

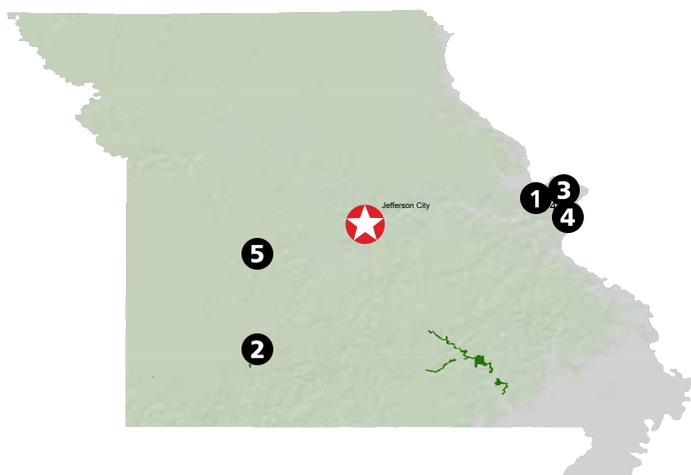


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River in Missouri. NRCS Photo

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



CURRENT PROJECTS

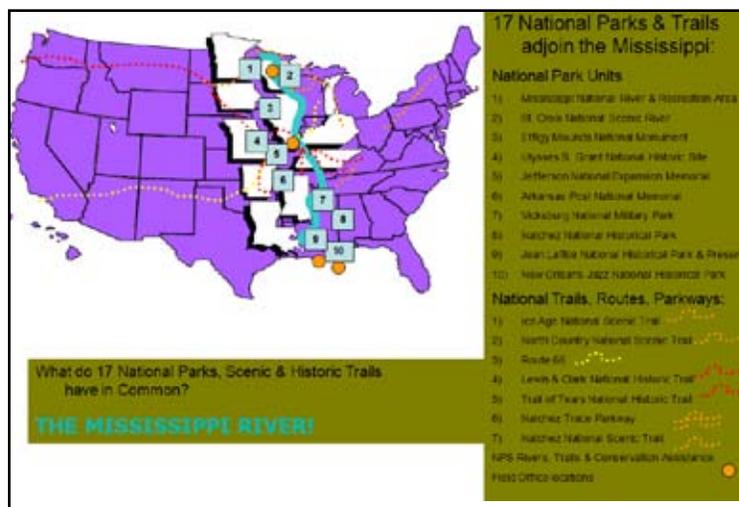
1. **Confluence Water Trails**
Confluence Partnership
2. **Greene County "Bicycle Destination of the Midwest"**
Ozark Greenways Inc.
3. **Mississippi River Trail, Phase II**
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.
4. **Mounds Heritage Trail**
The Confluence Partnership
5. **Warsaw Trails and Greenways**
City of Warsaw

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

Recent Successes

Mississippi River Parks & Trails Unite

Working in close partnership with the Mississippi River Trail, the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program with staff assistance from NPS Midwest and Southeast Regions, is facilitating efforts to connect people to the Mississippi River, its places and stories along ten states from the headwaters to the Gulf. In October, 2008, the first meeting of the Mississippi River, Parks, and Trails Collaborative was conducted in St. Louis to initiate plans to promote the magnificence and diversity of the Mississippi River as a national treasure and encourages visitation and volunteerism in communities, parks, and trails.



Mississippi River Parks & Trails Collaborative. NPS Photo.

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.

Find more information online at
www.nps.gov/rtca



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Current Projects

1. Confluence Water Trails

Location: St. Louis metropolitan region
Congressional Districts: IL - 12,19,
MO - 1,2
Project Partner: Confluence Partnership
NPS Contact: Diana Allen

Project Goal:

70 miles of water trails on the great rivers within the Confluence Partnership's project area (30 miles of Lewis & Clark Water Trail on the Missouri and 40 miles on the Mississippi River Water Trail).

2. Greene County "Bicycle Destination of the Midwest"

Location: Greene County
Congressional District: 7
Project Partner: Ozark Greenways Inc.
NPS Contact: Diana Allen

Project Goal:

100 miles of bicycle touring routes connecting outdoor, historical, cultural, and educational points of interest within the community of Springfield and Greene County Missouri.

3. Mississippi River Trail, Phase II

Location: Headwaters of Mississippi River in Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans
Congressional Districts: AR - 1,4,
IA - 2,4, IL - 4,12,16,17,19, KY - 1,
LA - 1,2,3,5,6, MN - 2,3,4,5,6,8, MO - 1,2,3,8,9, MS - 1,2,3, TN - 7,8,9, WI - 3
Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.
NPS Contact: Diana Allen, Liz Smith-Incer, Stacye Palmer

Project Goal:

3000 miles of trail system and 30,000 acres of open space along the Mississippi River in ten states, and an organization to support conservation, recreation, public health, tourism.

"The Rivers & Trails program keeps vibrant by adapting and refocusing efforts in response to the needs of the communities served..."

- Terry Eastin,
Executive Director,
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

4. Mounds Heritage Trail

Location: City of St. Louis, St. Clair and Madison Counties
Congressional Districts: IL - 12, MO - 1
Project Partner: The Confluence Partnership
NPS Contact: Diana Allen

Project Goal:

A nine-mile on-road interpretive trail, with links to two miles of off-road interpretive trails at Cahokia Mounds that will focus visitors on the rich cultural and natural attributes of the area.

5. Warsaw Trails and Greenways

Location: City of Warsaw
Congressional District: 4
Project Partner: City of Warsaw
NPS Contact: Mark Weekley

Project Goal:

A 15-mile trail that loops around the community on existing levees and access roads, and improved pedestrian and boat access to the Drake Harbor, an abandoned Rock Island railway corridor that connects to the Katy Trail.