



# Oklahoma News

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. **Ottawa County Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail**  
Ottawa County, City of Miami

### 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.

Potential trail alignments will be explored near Miami, OK in an effort to provide community members with close-to-home opportunities for active living. Photo: NPS

## Recent Successes

### Yukon Approves and Implements Master Plan for Trails

Local leaders in Yukon have committed to transforming their small central Oklahoma city into a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly community. The community needs trail, sidewalk, and roadway improvements for safe, efficient travel and recreation to encourage residents to become more physically active, make Yukon a regional cycling and walking destination, and help enhance community identity and pride.

For two years, a city task force worked with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program to involve the public in producing a trails master plan. An online survey helped planners gain a better understanding of trail uses, challenges, and barriers as well as priorities for future trails. Focus groups and planning meetings helped evaluate and map trail needs and opportunities. A variety of printed and digital media were provided for citizen review and input. ([www.cityofyukonok.gov/trails](http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/trails)).

continued on page 2



Yukon park with trail. Photo: City of Yukon

## We're Here For You.

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



**Alan Ragins**  
303.969.2855  
alan\_ragins@nps.gov



**Joy Lujan**  
303.969.2853  
joy\_lujan@nps.gov



**Guy Headland**  
479.443.1996  
guy.headland@nps.gov

## 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

Find more information online at  
[www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)



EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

## Recent Successes cont.

The resulting information from community members was included in a master plan that outlines implementation in phases with priorities to be carried out as funds and resources become available. With funding secured from state, regional, and city programs, four projects are already proceeding:

- A walking trail loop and trail lighting in Chisholm Trail Park.
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements that link Yukon's historic Main Street area to the Lake Overholser trail at the Yukon/Oklahoma City boundary.

- Shared bicycling improvements, including painted lanes and signs, on several streets with low traffic volume and speed.
- Installation of 12 art-sculpture bicycle racks throughout the city to reinforce Yukon's bicycle-friendly commitment.

In addition, Yukon participated with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments in the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project to count base numbers of bicyclists and pedestrians during specific time periods. The data will be used to gauge success of these and all future projects in the trails plan.

## Current Projects

### 1. Ottawa County Trails

Project Partners: Ottawa County, City of Miami

NPS Contact: Joy Lujan

Location: Ottawa County

Congressional District: OK - 2

#### Project Goal

Develop a network of bicycle and pedestrian trails to provide safe, close-to-home opportunities for active lifestyles for Ottawa County and Miami residents and visitors.

#### NPS Role

Assist Ottawa County with a community-wide planning process and conceptual design for trails in and around the community that provide a safe, scenic, and historical setting for outdoor recreation and active lifestyles.



One of the few remaining stretches of 9-foot-wide Route 66 Ribbon Road near Miami. Photo: Emily Priddy