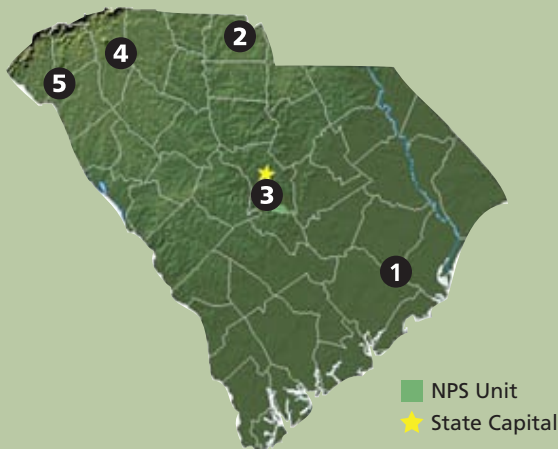




# South Carolina News



Kayakers on the Twelve Mile River, South Carolina



## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Waccamaw River Blue Trail**  
Waccamaw River Keeper, American Rivers
- 2. Nation Ford Greenway**  
Nation Ford Greenway Nonprofit
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The River Alliance
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- 5. Twelve Mile River Recreation/Restoration**  
Upstate Forever

## Current Projects

### 1. Waccamaw River Blue Trail

Location: Lake Waccamaw, NC to Georgetown, SC along the eastern seaboard of NC/SC

Congressional Districts: SC-1, NC-7

Project Partner: Waccamaw Riverkeeper, American Rivers

NPS Contact: Bill Lane

#### Project Goal

To establish a "Blue Trail" along the entire length of the Waccamaw River from Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina to Georgetown, South Carolina. The 140-mile trail project will increase recreational opportunity and stewardship of this public and important natural resource.

#### RTCA Role

RTCA will continue to assist American Rivers in order to build greater public support for the project and increase awareness of environmental issues surrounding the river. RTCA will also develop a design guideline manual for uniform signage standards for the entire length of the river.

### 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.

# Current Projects cont.

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance?  
Contact us to find out.

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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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## 2. Nation Ford Greenway

Location: Fort Mill, SC. It will encompass the town of Fort Mill and provide linkages to the cities of Rock Hill and Charlotte.  
Congressional Districts: 5  
Project Partner: Nation Ford Greenway  
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

### Project Goal

To develop a perimeter trail surrounding the town of Fort Mill, SC. The trail will serve as a key segment of the larger Carolina Thread Trail linking the City of Charlotte, NC with Rock Hill, SC.

### RTCA Role

RTCA will collaborate with local non-profits to develop a set of design guidelines, a marketing and branding package, and assist with creating a friends group to support the Greenway.

## 3. Three River Greenway

Location: Columbia, SC  
Congressional Districts: 2  
Project Partner: The River Alliance  
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

### Project Goal

A network of greenways, trails and blueways in the Upper Pee Dee region. The network of land and water trails and open space will connect each community to local and state parks and promote economic development from new recreation and tourism-based businesses.

### RTCA Role

Develop a diverse and strong trails steering committee within each community and create a regional trails plan with implementation strategies.

## 4. Tyger River Trails and Blueways

Location: Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Congressional District: 4  
Project Partner: Tyger River Foundation  
NPS Contact: Joshua Moore

### Project Goal

The Tyger River Foundation (TRF) is developing a strategic plan that will establish guidelines for developing working relationships with local partners, develop connections with regional trail systems, and provide a workplan to create blueways and greenways on the Tyger River.

### RTCA Role

RTCA staff will continue to assist the TRF and its partners with creating a strategic plan for the foundation and help with possible conceptual designs and design standards for the Tyger River blueways and trails.

## 5. Twelve Mile River Recreation/Restoration

Location: Pickens County, SC  
Congressional Districts: 3  
Project Partner: Upstate Forever, SC  
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

### Project Goal

The development of a community sponsored, natural resource-based recreation plan for the Twelve Mile River Corridor. The concept is to merge an array of recreational opportunities into a comprehensive recreational plan that will enhance opportunities for healthy living and provide economic benefits.

### RTCA Role

In FY 2012 RTCA will continue to assist Upstate forever in building consensus through a series of public workshops as part of developing a master recreation/restoration plan for the 12 Mile River Corridor.