

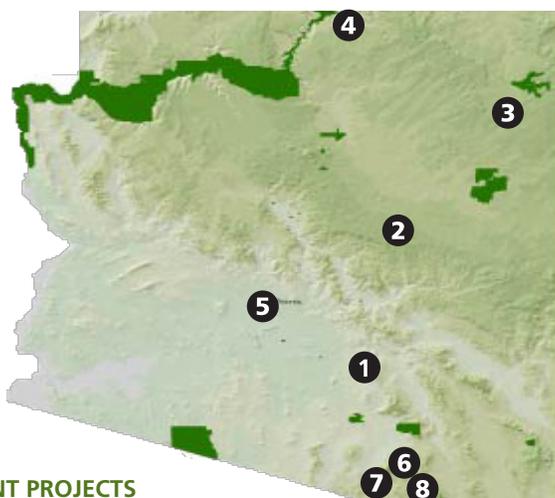


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Crossing the Santa Cruz River on a segment of the Anza Trail.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



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Recent Successes

Pueblo Colorado Wash Trail Project

A total of 24 youth from the Ganado, AZ area received trail design/construction and riparian restoration training this past June and July. The students (ages ranged from 14 to 24 years-old) spent 160 hours each over the summer putting what they learned to work restoring a section of the Pueblo Colorado Wash and constructing a 1-mile trail between Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site and a local health clinic. Two training workshops were organized by the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) with a goal to equip the young people with knowledge and skills to do the needed restoration and trail work. The Ganado Chapter and Bureau of Indian Affairs provided funding to hire the students and purchase tools and materials.



Securing Willow poles to stabilize bank of Colorado Pueblo Wash.

Current Projects

1. Anza Trail

Location: Pinal County
Project Partner: Pinal County Parks & Recreation, Kent Taylor
RTCA Contact: Joe Winfield

Project Goal

This national historic trail weaves its way through five counties in Arizona and at present is merely a line on a map in Pinal County. County officials and trail enthusiasts would like to change that by establishing a shared-use trail within the historic corridor and placing information signs at strategic points of interest.

RTCA Role

RTCA is working with this group to identify viable trail route options and strategize scenarios for implementation.

2. Black Canyon Heritage Park

Location: Black Canyon City, Arizona
Partner: Black Canyon City Community Association, Bob Cothern
RTCA Contact: Joe Winfield

Project Goal

Strong local leadership from the Black Canyon City Community Association has propelled this project to some early on-the-ground conservation successes and an infusion of funding for major

riparian restoration work on 25 acres including a ½ mile of the Agua Fria River.

RTCA Role

RTCA will continue to work with the multiple entities comprising the BCHP partnership by applying to various grants, developing a long-term management plan, and providing project planning support.

“The [Black Canyon Heritage Park] project was just awarded a \$281,000 Arizona Water Protection Fund grant from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, thanks largely to the efforts of the National Park Service RTCA Program.”

-Bob Cothern, Black Canyon Heritage Park,
Black Canyon Trail Coalition



Carving out a trail between Hubbell Trading Post and a community health clinic.

3. Colorado Pueblo Wash Trail

Location: Ganado, Arizona
Partner: Ganado Chapter, Harry Yazzie
RTCA Contact: Joe Winfield

Project Goal

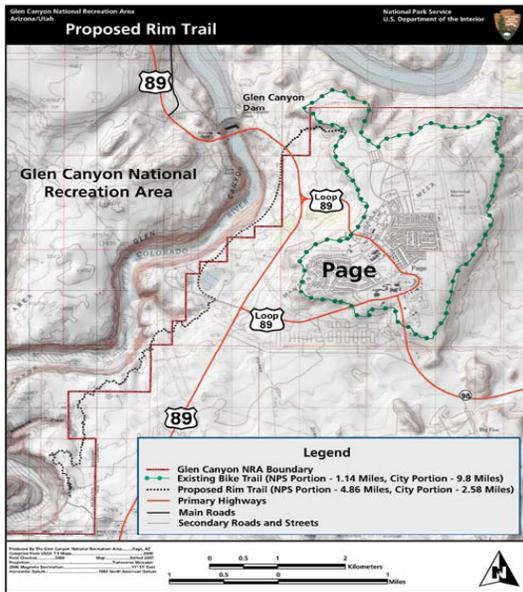
A successful summer job-training program equipped two-dozen Navajo youth with knowledge and skills to build a 1-mile trail and begin riparian restoration work along a section of the Colorado Pueblo Wash. RTCA organized two training workshops in conjunction with Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site and the Ganado Chapter. The project is a recipient of an NPS Challenge Cost Share Grant, which will extend the project for another summer.

