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Zedler Mill Paddling Trail- A National Conservation Success

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SEGUIN--- The City of Luling, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the National Park Service's Rivers & Trails Program announce the selection of the Zedler's Mill Paddling Trail as a National Conservation Success.

The National Park Service presented a certificate June 15th to the City of Luling in recognition of selection of the Zedler's Mill Paddling Trail as a Conservation Success by the National Center for Recreation and Conservation in Washington. The Zedler's Mill Paddling Trail is a new six-mile route on the San Marcos River offering canoeists and kayakers a safe, well-mapped route with convenient access, parking, and much more. Officials from the City of Luling, GBRA, Texas State University (TSU,) Zedler's Mill Steering Committee and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) cut the ribbon to open TPWD's first inland water trail in April 2006. A pilot project of the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (NPS) (RTCA) program-supported the Luling Zedler's Mill Project, and the trail idea energized community partners who wanted to increase recreation opportunities, support tourism, and conserve the natural and cultural resources of their town.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mayor Mike Hendricks said "We are honored to receive this recognition, and with the continued support of GBRA and the National Park Service we look forward to many more successes in the future."

The NPS RTCA provided group facilitation, planning and design, and fundraising support for this effort. GBRA acted as the catalyst to bring interests together, and continues to provide extensive fundraising and community organizing support to the project. The TSU Texas Rivers Institute and Geography Department are providing expertise in tourism and in interpreting the natural and historic resources seen along the trail. Additional support came from the Texas Department of Transportation as well as paddling and fishing outfitters who were engaged to move the dream to reality.

For more information, please contact Steve Bonner, Community Planner, at steve_bonner@nps.gov or 512-245-7263. For more information about the Zedler's Mill Project contact Mayor Mike Hendricks, (830) 875-2481. For more information about GBRA's support of the project contact Tommie Rhoad, (800) 413-4130. For more information on other cooperators and the Rivers & Trails Program or its current and past projects, contact Steve Bonner, (512) 245-7263 or visit the website at www.nps.gov/rtca.