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RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

① **Bath Trails**
Lower Kennebec Regional Land Trust

② **Biddeford River Walk**
Biddeford River Walk Coalition

③ **Highland Farm**
York Land Trust

④ **Sebago to the Sea**
Sebago to the Sea Coalition

⑤ **Androscoggin River Trail**
Androscoggin River Watershed Council

⑥ **Roberts Farm Preserve Trails**
Western Foothills Land Trust

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 Highlights

Flooding to Flourishing

Whitney Brook Trail

After disastrous flooding in 2003, the town of Canton worked with the Federal Emergency Management Administration to purchase houses and land in the floodplain and restore them to natural conditions. The Canton Park and Trails Committee then requested Rivers & Trails assistance to develop trails beside Whitney Brook and on the new parklands. Rivers & Trails staff helped the committee to create a park management plan and raise funds for trail construction. In June 2008, a Maine Conservation Corps crew built 1.4 miles of trail, complete with amenities, and cleaned up trash along the route. Rivers & Trails also helped the committee partner with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands to initiate purchase of a portion of abandoned railroad bed, which will secure an existing multi-use trail and provide a loop trail option.

West End Trails

Bringing Serenity to the City

West End Trails (WET) is a vision for a system of trails in west end of South Portland. At first glance, this part of the city appears as dense development and busy roads and businesses, but a closer inspection reveals small fingers of creeks and open spaces. WET has begun building sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails through these hidden slices of nature. In 2007, WET hired the Appalachian Mountain Club to build a 1.5-mile trail around Clark's Pond. They installed a kiosk with maps as well as blazing and trail markers. On National Public Lands Day, a large crowd welcomed Governor Baldacci for a celebration and trail walk. Since then, WET has secured several grants and is working on various trail easements. The Maine Conservation Corps will build parts of three trails in the fall of 2008.

We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA staff assistance?



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2008 Success

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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