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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



Recent Successes

Bikes Belong distributes grants

In its latest round, Bikes Belong awarded five grants worth \$40,000 to communities in Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, and South Carolina. The grant awards will help construct paths, trails and parks that will encourage active commuting and recreational riding.

The Wamego Community Foundation in Kansas will use their \$10,000 award to pave the Wam-Sag-Man Trail connecting the towns of Wamego, St. George, and Manhattan, as well as the local school, to an existing 26 miles of multi-use path. The grant matches funding from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks grant and local funding for the project. RTCA is providing technical assistance.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Elk City Lake Equestrian Trail**
Kansas Horse Council
- 2. WAM-SAG-MAN Trail**
WAM-SAG-MAN Trail Committee (Wamego Comm. Fdtn.)

Find out more about each project on page 2.

"RTCA's efforts to build trails and greenways which encourage active living are a perfect fit with our efforts to support all people, especially children and families, in their pursuit of a healthy lifestyle."

Neil Nicoll, President and CEO YMCA of the USA

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
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Current Projects

1. Elk City Lake Equestrian Trail

Location: Elk City Lake
Congressional District: 4
Project Partner: Kansas Horse Council
NPS Contact: Mary Hanson

Project Goal:

20 miles of trails for both horse riders and hikers.

RTCA Role:

Provide technical planning assistance for the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Kansas Horse Council for designing and constructing an equestrian trail.

2. WAM-SAG-MAN Trail

Location: Pottawatomie County
Congressional Districts: 1,2
Project Partner: WAM-SAG-MAN Trail Committee (Wamego Community Foundation)
NPS Contact: Karen Anderson

Project Goal:

Sixteen miles of bicycle/pedestrian trail will be constructed, connecting Wamego, St. George, and Manhattan, KS will be constructed.

RTCA Role:

RTCA staff will assist the local trail committee with identifying issues and finding resolutions as well as identifying potential funding sources.



The NPS RTCA program has a diverse toolbox of tools, like the charette pictured above, that are used to gather community input. NPS photo.