



## National Park Service, Northeast Region

### Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program Vermont

### *What's Happening Right Now...*

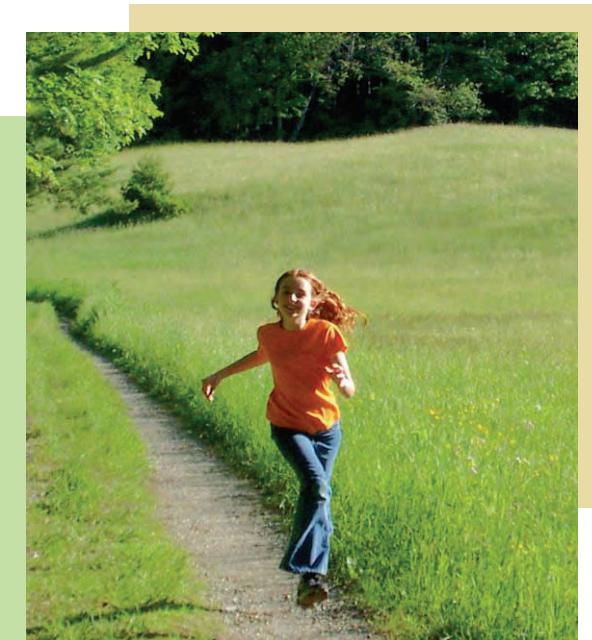


#### About Us

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 citizens' groups and non-profits, helping them realize their vision of how to improve their communities, whether it's through a rail-trail, urban park, or a restored river. The National Park Service helps make it happen.

#### Projects and Partners 2008

1. Bellows Falls Riverfront Parks & Trails  
Bellows Falls Historical Society
2. Corinth Hiking the Headwaters  
Corinth Conservation Commission
3. Mount Tom Trails Restoration  
Billings Park Commission
4. Island Line  
Local Motion, Inc.



Woodstock Trails workout

# Recent Success

## Bellows Falls Historic Riverfront Park & Trail: Brownfield Transformation

Bellows Falls, like many historic manufacturing towns, used its riverfront for the production of textiles, paper and power for decades. In 2005, the Bellows Falls Historical Society recognized a unique opportunity and took title to the historic Frank Adams Grist Mill, the Wyman Flint Mill and a related parcel of land of approximately 8.8 acres adjacent to the Connecticut River. Working with the Windham Regional Commission and RTCA, they are utilizing the EPA Brownfields Program to assess the site for revitalization as greenspace, trails, a canoe launch and a habitat restoration project.



Bellows Falls Mills



Woodstock Trails hikers pause for a photo

Partnership has carried out trail assessments, created a Walk Woodstock map, sponsored public events, launched a unified signage system, and started a local youth trails corps.

"Getting a community with many diverse groups together is a challenge. Under the patient guidance of the Woodstock Trails Partnership and with the help of the National Park Service, the pieces have come together."  
— Alison Clarkson, Billings Park Commission

## Woodstock Trails Partnership Connects Parks and People

Woodstock has an incredible network of walking and hiking trails in a small area; over 30 miles of paths and sidewalks that connect Mount Tom, Mount Peg, and other conserved lands with the heart of Woodstock Village. The Woodstock Trails Partnership came together in 2004 as a coalition of local, state and federal organizations and agencies to enhance the awareness, preservation and use of the trails – a valuable, yet challenged, resource. The



Hikers get ready to hit the trail

## 2007 Success Northeast Region

Miles of new trail (land): 25

Miles of new trail (water): 10

Miles of river restored or improved: 40

Acres conserved and protected: 500

Number of communities assisted: 125

Number of organizations established or enhanced: 150

Dollars leveraged for our projects: \$75 million



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*We want to help you.*

Could Your Project Benefit from  
RTCA Staff Assistance?

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