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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



1. Dow Westside YMCA Trail (Addis)
YMCA

2. Bayous to Use
A Better Shreveport / Walk America

Recent Successes

Groundwork New Orleans Project:

The RTCA provided organizational development assistance to Groundwork New Orleans, one of twelve Trusts in the Groundwork USA initiative working to improve the environment, economy, and quality of life for communities and the first in the Southeast Region. RTCA also helped to partner Groundwork New Orleans with the Timberland Company. A success of this partnership was Timberland, makers of hiking apparel, granted employees paid time off to work on the project and provided nearly \$40,000 to the organization for equipment and supplies.

Partners: Groundwork New Orleans, Timberland Company, Public Land GA Conservancy



Volunteers plant bushes in a New Orleans neighborhood.

**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. By investing in the protection of special places, recreation, tourism, and well planned development, local leaders can bring long-lasting economic and quality of life benefits to their communities.

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Current Projects

1. Dow Westside YMCA Trail (Addis)

Project Partner: YMCA
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Project Goal

The YMCA intends to build a 0.5 mile walking path on their site to promote healthy activity for their members and local residents. RTCA will assist with the planning process for the trail, publicity and public education to promote trail use by local residents.

2. Bayous to Use

Project Partner:
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Project Goal

RTCA and the City of Shreveport will prepare a master plan for greenways and pedestrian/bike paths along existing drainage canals and levees. These drainage canals and levees offer the citizens of Shreveport a network of protected open spaces and trails. The planning process will include extensive public participation and the development of creative strategies to successfully implement the plan.



Shreveport's Gilbert Street Canal



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