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The Mad River Path, part of the Mad River Valley Trails.
Photo: Mad River Valley Planning District

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Bakersfield Community Trails
Bakersfield Conservation Commission
2. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration
Billings Park Commission
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Mad River Valley Trails Collaborative
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Town of Killington

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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

Bakersfield Community Trails

The small town of Bakersfield, Vermont created its first conservation commission just over 2 years ago and already they have achieved significant conservation successes. The Commission created a new Town Park and launched Bakersfield Community Trails, a planned community trails system that includes Village Center Trails, Conservation Trails and Historic Trails highlighting the area's unique natural resources, historic legacy, and scenic beauty. Successful grant applications, public events and community partnership have led to a new trail, signage and a partnership with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps that will help the Commission create needed infrastructure at the Town Park. Bakersfield trails volunteer Larry Krygier notes, "Lots of Bakersfield citizens are getting excited. I keep running into people who want to be a part of the project."



Bakersfield Community Trails volunteers

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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Recent Successes cont.

1. Bakersfield Community Trails

Project Partners: Bakersfield Conservation Commission
RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite
Location: Bakersfield, Vermont
Congressional District: VT - At Large

Project Goal

A system of village and upland walking trails for the community of Bakersfield that will link private and public lands and promote exploration of the area's natural and cultural heritage.

RTCA Role

Assist with summer youth crew work, create strategies for other community trail links, and locate funds and assistance for implementing trails projects.

2. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration

Project Partners: Billings Park Commission
RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite
Location: Woodstock, Vermont
Congressional District: VT - At Large

Project Goal

Restoration of the historically unique Faulkner Trail will enhance an important gateway to Marsh-Billings-

Rockefeller National Historical Park and a central component of the 30-mile Woodstock Trails System.

RTCA Role

Assist in launching a trail restoration campaign based on the newly-completed trail restoration strategy, including youth work and a connection to the Appalachian Trail.

3. Mad River Valley Trails

Project Partners: Mad River Valley Planning District
RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite
Location: Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston, Vermont
Congressional District: VT - At Large

Project Goal

Enhance and expand recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley through the "Trails Collaborative."

RTCA Role

Assist in a trails inventory and update for the Mad River Valley trails map and partner with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to carry out youth trail projects.

4. Killington Trails Initiative

Project Partners: Town of Killington
RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite
Location: Killington, VT
Congressional District: VT - At Large

Project Goal

Build, enhance, connect, and add value to a system of trails in the town of Killington.

RTCA Role

Assist in developing strategies for implementing three priority trail projects identified by community meetings, and build the capacity of project partners.



Hikers enjoy local foods at Trek to Taste, an event of the Woodstock Trails Partnership