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National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program opens new Kentucky office

Mammoth Cave, Kentucky – The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program is pleased to announce the opening of a new field office located at Mammoth Cave National Park in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Field Office will be headed by Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) staff Russell Clark. Prior to joining the National Park Service, Mr. Clark was the owner of R. Clark Associates Incorporated, a company that specialized in community planning, landscape architecture, and construction management in northern Michigan for thirty-two years. He has worked nationally and internationally on recreation and development projects for private and public sector clients. A graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Clark received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree in 1974. He became licensed as a Landscape Architect in 1976 and was certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2003. "Russ will be a tremendous asset for RTCA and the state of Kentucky," said Deirdre Hewitt, Branch Chief of the Southeast RTCA program. "With the new office, RTCA will be better able to serve the communities of Kentucky with their recreation plans and outdoor initiatives."

The National Park Service RTCA Program helps communities and neighborhoods develop new river trails and greenways, conserve and create new open spaces, and preserve their important local natural resources. These projects are locally-led with RTCA staff supporting local recreation and conservation leaders. In addition to the new Kentucky office, RTCA serves communities and neighborhoods throughout the southeast with offices in: Atlanta, Georgia; Chattanooga, Tennessee; New Orleans, Louisiana; Sarasota, Florida; and Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Believing that a major part of our quality of life centers on our access to and the utilization of natural resources, Russ is looking forward to assisting the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the development of recreation opportunities. Russell Clark can be reached at Mammoth Cave National Park, 1 Mammoth Cave Parkway, Mammoth Cave KY 42259. Phone: 270-758-2191 Fax: 270-758-2060 or by email: russell_clark@nps.gov

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