



South Dakota News



Welcome to Phillip, South Dakota. Photo: Kenneth Points, NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



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CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Phillip Trail Project**
City of Phillip
- 2. South Dakota Research and Project Development**
Partner(s) to be determined

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Recent Midwest Successes

Whitewood's Oak Park Builds the City's First Singletrack Trail

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Jackie Hoffman, Whitewood's Assistant Finance Officer, Oak Park has developed its first single track trail.

In order to get started, Jackie contacted the National Park Service Midwest region Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program to see if RTCA staff could help the community of Whitewood develop new singletrack trails. RTCA staff member, Karen Anderson, visited the site and worked with Jackie and Markus Heinrich, a Black Hills State University student, to create a vision for the community trails.

When the time came for development, Karen knew just the organization to help them out, IMBA, the International Mountain Bike Association. IMBA sponsors trail crews (with major support from Subaru) that conduct a workshop and a workday on trails. Karen submitted an application to IMBA, on behalf of Whitewood.

Over two days in August, 17 volunteers (with terrific support from the Black Hills Mountain Bike Association, Rapid City) learned about bench cuts and what it takes to make a successful singletrack. The volunteers then traveled to Oak Park and used the skills learned from their great training to construct about 1,000 feet of trail. The work needs to continue, and thanks to the dedication of the Black Hills Mountain Bike Association, it has. This is but a start to what it could be. The sky is the limit!

We're Here For You.

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

Find more information online at
www.nps.gov/rtca



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Current Projects

1. Philip Trail Project

Project Partner: City of Philip
RTCA Contact: David Thomson, Kenny Points
Location: Philip

Project Goal

Develop a trail that helps the city improve safety and health and that all members of the Philip Community can use and enjoy.

NPS Role

RTCA will assist in bringing together community members for input, coordinating partners, locating funding sources, addressing community needs, and outlining a trail plan for the Philip community.

2. South Dakota Research and Project Development

RTCA Contact: Karen Anderson
Location: Statewide

Project Goal

Outreach to key partners and communities to establish technical assistance opportunities for building recreation project related to trails and health and natural area restoration and other enhancement projects throughout South Dakota.

NPS Role

Regional RTCA staff will work to develop strategic outreach to potential partners, develop and implement projects based on partner needs for the Dakotas.

“The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) in the Midwest Region is always trying to work with new project partners to meet the needs of those partners in the areas of recreation and natural resource restoration to bring on the ground results to local planning.”

- David Thomson, Midwest RTCA Program Manager

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.