



Tennessee News



View of the proposed site for the Tennessee Riverwalk. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Tennessee Riverpark's Chattanooga Riverwalk**
Hamilton County and the City of Chattanooga
- 2. South Chattanooga Parks and Greenways**
South Chattanooga Leadership Advisory Council
- 3. Hiwassee Blueway**
Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program 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. Tennessee Riverpark's Chattanooga Riverwalk

Project Partners: Hamilton County, City of Chattanooga
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Chattanooga
Congressional Districts: TN - 3

Project Goal

Develop a 3.5-mile riverwalk extension trail that will connect downtown Chattanooga to the St. Elmo neighborhood. Through partnerships, work with the Lookout Mountain Conservancy to connect the future riverwalk trail to the trail systems on Lookout Mountain. The new trail will facilitate linkages to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Easements are now complete and construction of the initial section of the riverwalk extension from the Tennessee Aquarium to St. Elmo Street on Chattanooga's south side is ready to commence in early 2014. Meanwhile, planning continues on the final mile of trail to the base of Lookout Mountain.

NPS Role

Continue to support Hamilton County, the City of Chattanooga, and the Trust for Public Land by providing planning, technical assistance, and funding guidance for the design and implementation of this trail corridor.

We're Here For You!

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

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2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and
Parkland Protected

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Current Projects cont.

2. South Chattanooga Parks and Greenways

Project Partner: South Chattanooga Leadership Advisory Council
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Chattanooga
Congressional District: TN - 3

Project Goal

Explore opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites in Chattanooga into parks and greenspace. Research the feasibility of establishing a greenway along Chattanooga Creek that could connect the community of Alton Park to the Tennessee Riverwalk.

NPS Role

Support park planning and working with existing community groups and businesses to enhance economic and recreational opportunities.

3. Hiwassee Blueway

Project Partner: Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Polk, McMinn, Bradley, and Meigs Counties
Congressional District: TN - 3

Project Goal

Develop an implementation plan, public outreach, and partnership development along with the creation of an organization that can ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

NPS Role

Assist project partners with strategic planning for the blueway, public outreach, and awareness for the project and program development for project partners.



Tennessee Riverwalk Extension Scouting trip. Photo: NPS