



Kayaking along the Manatee River, Florida

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

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Reflections of Manatee, Inc.
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Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.
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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 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.

Current Projects

1. Manatee Mineral Springs Heritage Park

Location: Bounded by Manatee Avenue, Manatee River, 11th Street East, and 14th Street East, Bradenton, Manatee County, FL
Congressional District: 11
Project Partner: Reflections Manatee, Inc.
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Facilitate development of a conceptual plan with community support. Develop a grant application to the Florida Communities Trust and secure funding for the necessary acquisition of land to make this park a reality. Numerous acres already in the park area are already in public and non-profit ownership.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the coordination and facilitation of networking, planning and team building with various partners associated with the project. RTCA will also assist in grant writing to help in land acquisition, park planning and development of the site.

2. River of Grass Greenway

Location: Everglades City, Collier County, to Miami-Dade County
Congressional District: 25
Project Partner: Naples Pathway Coalition
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

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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Project Goal

Form a steering committee, hold a series of public workshops, and prepare a conceptual plan/feasibility study based on a high degree of public involvement. The greenway will be approximately 75 miles long, with separate hardsurface trail that will parallel U.S. 41, connecting Collier and Miami-Dade Counties

RTCA Role

Develop a conceptual plan for the greenway, possibly including a design of a trail system. Conduct community outreach, including facilitating public meetings.

3. Pasco County Greenways, Trails and Blueways Project

Location: Pasco County, FL
Congressional Districts: 5,9
Project Partner: Pasco County
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

The project mission is to identify, develop and implement a network of multi-use greenways, trails and blueways with emphasis on a local system with links to a regional system, for the purposes of recreation, enhancing community quality of life, protecting natural resources and promoting alternative transportation opportunities.

RTCA Role

Assisting Pasco County to design an overall strategy and process; and assess and update the existing areas including adding sections on trails and plan implementation.

4. De Soto Trail Project

Location: From Bradenton to Tallahassee, FL
Congressional Districts: 2,5,9,11,13
Project Partner: FL DEP, Florida Park Service
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Resurrection of the Florida De Soto Trail as a multi-use trail from De Soto National Memorial to De Soto Historic State Park with 40 educational kiosks located in public parks, trails, and historic sites.

RTCA Role

RTCA will facilitate community input to identify users and help with public outreach and assess potential areas for historic markers.

5. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

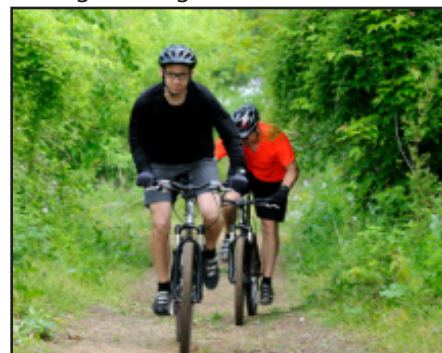
Location: The 42.6 mile Wekiva River System, consisting of the Wekiva River and its tributaries, located northwest of Orlando, Florida within Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties.
Congressional District: 3
Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Protect Outstandingly Significant Resources throughout the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System through the development of a plan with consensus and buy in from the multitude of stakeholders and partners who serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for this River System.

RTCA Role

Assisting in the master plan for the Wekiva River System and also help produce marketing and educational materials regarding the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River to educate the public and governing officials.



Biking on a Florida trails