

BLACKSTONE RIVER

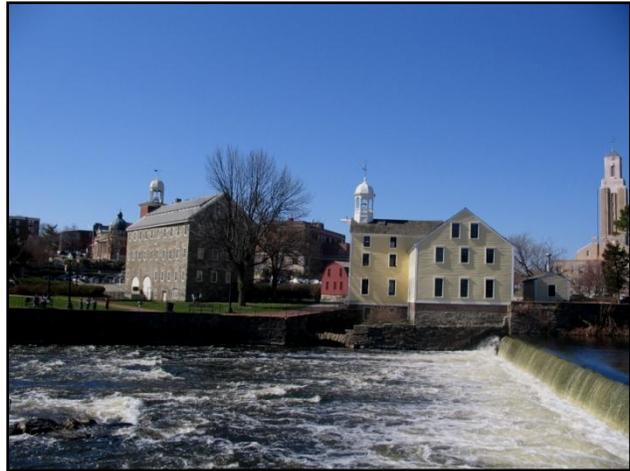
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Project Name: Blackstone River Valley Greenway

Project Type:

- Recreation (Access)
- Education (Interpretation)
- Restoration (Channel and Riparian)

Project Description: The Blackstone River, which flows from Worcester, Massachusetts to Providence, Rhode Island, marks the birthplace of America's industrial revolution. The River powered the first successful textile mill in the Nation and now encompasses a living landscape that helps connect modern paddlers, cyclists, and the general public to the area's industrial history.



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Creation of a 50-mile water trail and greenway will connect Worcester, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island with the 12 cities and towns between them. This project expands and integrates existing educational and recreational programs to connect communities with their ecological and cultural resources. Through special events, the development of educational curricula related to fish stock and fish ladders, and the establishment of monitoring programs for fish, this project can serve as a model for other regional programs to engage the public in natural resource stewardship. The project also will restore the River and its fish runs, restore the historic canal, and establish a regional plan for conserving significant landscapes.



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Lead Federal Agencies:

- National Park Service
- Department of Transportation

Non-Federal Partners:

- 8 state agency partners
- 22 municipal and non-profit partners

Outcomes for 2012:

- Complete river access sites and trail segments
- Host events and implement classroom programs
- Develop educational materials focused on the fish ladder project