Partnerships in Water Trails

Bringing together a coalition of partners to develop your water trail and help conserve your river

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Questions?



A tale of 4 South Carolina rivers



Wateree River Bluetrail



Lynches Scenic River



Congaree River Bluetrail



Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail

The Wateree River Bluetrail







The Congaree River Bluetrail





What do all these trails have in common?

- A long, usable river
- Public landings for access
- A citizen-based group that is involved in the river
- A public that is interested in the river, its health, and use
- A park that anchors and supports the efforts of the waterway for recreation and tourism
- Designation
- Marketing for the river and events

What partners are needed?

- Riparian landowners
- Land trust organizations
- Government agencies (federal, state, and local)
- Recreational user groups
- Recreational business (economic development)
- Non profit groups
- Tourism groups
- Chambers of commerce





Stakeholders?

- Riparian landowners
- Industrial water users
- Governments
- Land trust groups
- Businesses/recreation



Summary

- What works?
 - Finding the partners and organizations that are interested in the long term health of the river
 - Regular meetings of this group
 - Working toward a designation and a written guide, map and/or management plan for the river trail
 - Hosting events and river trips
 - Working on conservation issues along the river
 - Keeping your volunteers and local leaders interested