RTCA Role

RTCA will work with project partners to identify additional funding and build on the accomplishments and lessons from last year.



Black Canyon Heritage Park - View of future native fish habitat.



Map of the proposed Glen Canyon Rim Trail.

4. Glen Canyon Rim Trail

Location: Page, Arizona
 Partner: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Brian Sweatland
 NPS Contact: Joe Winfield

Project Goal

The Park and City of Page have laid the ground work in the first year of this project to begin construction of a proposed shared-use 6.5 mile trail linking the Horseshoe Bend Overlook with the City of Page Rim Trail. The project is a recipient of an NPS Challenge Cost Share Grant to develop interpretive materials with an additional \$30,000 in local pledges.

RTCA Role

RTCA will continue to facilitate partnership meetings and support a concerted grant writing effort to secure funding from federal, state, and other sources.

5. Goodyear Bullard Wash Project

Location: Goodyear, Arizona
 Partners: City of Goodyear
 RTCA Contact: Cate Bradley

“Collaboration is the buzz word these days, but you can’t stumble into a relationship and expect instant success. When Glen Canyon decided to partner with the City of Page to build a recreational trail on federal and city lands, we turned to RTCA to help us build a productive and successful working partnership.”

-Brian Sweatland, Recreation Planner
 Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Project Goal

The City of Goodyear, located on the western edge of the Phoenix metro area in central Arizona, will combine a major flood control channel area and trails to create a prominent corridor that connects recreation facilities, commercial areas, and other community destinations.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist with broadening participation from key interested parties, help develop a phased plan approach to the project, and identify various funding sources for implementation.

6. Montessori Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Project

Location: Patagonia, Arizona
 Partner: Montessori Elementary School
 RTCA Contact: Cate Bradley

Project Goal

Located in southeastern Arizona’s 8th Congressional District, the Montessori School of Patagonia intends to plan its 38 acre campus to practice and teach conservation stewardship, including a streamside trail, pond restoration to attract wildlife, and development of outdoor classroom areas and interpretive program.

RTCA Role

RTCA will facilitate teachers, administrators, foundation supporters

and community partners as they plan this merge of education and land management.

7. Santa Cruz County Anza Trail Project

Location: Santa Cruz County, Arizona
 Partner: County Community Development Department
 RTCA Contact: Cate Bradley

Project Goal

With a goal of attaining NPS certification for the entire 42 miles of the Juan Batista de Anza National Historic Trail in this southern Arizona county by

“The RTCA program has provided invaluable assistance in strategic planning to achieve our goal... Without that help, it is doubtful that we would have generated the excitement and enthusiasm needed to take on this mission and realize that our goal is achievable.”

-Mary Dahl, Santa Cruz County Community Development Director

We're Here For You.

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

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THE RTCA PROGRAM

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.

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



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Current Projects cont.

the state Centennial in 2012, county staff and the Anza Trail Coalition are leading the work to complete trail easement agreements with private land owners where the historic trail has been defined.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist with procedures required for certification as well as induction of the trail segments into the Arizona State Trail System to increase eligibility for trail funding.

8. Patagonia Rail Trail Project

Location: Patagonia, Arizona

Partner: Mountain Empire Trails Association

RTCA Contact: Cate Bradley

Project Goal

The Mountain Empire Trails Association (META) initiated a rail trail planning process in central Santa Cruz County, Arizona in partnership with the Town of Patagonia, The Nature Conservancy, Native Seed Search, and local Boy Scout troops. The first 2.5 mile segment will be built in spring 2009. The final goal is an 11 mile trail that connects with neighboring Sonoita to the north.

RTCA Role

RTCA has convened partners and helped to focus the planning process to achieve this first milestone.

“With RTCA’s help we have created partnerships, prepared a mission statement, formed a governing board, and designed Phase I of our project – a 2.5 mile trail section that is slated to become a reality in spring of 2009. We could never have done this without guidance, encouragement, and expertise given by our association with RTCA. Thanks!”

- Betsy McGee, Chair – Mountain Empire Trails Association



Field assessment for the new Patagonia Rail Trail segment.