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National Trails Day, Louisiana. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



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City of Covington
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St. John the Baptist Parish
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Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association

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Current Projects

1. Three Rivers Blueway

Project Partner: Land Trust for Louisiana
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer McBride
Location: City of Covington
Congressional District: LA - 1

Project Goal

Connect communities through the development of a master plan for Bogue Falaya Park and a blueway map for the area where the Tchefuncte, Bogue Falaya, and Abita Rivers converge. This project will produce further canoeing and kayaking opportunities as well as increase river, park, and greenway conservation.

NPS Role

Assist the Land Trust for Louisiana and the City of Covington in the development of marketing materials, the identification of funding sources, and the engagement of user groups who can contribute to the project.

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.

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Current Projects cont.

2. Covington Community Connections

Project Partner: City of Covington
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer McBride
Location: City of Covington
Congressional District: LA - 1

Project Goal

Create a conceptual design of pedestrian and multiuse trails in the city that will link to paddle trails along the Bogue Falaya and Tchefoncté Rivers. Develop a conservation and marketing plan to make outdoor recreation more accessible to residents and tourists, conserve and protect the natural habitats along the connections, and promote economic tourism in the area.

NPS Role

Assist with facilitation of project meetings, development of marketing materials, identification of funding sources, and the engagement of user groups who can contribute to the project.

3. St. John the Baptist Parish Trail System Master Plan

Project Partner: St. John the Baptist Parish
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer McBride
Location: St. John the Baptist Parish
Congressional Districts: LA - 5, LA - 7

Project Goal

Produce a comprehensive plan for a bike and pedestrian trail system for all of St. John the Baptist Parish.

NPS Role

Assess and engage potential partners and stakeholders, identify potential funding sources, facilitate consensus building, design community outreach strategies, and assist in organizational development.

4. Lower Ninth Ward Waterfront Trail

Project Partner: Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development
NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer McBride
Location: New Orleans
Congressional District: LA - 2

Project Goal

With community engagement, develop a trail plan to provide tangible passive and active recreational activities including walking, jogging, and biking along 4 miles of waterfront paths in the Lower Ninth Ward.

NPS Role

Continue to assess and engage partners and stakeholders as well as enhance strategies for the project and assist with locating funding sources.



Paddlers getting ready for the Bayou Teche Tour. Photo: Kirsten Kordecki

“The National Park Service’s facilitation of our Lower 9th Ward Trail Project has provided a very valuable, nonthreatening, and credible umbrella under which our community can comfortably come together to develop our goals and create a plan.”

- Kathy Muse, Program Coordinator,
CSED

Current Projects cont.

5. Trail to a Healthy Community

Project Partner: Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association

NPS Contact: Stacye Palmer McBride

Location: New Orleans

Congressional District: LA - 2

Project Goal

Establish a greenway and blueway trail along the Maxent Canal that will enhance outdoor recreation, open greenspace, and provide natural and cultural education opportunities for the community of Orleans Parish. Additionally, the trail will create safe alternative transportation for pedestrians to access schools, shopping centers, and other businesses.

NPS Role

Assist with fostering of partnerships within the community, developing a conceptual greenway plan, and marketing the trail project.



NPS staff working with the community at a planning meeting for the Bayou Teche project. Photo: NPS



Spring Bayou project site visit. Photo: NPS

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2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and
Parkland Protected

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