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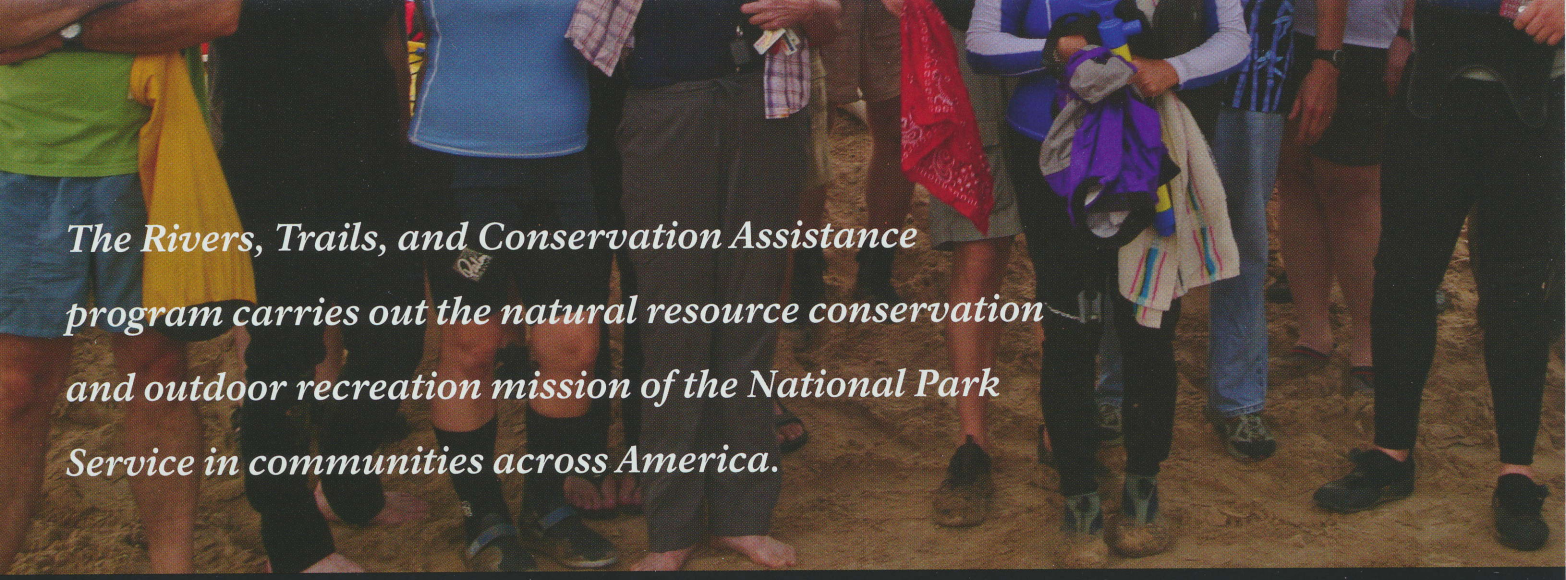
## Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance

National Park Service  
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Midwest Region





*The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program carries out the natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission of the National Park Service in communities across America.*

## *Partnerships* for Better Communities

The National Park Service (NPS) manages some of our nation's most historic sites, scenic resources, and critical natural areas. Through the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program, NPS provides assistance to communities and helps its partners conserve local natural resources and develop close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. RTCA staff work in urban, rural, and suburban communities to help applicants conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. RTCA staff help on a variety of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects including multi-use trails, single-purpose trails, greenways, water trails and blueways, river corridor conservation, land protection, and park planning.

RTCA Program staff help achieve community-set goals through partnership-building, organizational development, assessing resources, developing concept plans, public education and participation, and identifying potential sources of funding. RTCA can assist with identification of public and private funding sources but does not provide direct grants. Project partners may be federal agencies, state or local agencies, tribes, non-profit organizations, or community groups. RTCA assistance is for one year and may be renewed for a second year if warranted.

RTCA's strategic plan directs the program to provide assistance to projects that will create networks of trails, parks, rivers, greenways and open spaces, and projects that help NPS areas with gateway and adjacent natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation issues.

The National Park Service Rivers & Trails program helps communities achieve on-the-ground conservation and recreational successes. RTCA staff offer a variety of services to communities, including:

**Strategic planning**

**Partnership development**

**Trail and water trail planning**

**Project guidance**

**Funding strategies**

**Public engagement**

**Meeting facilitation**

**Marketing assistance**

**Open space conservation**

**Greenway plans**

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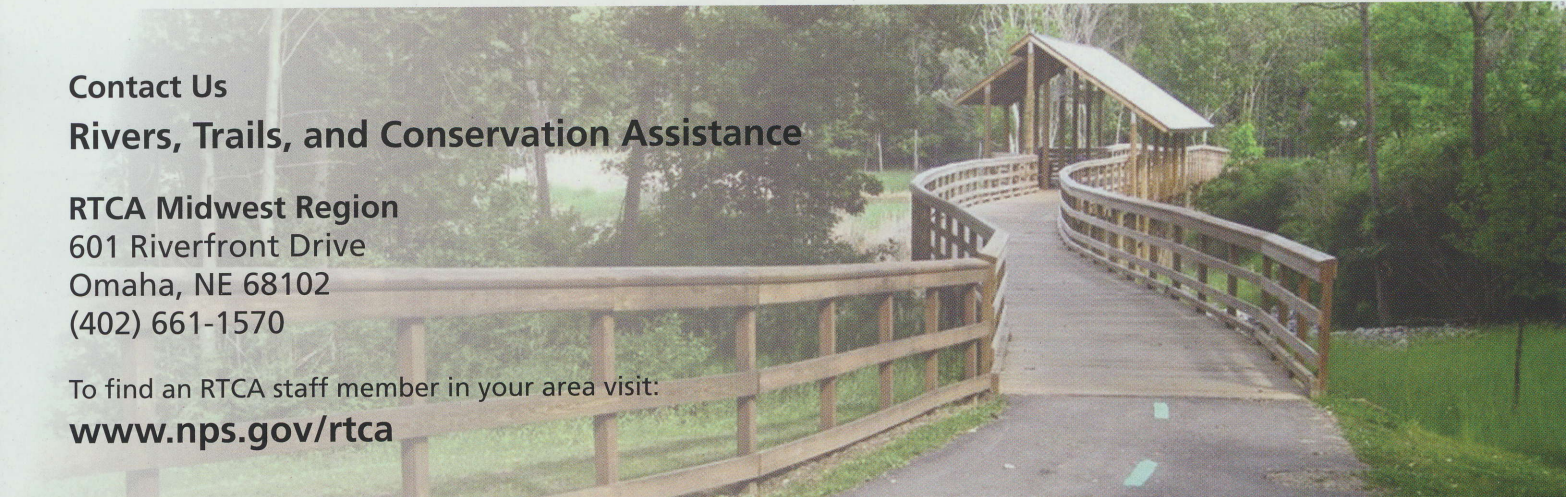
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To learn more about how RTCA is serving the needs of partners and their projects in your state, download and read one of the fact sheets about Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.

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