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## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks  
Blue Sky Water
2. Project-Activate Recreation Course (PARC)  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Find out more about each project on page 2.

### 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

### Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks

Greenway partners have been working to craft their vision for what the greenway should be and to define what it means to be a part of the Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks. Representatives from local non-profit organizations, municipalities, the Cherokee Nation, state and federal land management agencies, local governments as well as community members are exploring possibilities for a greenway collaboration that will enhance habitat, protect natural resources, create close-to-home recreational opportunities, and interpret and protect natural, cultural and historic resources.



Community members discuss greenway concepts



## We're Here For You.

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

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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

Find more information online at  
[www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)



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# Current Projects



Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks Planning Group exploring options in the field - in Dahlenegah Park, Adair County, OK

## 1. Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks

Project Partner: Blue Sky Water  
RTCA Contact: Joy Lujan  
Location: Northeastern Oklahoma

### Project Goal & RTCA Role

Provide planning & technical assistance to create a regional greenway corridor that will provide opportunities for close-to-home outdoor recreation, and preserve, enhance, and interpret regional natural, cultural, and scenic resources.

*The Rivers & Trails program keeps vibrant by adapting and refocusing efforts in response to the needs of the communities served..."*

- Terry Eastin,  
Executive Director,  
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.



Creating the vision for the Greenway of the Cherokee Ozarks

## 2. Project-Activate Recreation Course (PARC)

Project Partner: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
RTCA Contact: Hugh Osborne  
Location: Concho, OK

### Project Goal & RTCA Role

Assist the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in creating a community recreation system with trails, picnic areas, and parks around Concho, OK.