

ASLA + NPS PARTNERSHIP GUIDE



For over 20 years, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the National Park Service (NPS) have joined forces to help communities across the nation plan, design, and manage their natural cultural and recreation resources through the NPS [Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance \(RTCA\) Program](#).

Formally partnered in 2000, community projects all across the country have benefited from this valuable collaboration. The program's spirit and intention were perfectly captured in the article "[A Helping Hand for Communities](#)" in *Landscape Architecture Magazine*.

Below are instructions on how to take full advantage of this valuable partnership.



NPS/ASLA charrette to design an educational trail in a conservation area in Boise, Idaho.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ASLA CHAPTERS

1. Reach out to the NPS program manager for your region at www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/contactus.htm for assistance in coordinating with NPS project staff
2. Start a discussion about your chapter's partnership goals and which RTCA projects can benefit most from landscape architecture help
3. Agree on a project and roles.
4. See how communities apply and encourage local application NPS website: www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm

FOR NPS-RTCA PROGRAM STAFF

1. Identify projects that could use help from ASLA chapters and landscape architect volunteers
2. Contact ASLA's Public Relations Department at communications@asla.org to get the contact information of a local chapter representative
3. Reach out to chapters and start building an alliance, even before you have a project ready for partnership action
4. Discuss with your local ASLA contact what type of help is needed for which projects and when
5. ASLA chapter rep will coordinate with chapter leadership to reach out to members to find landscape architects who can volunteer their services to the project
6. Submit a description of the NPS-ASLA partnership project, with pictures, video, etc. at the start, and a summary when completed, to the NPS-RTCA Communications Team



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Indian Creek Restoration Project. Caldwell, Idaho. Photo by Army Corp of Engineers/Brayton Willis