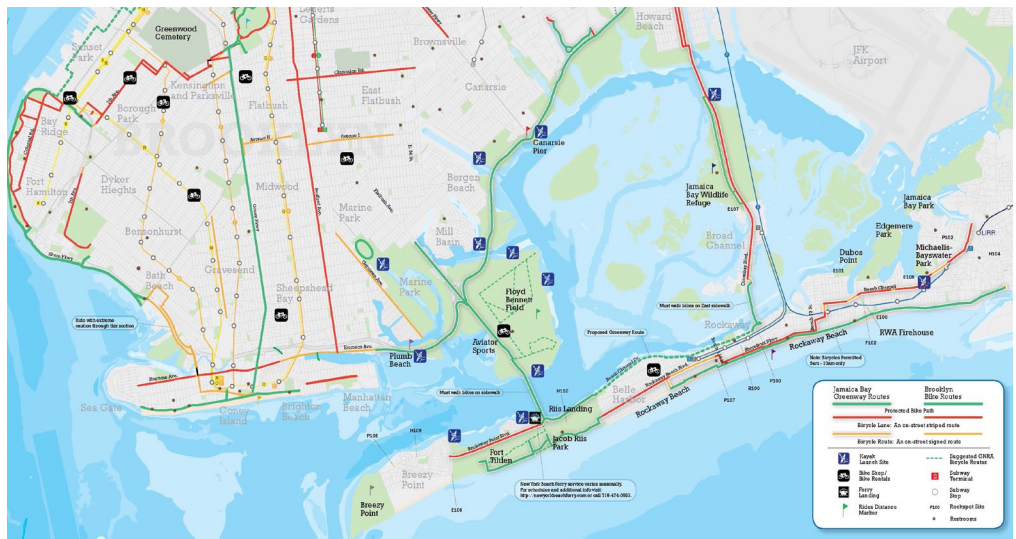
Project Partners: Sidney Center Improvement Group, Delaware County Planning Department, and Sidney High School  
RTCA Contact: Wink Hastings  
Location: Delaware County, NY  
Congressional District: NY-20

### Project Goal

A watershed management plan to enhance ecological function, protect natural resources and working lands, and reduce risk of flooding. Install a river gauge in Carr's Creek to monitor stream conditions and provide emergency flood warning.

### RTCA Role

Guide partner organizations, citizen volunteers, educational institutions and KCI Technologies, Inc. in preparing the watershed plan, facilitate community participation, and leverage financial support for implementation.



The Jamaica Bay Greenway User's Guide. Credit: Regional Plan Association.

## 3. Jamaica Bay Greenway

Project Partners: Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition, including Regional Plan Association, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, Rockaway Waterfront Alliance, and Gateway National Recreation Area  
RTCA Contact: Le'alani Schaumburg  
Location: Shoreline of Jamaica Bay, including facilities managed by Gateway NRA (NPS) and New York City  
Congressional Districts: NY-10, 12

### Project Goal

Continuous waterfront access around Jamaica Bay for non-motorized users such as runners, pedestrian, and cyclists, building on the current extensive path network.

### RTCA Role

Continue to develop strong community and interagency partnerships and pursue avenues of funding for continued outreach and project implementation.

## 4. Kinderhook - Stuyvesant - Stockport Trail

Project Partners: Columbia Land Conservancy and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site  
RTCA Contact: Karl Beard  
Location: Columbia County, NY  
Congressional District: NY-20

### Project Goal

A five-mile, multi-use trail system linking the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site to the communities of Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, and Stockport.

### RTCA Role

Help partners with community outreach and volunteer-led improvements to key sections of the trail.

## 5. Kingston Rail Trail Connections

Project Partner: Kingston Land Trust  
RTCA Contact: Karl Beard  
Location: Kingston, NY  
Congressional District: NY-22

### Project Goal

A network of up to 6 miles of urban rail trails and complete streets linking neighborhoods to community gardens, public parks, waterways, and schools.

### RTCA Role

Help expand public engagement through a community planning workshop and trail improvement projects; help engage youth groups and other partners to undertake ongoing trail maintenance.

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## 2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 1,991 Miles of Trail Developed
- 1,925 Miles of River Conserved
- 33,230 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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## Recent Successes cont.

### Carr's Creek Watershed, Delaware County, New York

Residents of this forgotten upstate hamlet founded the Sidney Center Improvement Group, developed a vision for its troubled watershed, completed a comprehensive stream corridor assessment, and succeeded in receiving two grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The initial grant funded the technical skills of KCI Technologies, Inc. to conduct a hydrologic and hydraulic study to model storm events throughout the watershed and assess the flood potential of specific segments of Carr's Creek and Willow Brook. The second grant provided funds for a larger contract with KCI to assess land and water resources and prepare a plan directing future actions to restore, protect and manage the watershed. This watershed plan incorporates the citizen-led stream assessment findings, hydrologic and hydraulic study recommendations addressing severe flooding, and priority areas for restoration and protection delineated by resource experts and local residents. Grant funds were also used to purchase a satellite flood monitoring station installed on Carr's Creek by teachers and students of Sidney High School.



Installation of a stream gage in Carr's Creek to notify Sidney Center residents of rising flood waters was recently completed by representatives of the Sidney Center Improvement Group, Sidney High School, Town of Sidney Highway Department, Sidney Center Volunteer Fire Department and RTCA.

## Current Projects cont.

### 6. September 11th National Memorial Trail

Project Partner: September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance  
RTCA Contact: Peggy Pings  
Location: Seven state triangle including Shanksville, PA (Flight 93 crash site), New York City (World Trade Center), and Washington, DC (Pentagon)  
Congressional District: NY-8, 11, 12, 14

#### Project Goal

A 1,100-mile hiking, biking and driving trail physically connecting the three national memorials commemorating the tragic events that occurred in 2001.

#### RTCA Role

Facilitate determination of trail route through New York City and assist in the development of an interim Strategic Plan to improve organizational capacity and ensure quality trail management.