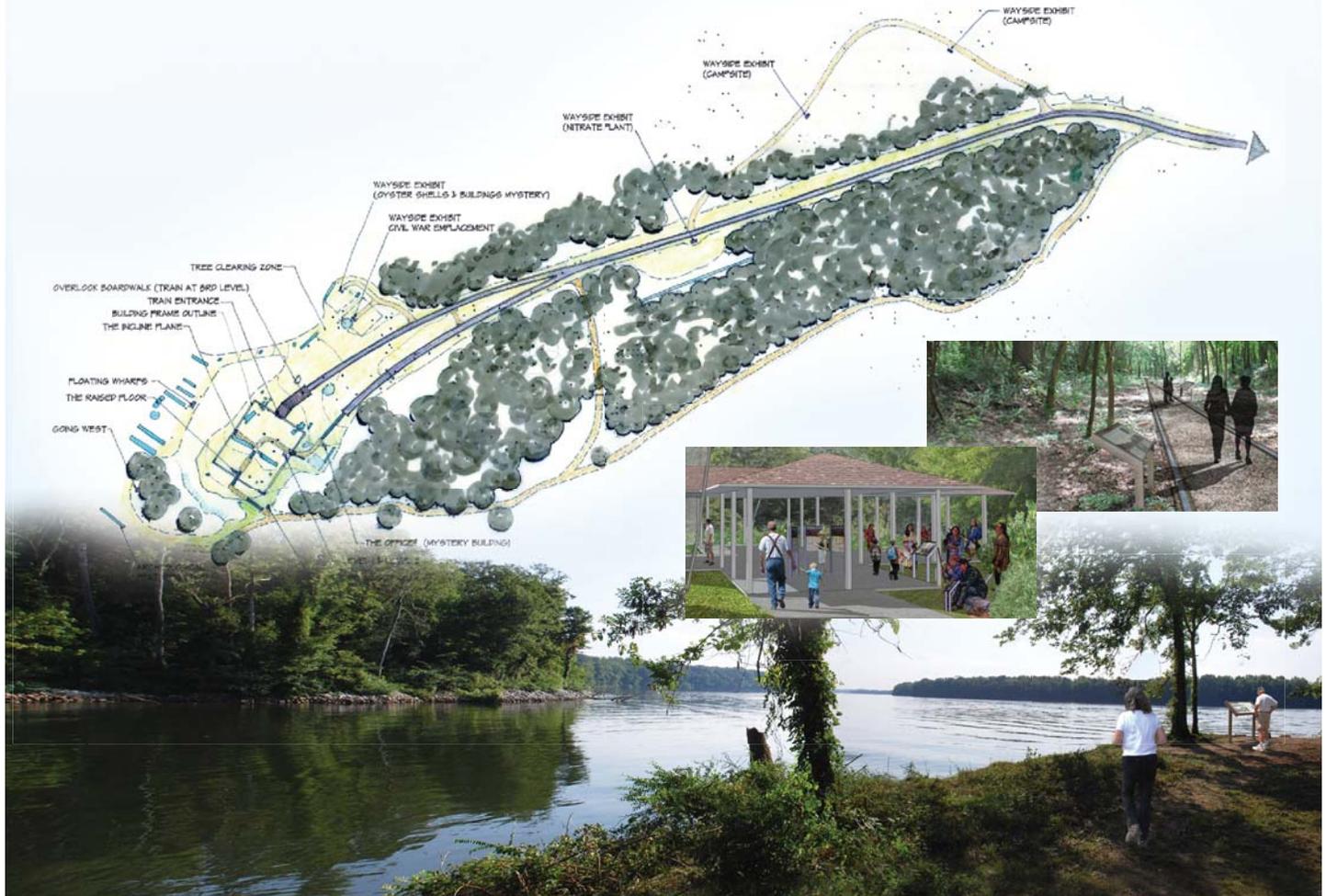




# Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

## Project Updates - Interpretation, Preservation, & Trail Development



## Tuscumbia Landing, Alabama - Removal of the Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw

In July 2011 the staff of the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) hosted a design charrette in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The goal for these few days was to complete a conceptual level design for Tuscumbia Landing, located in the City of Sheffield, Alabama.

During the charrette many community members from Tuscumbia, Sheffield, and surrounding towns participated in this design development workshop, lending their thoughts and ideas for the development and design of Tuscumbia Landing.

