

DELAWARE

RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

- ① **Mispillion River Conservation Strategy**
City of Milford Parks and Recreation Department
- ② **Northern Delaware Heritage Network**
New Castle County Department of Land Use

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 Highlights: North Delaware Heritage Network

The Northern Delaware Heritage Network will connect parks and historic sites along the 26-mile Delaware corridor of the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and East Coast Greenway. Working with RTCA, the Northern Delaware Heritage Coalition (NDHC) recently completed a draft plan for marketing, interpreting and conserving historic, cultural, recreational and natural resources within northern New Castle County. The plan divides the county north of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal into five "discovery areas" and proposes a marketing effort to increase public awareness about attractions. The plan suggests actions that will help "stem the loss of heritage resources; promote good stewardship and conservation; and provide broader interpretation to a much larger number of people." NDHC envisions a network of driving, walking, bicycling and public transit routes to link the sites. Transportation projects identified as part of the plan will be incorporated into the Wilmington Area Planning Council's Pathway Plan and the county's comprehensive plan.

Our partnership with the National Park Service has been rewarding. Indeed, significant progress on this multi-faceted project has been possible, primarily as a result of the excellent leadership and dedication of Julie Bell.

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We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA staff assistance?



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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