



Alabama News



Canoeing down the Cahaba River. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



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Cahaba River Blueway meeting. Photo: NPS

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide 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.

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from NPS Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,46.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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Current Projects

1. Crepe Myrtle Trail

Project Partner: Mobile United
NPS Contact: Joshua Moore
Location: Mobile
Congressional District: AL - 1

Project Goal

Create a multiuse trail for pedestrians, kayakers, and cyclists to enhance outdoor recreation, economic development, and environmental stewardship in the Mobile area. The Crepe Myrtle Trail will connect Three Mile Creek, downtown Mobile, the shores of Mobile Bay, and areas along the Dog River, as well as link to seven existing parks and two potentially new City of Mobile parks.

NPS Role

Provide guidance in developing local partnerships and educational outreach material and strategies. Facilitate project meetings and work with partners to collect and inventory all existing recreational opportunities and concepts for trail layout.

2. Cahaba River Blueway

Project Partner: Alabama Nature Conservancy
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Bibb, Perry, and Dallas Counties
Congressional Districts: AL - 3, AL - 6, AL - 7

Project Goal

Promote outdoor recreation opportunities on the Cahaba River while linking greenways, parks, preserves, and historic sites in the central Alabama region. The blueway will have more than 30 sites stretching over approximately 190 miles of the river.

NPS Role

Assist project partners to further enhance partnerships between the state and county and municipal park and recreation departments. Assist with strategic plan for the project, identify potential sources of funding, and assist in public outreach.



Cyclists tour sections of the proposed Crepe Myrtle Trail. Photo: Lawrence Specker, AL.com