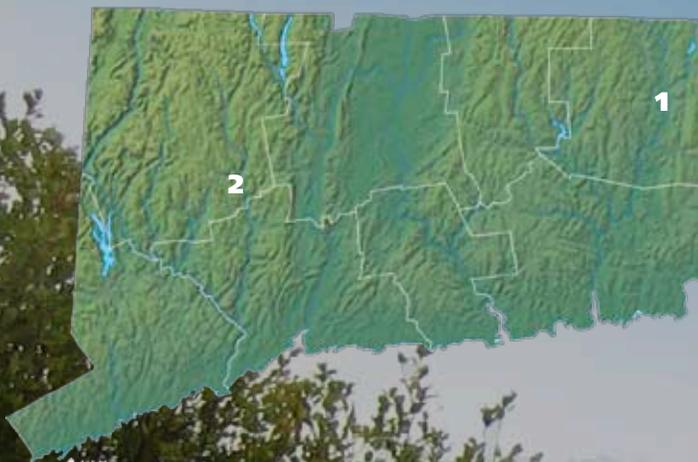


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RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

- ① **Quinebaug River Water Trail**
*Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley
National Heritage Corridor*
- ② **Naugatuck River Greenway**
Town of Thomaston

About Us

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program provides staff time and technical assistance for 1-2 years to projects that need an extra hand to take the next leap forward to success. We work with citizen groups and non-profits, helping them realize their visions of how to improve their communities, whether it's through a rail-trail, an urban park, or a restored river. The National Park Service helps make it happen.

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2008 Project Highlights

French River Greenway

Builds Partnerships, Expands Scope

Two years ago, two members of a river group (the French River Connection) took on a seven-mile greenway project to protect water quality and river corridor habitat. With NPS help, they formed a steering committee of trail advocates who have since secured landowner permission to establish the first two trail segments on private property: Perryville Trace and Healy Park. Greenway trail activists have expanded the French River Connection's ability to protect the water and land of the watershed by doing trail work and developing working relationships with landowner



We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA staff assistance?



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Naugatuck River Greenway

Thomaston Community Rallies in Support

Momentum is growing to create a 42-mile-long greenway along the historically industrial Naugatuck River valley. First Selectman Maura Martin formed a Greenway Trail Committee in 2006 to explore how to create the Thomaston segment of the greenway trail. With Rivers & Trails assistance, the fledgling committee raised \$5,000, organized a community design workshop in May 2008, inventoried existing and prospective trails and had aerial photos taken of trail corridors. More than 50 enthusiastic residents participated in the workshop and offered specific ideas for making Thomaston a more "trail-friendly" town.



2008 Success *Northeast Region*

Miles of new trails (land)	75
Miles of new trails (water)	333
Miles of trail restored/improved	150
Acres conserved and protected	9,864
Acres of communities assisted	200
Organizations established/ enhanced	75
Money leveraged for our projects	22 million