

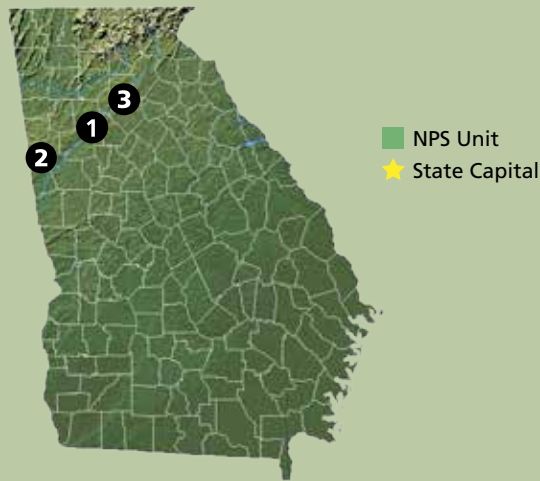


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Canoeers enjoy the Chattahoochee River.
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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Groundwork Atlanta**
Riverwalk Atlanta Inc.
- 2. Porterdale Yellow River Park**
Newton County Trail Path Foundation
- 3. Middle Chattahoochee Water Trail**
Carroll County Parks Department

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

Recent Successes

The Southeast Coast Paddling Trail has Officially Launched!

On April 19, 2013 a coalition of federal and state agencies officially launched the website for the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail (SECT) at the East Coast Paddlesports and Outdoor Festival held in Charleston, South Carolina.

The new website, secoastpaddlingtrail.com, is the primary source for information on navigating the coastal water trails of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The website features detailed maps that highlight access sites, lodging, and supply centers. Paddlers can now travel an unbroken trail of tidal marshes and rivers more than 800 miles along the coasts of all four states.



SECT partners attend the festival. L to R: Sara Kidd, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission - Virginia; Charlotte Gillis, NPS; Justin Boner, The Conservation Fund - North Carolina; and Sonny Emmert, Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Resources. Photo: NPS

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

1. Groundwork Atlanta

Project Partner: Riverwalk Atlanta Inc.

NPS Contact: Charlotte Gillis

Location: Atlanta

Congressional District: GA - 5

Project Goal

Address the environmental, social, recreational, and economic needs of the Riverside neighborhood in Atlanta. The community is immediately downstream from the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area, yet has limited access to the river. This project will provide access to the Chattahoochee River for the neighborhood, help restore greenspace and neighborhood parks, and work to develop a connecting trail to the Atlanta Beltline and Silver Comet Trail.

NPS Role

Assist in establishing a citizen-based Groundwork organization to address various aspects related to the needs of the community, provide strategic planning for the project, and facilitate public meetings within the community.

2. Porterdale Yellow River Park

Project Partner: Newton County Trail Path Foundation

NPS Contact: Charlotte Gillis

Location: City of Porterdale and Newton County

Congressional District: GA - 8

Project Goal

A trail network to connect Yellow River Park to the community. The project looks to promote healthy lifestyles, environmental education, and awareness leading to the protection of natural resources as well economic development.

NPS Role

Identify trail connections for the park as well as continue to assist in the strategic implementation process.

3. Middle Chattahoochee River Water Trail

Project Partner: Carroll County Parks Department

NPS Contact: Charlotte Gillis

Location: Chattahoochee River in metropolitan Atlanta, from Peachtree Creek (Fulton County) to Chattahoochee Bend State Park (Coweta County)

Congressional Districts: GA - 3, 5, 13

Project Goal

Create a 55-mile water trail on the Chattahoochee River for canoes and kayaks, from the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to Chattahoochee Bend State Park.

NPS Role

Continue to assist in the planning aspect of the water trail by providing assistance in design standards for the water trail and location of landings. Facilitate meetings, assist with maps, and develop a website and partnership for the water trail.

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.