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## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Fort Wayne/Allen County Trails and Greenways**  
City of Fort Wayne, Greenways
- 2. Northwest Indiana Bikeways**  
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission

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## Recent Successes

### Fort Wayne Residents Can Get Out in their Backyards and Beyond!

In 2007, the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County, and numerous nonprofit organizations partnered with RTCA to develop a vision and goals for ongoing development of a 100-mile+ greenway network in the Fort Wayne area. The trail network expands upon the current Rivergreenway system and links facilities and resources within the City and to other communities throughout the region. As a consultant, RTCA assisted with an 11-county visioning charrette that identified trail and greenway opportunities throughout northeastern Indiana. RTCA has also worked directly with the City of Fort Wayne's Greenways Manager providing guidance and support with fundraising, on trail location, design, land acquisition, and operations and maintenance.

The trail system currently extends 42 miles, with nearly 30 additional miles planned and funded, some of which are under construction. Recently completed projects include the 1.7-mile Salomon Farm loop trail, a rail-to-trail project in Fort Wayne that will eventually continue north to Pokagon State Park and south to Quabache State Park over a distance of more than 80 miles. A one-mile multi-use trail was completed in Aboite Township to connect several existing trails, parks, and schools to local neighborhoods. The 23-mile Rivergreenway along the banks of the St. Marys, St. Joseph, and Maumee Rivers was also extended and rehabilitated as part of the ongoing expansion of the regional trail network.

## 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.

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[www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)



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# Current Projects

## 1. Fort Wayne/Allen County Trails and Greenways

City of Fort Wayne, Greenways  
Location: City of Fort Wayne and Allen County  
Congressional Districts: IN - 3, MI - 15, OH - 5  
Project Partner: City of Fort Wayne Greenways  
NPS Contact: Rory Robinson

### Project Goal:

A network of over 100 miles of trails and greenway and an 11-county trails and greenways vision map that identifies possible future connections throughout northeast Indiana and the surrounding states.



Scott Road Trail at Deer Ridge Elementary

## 2. Northwest Indiana Bike-ways

Location: Counties of Lake, Porter, LaPorte  
Congressional Districts: IL - 2, IN - 1,2, MI - 6  
Project Partner: Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission  
NPS Contact: Rory Robinson

### Project Goal:

A 150-mile trail network that accommodates bicycles and pedestrians and connects Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore with communities and attractions throughout northwest Indiana.



Ribbon Cutting on the Salomon Farm Trail

## Recent Successes cont.

### Creating Trails with Communities: The role of the NPS RTCA program:

RTCA has worked directly with the City of Fort Wayne's Greenways Manager providing guidance and support with fundraising, on trail location, design, land acquisition, operations and maintenance. RTCA's assistance has included participation in planning meetings, trail site visits, and other activities with local and state officials and private sector contractors to help define approaches and solutions. RTCA has participated in forums bringing together regional developers and utility companies to explore the roles they can play in development of the trail network, and has worked with nonprofit partners to strengthen their organizational capacity through participation in meetings and facilitation of planning retreats.