*The ruins and landscape evoke emotional connections between silent beauty and power of place, challenging visitors to reconcile a commercial depot with the experience of Indian removal.*

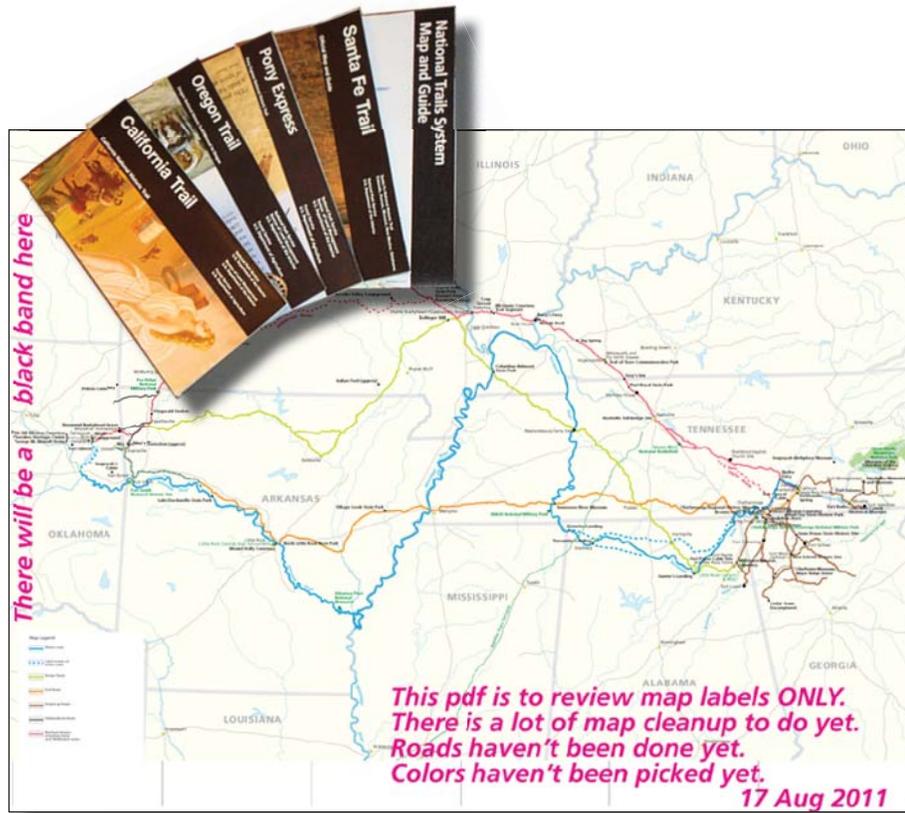
One of the most important goals, which was agreed upon by the participants of the charrette, was that the design connect visitors to the unique history and nature of Tuscumbia Landing as a rare surviving site that enables one to understand

and appreciate its historical significance with early transportation and industry, the Civil War, and its influence and role in Indian removal.

The images above show a small sample of the design that was developed for Tuscumbia Landing during these few short days. The full charrette document will be completed and distributed this coming winter.

The NPS team consisted of Steve Burns Chavez, Landscape Architect; Coreen Kolisko, Student/SCEP Landscape Architect; and Carol Clark, Interpretive Specialist.

# Trail of Tears Official Map and Guide Update



The brochure will have a timeline on one side and large map with sites listed on the other.

Design for an official National Park Service brochure has begun! NTIR staff are working closely with designers and cartographers to choose the graphics, timelines, maps, and text that best tell story of the Trail of Tears.

Our current brochure has served well for years, but now that the additional routes have been added to the NHT, we are excited about taking the brochure to the next level. The map above is far from finalized, but you can see that the routes have been mapped and sites have been labeled.

## National Historic Trail Road Signs

Signing the trail is always a priority! Projects include:

- Cedartown - directional signing and original route signing from Cedartown to Cave Springs ordered original route signs for Bartlett, Tennessee, to be paid for and installed by the local community
- Berry's Ferry - entrance sign
- Fort Payne to Gunter's Landing - working with Alabama chapter to complete sign plan for original route signing (30 miles of original route!)

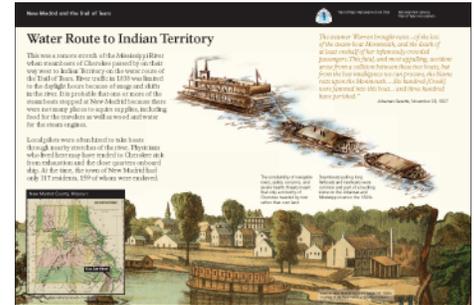
## Certification

- Rockdale Plantation is a newly certified partner in Georgia.

# What's New? Fall 2011

## Artwork Unveiling

Dorothy Sullivan unveiled her painting of a disbandment depot for exhibits in Stilwell. She signed prints and gave out Trail of Tears brochures and DVDs at the Cherokee holiday festivities in Talequah.



## Water Route to Indian Territory New Madrid, Missouri



## Indian Territory - Depot Stilwell, Oklahoma

## New Faces and Places

Our staff has increased to include three new faces: Coreen Kolisko and Kristin Van Fleet, landscape architects, and Kimberly Finch, interpretive specialist.

### National Trails Intermountain Region

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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