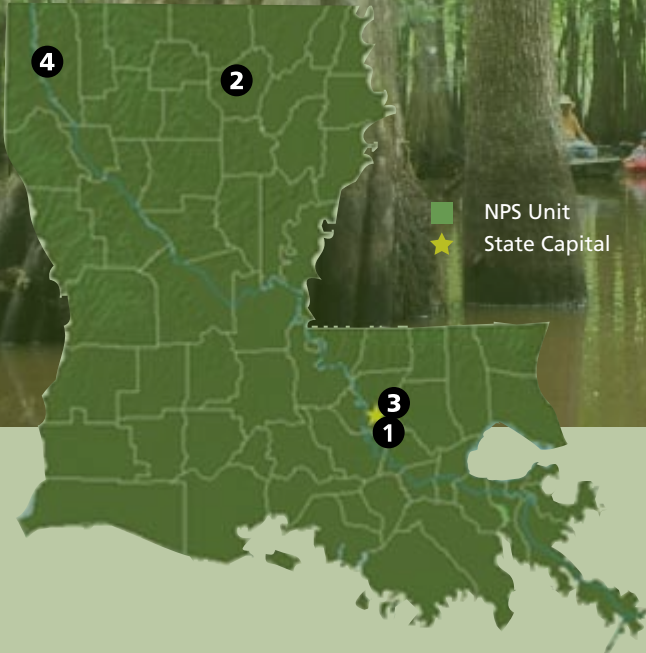




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Recent Successes

Groundwork New Orleans

The RTCA provided organizational development assistance to Groundwork New Orleans, one of twelve Trusts in the Groundwork USA initiative working to improve the environment, economy, and quality of life for communities and the first in the Southeast Region.



Volunteers plant bushes as part of the Groundwork New Orleans Project

RTCA also helped to partner Groundwork New Orleans with the Timberland Company. As a result of the success of this partnership, Timberland, makers of hiking apparel, granted employees paid time off to work on the project and provided nearly \$40,000 to the organization for equipment and supplies.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Dow Westside YMCA Trail**
YMCA
- 2. City of Monroe Comprehensive Trail Plan**
City of Monroe
- 3. Louisiana State Wide Trail Plan**
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
- 4. Bayous to Use**
City of Shreveport

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provide 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.

Current Projects

1. Dow Westside YMCA Trail

Location: Town of Addis in West Baton Rouge Parish
Congressional District: 6
Project Partner: YMCA
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer

Project Goal

The YMCA intends to build a 0.5 mile walking path on their site to promote healthy activity for their members and local residents.

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

3,441 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 Projects cont.

RTCA Role

RTCA is assisting with the planning process for the trail, publicity and public education to promote trail use by local residents.

Project Goal

Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) and FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana, will develop a digital database system of all existing trails in Louisiana. Once completed, this database will serve as a tool to preserve, protect, maintain, present and further develop all natural trails and other natural environments throughout Louisiana.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the facilitation of the planning process, public workshops, and the provision of strategies for marketing to the communities, and partnerships.

2. City of Monroe Comprehensive Trail Plan

Location: The project is located in northern Louisiana, Ouachita Parish
Congressional District: 3
Project Partner: City of Monroe, Planning and Urban Development
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer

Project Goal

Link areas throughout Monroe including connections to the Monroe transit system. All routes will be on-street bike and pedestrian paths.

RTCA Role

RTCA will provide technical assistance in the updating of the 1988 Comprehensive Trail Plan, as well as facilitating the decision making process to decide on those routes that should remain, be removed, or be added.

4. Bayous to Use

Location: City of Shreveport, LA
Congressional District: 4
Project Partner: A Better Shreveport
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

Develop a city-wide network of trails located along Shreveport's canals and levees and converting them to greenways, open spaces and pedestrian paths along these areas.

RTCA Role

Assisting City of Shreveport with a master plan for the project. RTCA will also coordinate public outreach and the development of creative strategies to successfully implement the plan.

3. Louisiana Statewide Trails

Location: Statewide
Congressional Districts: Statewide
Project Partner: Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer

