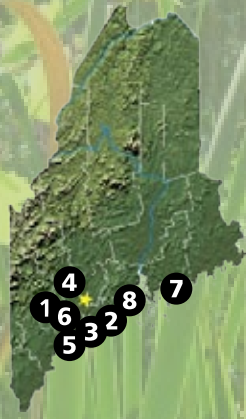




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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

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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.

Recent Successes

Highland Farm

The purchase of the Highland Farm property by the York Land Trust (91 acres) and Kittery Water District (60 acres) linked 2,746-acres of conserved land in rapidly developing York, Maine with the York River. The YLT's next step was to create habitat for the state endangered New England Cottontail and develop foot trails. RTCA helped YLT volunteers and staff, together with agency partners, develop a management plan and locate trails and habitat. The Maine Conservation Corps and YLT volunteers built 2.3 miles of walking trails during summer 2010. A contractor finished cutting 20-acres of NEC habitat in October. Although people were already enjoying the trails before construction was finished, the final piece, a parking area large enough for school buses and a universally accessible connector trail, will be completed in 2011.

Chisholm Trails

In two former paper mill towns on the banks of the Androscoggin River, change is afoot. A handful of devoted locals are convinced that a trail might transform a community. The initial vision is for a four-mile trail connecting the schools of Livermore Falls and Jay, along the Androscoggin River and passing through the former paper mill site. New owners of the mill see the great value of a trail to redeveloping their property. To help plan and envision, three landscape architects donated their ideas and drawings to the project. On National Trails Day, all seventh graders from both schools walked the proposed trail route, meeting in the middle at the mill to learn about the river and their heritage. Little by little, the community is turning back to their river.

Current Projects

1. Androscoggin Greenway

Project Partner: Androscoggin Land Trust
RTCA Contact: Julie Isbill
Location: Connecting Lewiston, Auburn, Turner, Leeds, and Greene
Congressional District: ME-2

Project Goal

A plan and implementation of conserved land, water access, and trail connections in the 5 miles between Lewiston/ Auburn and Riverlands State Park, and beyond to Turner, Leeds and Greene.

2. Boothbay Region Community Trail Project

Project Partner: Boothbay Region Community Trail Partnership
RTCA Contact: Burnham Martin
Location: Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor
Congressional District: ME-1

Project Goal

Create and improve about 9.5 miles system of trails and on-road routes to facilitate travel by bicycle and on foot in Boothbay region.

3. Brunswick Landing

Project Partner: Town of Brunswick
RTCA Contact: Julie Isbill
Location: Site of former Brunswick Naval Air Station (3200 acres) in Brunswick, Maine.
Congressional District: ME-1

Project Goal

Create and begin implementing a recre-



Highland Farm

ation, trails and open space management plan for 1,200 acres of the former Naval Air Station.

4. Chisholm Trails

Project Partner: Androscoggin Land Trust
RTCA Contact: Julie Isbill
Location: Trails and land conservation along the Androscoggin River in Jay and Livermore Falls
Congressional District: ME-2

Project Goal

Plan and build 5 miles of multi-use trail along the river; conserve land owned by paper company and acquire easements from railroad; develop and install system of signs; hold outreach events.

5. Maine Island Trail Southern Extension

Project Partner: Maine Island Trail Association
RTCA Contact: Burnham Martin
Location: Coastal Maine including islands between Portland and Kittery.
Congressional District: ME-1

Project Goal

Establish a 50-mile extension of the Maine Island Trail from Portland southward to Kittery using islands and shore access points.

6. Sebago to the Sea

Project Partner: Sebago to the Sea Coalition
RTCA Contact: Julie Isbill
Location: A trail connecting Sebago Lake to Casco Bay, generally following Presumpscot River, passing through Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth
Congressional District: ME-1



Trenton Village Connector Trail

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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 cont.

Project Goal

Create a contiguous 28 mile recreational trail from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay connecting trails in Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth following the Presumpscot River and the Mountain Division rail with trail and historic Cumberland and Oxford Canal Towpath.

8. Waldoboro Riverwalk

Project Partner: Medomak Valley Land Trust
RTCA Contact: Burnham Martin
Location: Waldoboro
Congressional District: ME-1

Project Goal

Establish a 10-mile long trail along the Medomak River in Waldoboro, connecting the village, the river, and conservation lands.

7. Trenton Village Connector Trails

Project Partner: Friends of Acadia
RTCA Contact: Burnham Martin
Location: Trenton, 12 miles from the entrance to Acadia National Park
Congressional District: ME-2

Project Goal

Develop a trail system connecting the Acadia Gateway Center to 217 acres of conservation lands and other locations in Trenton.



Seventh grade walkers on Riverfront School Trail on National Trails Day