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An early morning runner on the Tammany Trace.
Photo courtesy of Mark Orfila

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Dawson Creek Greenway Trail
City Parish Planning Commission
2. Trail to a Healthy Community
Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association

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



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and RTCA staff Stayce Palmer-McBride discuss the Friends of the Lafitte Corridor at an event in December. Photo: NPS

The Friends of Lafitte Corridor met with RTCA staff person, Stayce Palmer, to facilitate a pre-established Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service and the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2006. Due to the agreement, the Friends of Lafitte Corridor received an initial Masterplan, valued at \$100,000. The mission for the Friend's Group is to preserve and revitalize the Lafitte Corridor and adjacent neighborhoods. The corridor runs 3.1 miles through the city and is now slated for the development of a hiking and biking trail.

In December 2011, Secretary Ken Salazar, Department of the Interior, met with members of the Friends of the Lafitte Corridor, community members and city and elected officials, on the bank of Bayou St. John to announce the President's

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

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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

2,154	Miles of Trail Developed
1,074	Miles of River Conserved
70,385	Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
94%	Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Recent Successes cont.

prioritized commitment to the Lafitte Corridor by way of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, partnered by Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and coordinated by the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Current Projects

1. Dawson Creek Greenway Trail

Project Partner: City Parish Planning Commission
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer-McBride
Location: City of Baton Rouge
Congressional District: LA - 2, 6

Project Goal

Establish a multi-use bike and pedestrian pathway in the City of Baton Rouge. Along with providing the community access to outdoor recreation and alternative transportation opportunities, the Dawson Creek Greenway Trail will connect numerous residential areas to a regional medical complex and several shopping centers in the area.

NPS Role

Increase and build partnerships, as well as public outreach, and develop marketing material to promote the greenway trail.

2. Trail to a Healthy Community

Project Partner: Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer-McBride
Location: New Orleans
Congressional District: LA - 1, 2

Project Goal

Establish a greenway and blueway trail along the Maxent Canal that will enhance outdoor recreation, open greenspace, as well as natural and cultural education opportunities for the community. Additionally, the trail will create safe, alternative transportation for pedestrians to access schools, shopping centers, and other businesses.

NPS Role

Continue to work with developing partnerships within the community, creating a conceptual greenway plan, and marketing and engaging the community.



Connector trail for the Dawson Creek Greenway Trail.
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