

VERMONT

RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Northeast Region



Projects and Partners 2009

- 1 **Vermont Mountain Bike Ride Center**
Vermont Mountain Bike Association.
- 2 **Mount Tom Trails Restoration**
Billings Park Commission
- 3 **Bellows Falls Historic Riverfront Park & Trail System**
Bellows Falls Historical Society

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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Bellows Falls

Bringing a Brownfields Site to Life

Bellows Falls, like many historic manufacturing towns, used its riverfront for decades to produce textiles, paper and power. In 2005, the Bellows Falls Historical Society recognized a unique opportunity and took title to the historic Frank Adams Grist Mill, the Wyman Flint Mill and a related parcel of 8.8 acres adjacent to the Connecticut River. Working with the Windham Regional Commission and RTCA, they are utilizing the EPA Brownfields Program to plan a public park, revitalizing the property as greenspace, trails, a canoe launch and restored habitat. Trail links north to the Bellows Falls Scenic Byway Visitor Center and south to a planned eco-center and existing protected lands will make the park a new community centerpiece.

Woodstock

Bolstering the Woodstock Trails Partnership

Woodstock has an incredible network of walking and hiking trails in a small area; over 30 miles of paths and sidewalks connect Mount Tom, Mount Peg, the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park and other conserved lands with the heart of Woodstock Village. The partnership recently launched a year-round high school trails intern program in cooperation with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and completed a significant portion of a new unified signage system. The project was also awarded a National Park Foundation grant to further extend the youth stewardship efforts and create an accessible trail loop at the national park.

We want to help!

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance?



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For as long as the memory of any living resident in our Village, we have been denied access to the river that created this place. Pollution has been a major discouragement for decades to my generation and the Village has somewhat turned its back on the River. This project has given us all new hope!

Catherine Bergmann
Bellows Falls Historical Society

A liaison between our national park and our community has been critically important to us. Together, our partnership oversees 30 miles of trails. It's an invaluable piece of what the National Park Service can do in outreach to local communities.

Alison Clarkson
Chair, Billings Park Commission



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