



# Missouri News



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## 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.

## Current Projects

### 1. Confluence Water Trails

Project Partner: Confluence Partnership

RTCA Contact: Diana Allen

Location: Missouri and Mississippi Rivers in states of Illinois and Missouri, near and below the Confluence of these rivers in the St. Louis metropolitan region

Congressional District(s): IL -12, 19; MO-1, 2

#### Project Goal:

Develop 70 miles of water trails on the great rivers within The Confluence Project area (30 miles of Lewis & Clark Water Trail on the Missouri and 40 miles on the Mississippi River Water Trail).

#### RTCA Role:

Convene stakeholders and look at opportunities for coordinated marketing and programming, signage, and continued trail development.

### 2. Greene County "Bicycle Destination of the Midwest"

Project Partner: Ozark Greenways Inc.

RTCA Contact: Diana Allen

Location: Greene County, Missouri

Congressional District(s): 7

#### Project Goal:

Develop 100 miles of bicycle touring routes connecting outdoor, historical, cultural, and educational points of interest within the community of Springfield and Greene County Missouri.

#### RTCA Role:

Assist with planning and conduct of a series of Heritage by Bike & Binocular workshops to refine route development of a county

## We're Here For You.

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



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## 2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,411 Miles of Trail Developed

2,664 Miles of River Conserved

87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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system or bicycle touring routes. Develop maps and guides to promote the bicycle tours.

## 3. Kansas City Rock Island Trail

Project Partner: Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

RTCA Contact: Karen Anderson  
Location: A 30 mile former RR corridor will connect the Kansas City Metro region to the Katy Trail (Central MO).  
Congressional District(s): 4, 5

### Project Goal:

MARC will acquire title to the 30 mile rail corridor for rail-trail development.

### RTCA Role:

Staff will work with MARC staff to develop a plan to acquire the railroad right-of-way. The Rock Island Railroad has not yet sold the corridor to MARC.

## 4. Mississippi River Connections

Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

RTCA Contacts: Diana Allen, Randy Thoreson  
Location: Headwaters of Mississippi River in Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans  
Congressional District(s): 1, 2, 3, 8, 9

### Project Goal:

Through connections with 18 National Parks and Trails, build a collaborative partnership that highlights and

enhances 3,000 miles of trail (land and water) and 30,000 acres of open space along the entire Mississippi River corridor.

### RTCA Role:

Provide support and technical assistance to the Mississippi River Parks and Trails Collaboration. Enhance local, state, regional, and national efforts to: 1) protect and preserve the Mississippi River and the Mississippi River Trail as a national landscape; and 2) demonstrate the impact of partnership development by and between National Park Service superintendents and other public and private partners.

## 5. Mounds Heritage Trail

Project Partner: The Confluence Partnership

RTCA Contact: Diana Allen  
Location: City of St. Louis, St. Clair and Madison Counties Illinois  
Congressional District(s): IL-12; MO-1

### Project Goal:

Develop a nine-mile on-road interpretive trail, with links to two miles of off-road interpretive trails at Cahokia Mounds that will focus visitors on the rich cultural and natural attributes of the area.

### RTCA Role:

Assist with community outreach and technical support. Provide information on comparable heritage trail projects that could serve as models.

