

NEW JERSEY

RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

- ① Delaware River Water Trail
Delaware River Greenway Partnership
- ② Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh
D & R Greenway Land Trust
- ③ Passaic River Blueway
Essex County Environmental Center
- ④ Vernon Water Trails
Townships of Vernon and Warwick

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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Passaic River Blueway

Paddlers will Enjoy 25 New Access Points

The Passaic River Blueway works to establish 25 public access points on the 32-mile lower Passaic River Blueway water trail. Rivers & Trails staff is working with the Essex County Department of Parks to create 20 to 25 additional public access sites on 35 miles of the upper Passaic River. Flowing out of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, the upper Passaic River is less developed than the lower portion, and will provide paddlers with a contrast from the urban experience of the lower 32 miles of river. RTCA is supporting public participation in the planning process and is coordinating a survey of potential public access points.

Working with Jerry Willis has been such a rewarding experience. Jerry has taken the idea of a Passaic River Blueway and turned it into a meaningful and realized project. We're ready for the next phase and look forward to working with Jerry and the RTCA again.

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We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA staff assistance?



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2008 Success Northeast Region

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