

VIRGINIA

RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

- ① **Virginia Statewide Trails Initiative**
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- ② **Mathews Maritime Heritage Trail**
Mathews Maritime Foundation
- ③ **Capital Region Greenways**
City of Richmond
- ④ **Connecting the Civil War Defenses of Washington**
Fort Ward Museum and Park
- ⑤ **A&D Rail Trail**
Virginia Tourism Corporation

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

New River Valley Green Infrastructure

Helping Secure a Healthy Future

Recent development in the New River Valley region has prompted local leaders, nonprofits, tourism organizations and state agencies to develop a strategic land conservation approach that minimizes impacts to critical resources. The New River Valley Planning District Commission (PDC) requested RTCA assistance to coordinate a Green Infrastructure (GI) initiative. RTCA staff serves on the GI steering committee, providing assistance with planning, facilitation and public engagement. Having recently secured \$50,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry, the PDC is developing a regional assessment that focuses on identifying, prioritizing and mapping GI network components.

Shenandoah Takes a Stand

For Water Quality and River Access

Despite its pristine stretches, tumbling past agricultural fields, quaint villages, and Civil War battlefields, the Shenandoah River faces complex water quality challenges. RTCA helped the Shenandoah Pure Water Forum (PWF) facilitate two roundtable conferences for Shenandoah Basin Partners and coordinate river sojourns to expand dialogue among local leaders and river users. In addition, RTCA assisted the Town of Shenandoah with development of a streambank and riparian restoration project. Utilizing a \$7500 Virginia Water Quality Enhancement grant, the project demonstrates how a small town can address water quality and habitat improvements while promoting recreation and education.

We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA staff assistance?



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Planning and implementation of community projects is always a challenge. RTCA's on-going partnership has brought professional facilitation and project design assistance and can be credited with a major role in our successes.

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Shenandoah Valley Pure Water Forum.



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