



# North and South Dakota News



Urban multiuse trail. Photo: NPS

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



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### CURRENT PROJECTS

- Agency Village Sustainable Community**  
Agency Village Tribal Community on the Lake Traverse Reservation
- Rural Community Recreational Trail Planning Initiative**  
Small communities throughout North and South Dakota

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### 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.

## Recent Successes

### Paddlers Discover the Beauty of the Lower Platte River

In partnership with the Yankton Sioux Tribe and National Park Service staff at the Missouri National Recreational River, the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance staff developed a concept site plan for Greenwood Park and River Access to provide RV and tent camping, fishing, a hiking trail, a playground, a shelter, and other amenities. NPS staff also provided a detailed list of components to be used in the park and recommendations for the design and construction of the shelter and restroom structures. This site will be developed to serve tribal members, local residents, and visitors. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are also partners and will assist in the engineering and construction of the site. Greenwood Park will provide an outdoor recreation facility that will allow access to the river and provide a high-quality place to experience the outdoors.



Greenwood Park and River Access Plan.  
Drawing by NPS/Brian Leaders

## 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  
2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved  
9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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# Current Projects

## 1. Agency Village Sustainable Community

Project Partner: Agency Village Tribal Community on the Lake Traverse Reservation  
NPS Contact: Brian Leaders  
Location: Sisseton, SD  
Congressional District: SD - 1

### Project Goal

Develop a sustainable community plan for Agency Village and the surrounding communities on the Lake Traverse Reservation. As a first step, develop the proposed park and pathways to make the community healthier with more choices for walking, running, biking, winter activities, and enjoying daily life. The vision is for Agency Village to be a sustainable community that balances their economic and natural assets to meet the diverse needs of the local residents now and in the future.

### NPS Role

Guide North Dakota State University planning students and representatives of Agency Village through the planning and design process of a sustainable community plan in an effort to develop a solid "road map" that can be followed by tribal leaders for long- and short-range planning. This plan will encompass nearly 80 acres of developed and undeveloped land.

## 2. Rural Community Recreational Trail Planning Initiative

Project Small communities throughout North and South Dakota  
NPS Contact: Brian Leaders  
Location: Lower North and South Dakota  
Congressional Districts: All districts in both states

### Project Goal

Develop a concept plan that small communities can use to apply for grant funding to develop engineered plans and to build trails.

### NPS Role

Work closely with small communities throughout both states to provide concept planning in regards to health, wellness, and outdoor recreation trails. Assist communities in identifying good viable routes as onroad shared routes and offroad multiuse trails that can be incorporated into a concept or comprehensive trails plan.

NPS staff is always looking for more projects related to this type of project. Please contact us if you have a community in need of these services.

*"A campground and public Missouri River access point on the Yankton Sioux Reservation will be a wonderful addition to the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR) corridor. The site will promote and increase recreation along the banks of the River while providing interpretation and appreciation for the Yankton Sioux Tribe. The NPS has been of great assistance as we make strides toward this overall goal."*

- Lisa Yager, MNRR - NPS