



# Tennessee News



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## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

### CURRENT PROJECT

1. Mississippi River Corridor Blueway  
Mississippi River Corridor Organization

## ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA 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.

## Recent Successes

### First Southeastern Water Trails Forum

The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program assisted the Southeast Watershed Forum and many other water trail partners from across the Southeast in hosting the first Southeastern Water Trails Forum. The Forum attracted 111 attendees from 13 states and the District of Columbia to Chattanooga to learn, share lessons, and network about water trails. The Forum provided a novel opportunity to create regional dialogue, inspire new paddlers and paddle trail groups, and get out on the water.



Southeast Regional Director David Vela and Project Partner Christine Olsenius

## 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

3,441 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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# Current Project

## 1. Mississippi River Corridor Blueway

Location: West Tennessee from Dyersburg along the North Forked Deer River to the Mississippi River.

Congressional District: 8

Project Partner: Mississippi River Corridor

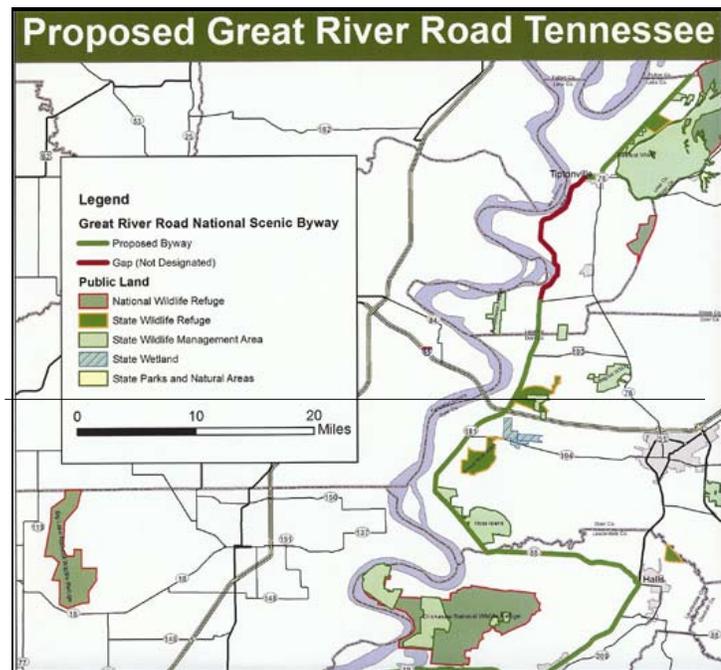
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### Project Goal

The Mississippi River Corridor organization in West Tennessee is developing a blueway/water trail project that will connect the North Forked Deer River to the Mississippi River. The project partners anticipate expanding economic development opportunities and promoting needed conservation to the North Forked Deer and Mississippi Rivers area. The blueway will promote new tourism based businesses and increase recreation and education opportunities along the river. A long-term plan has been proposed to continue the blueway down the Mississippi River to Memphis.

### RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in determining proper launch sites and recommended configuration/construction of these sites. RTCA will also assess areas for rest stops, camp sites and interpretive signage areas for placement along the blueway.



A conceptual map of the Proposed Great River Road that will be part of the MS River Corridor Blueway