



Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network Program

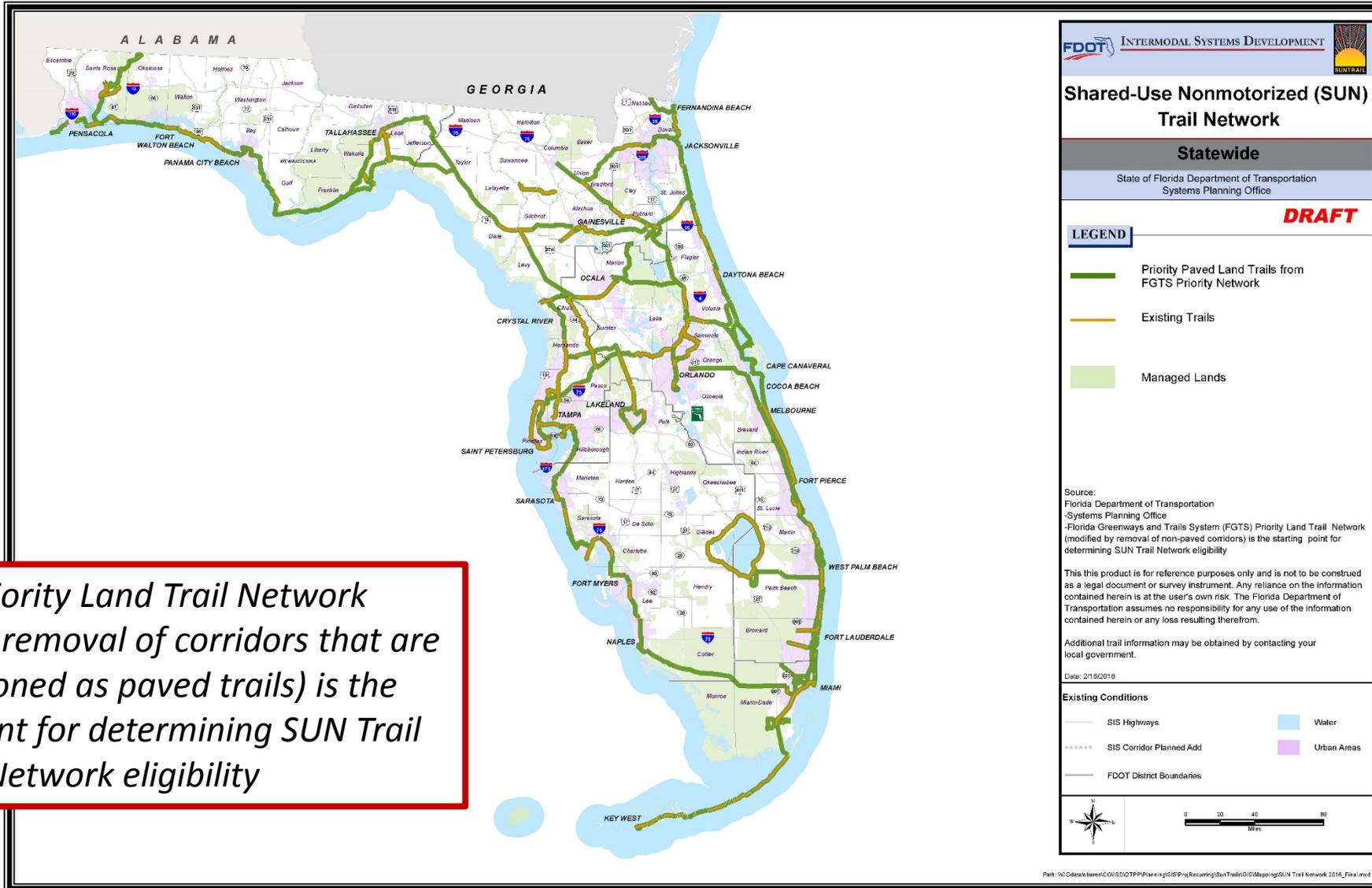
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Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network



- Created under 339.81, F.S.
- To develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)
- \$25 million annually funded from new vehicle tag revenues
- Public Open Houses & Webinar concluded March 9, 2016
- Public comment period concluded March 25, 2016
- Individual Trail project applications and prioritization is due June 20, 2016

SUN Trail Network Map



FGTS Priority Land Trail Network (modified by removal of corridors that are not envisioned as paved trails) is the starting point for determining SUN Trail Network eligibility

Framework for SUN Trail Funding Selection

SUN Trail Eligible
(Priority Land Trails Network)

Top Regional Trail System

Coast-to-Coast Connector

Selected at December 2015 meeting

Second Regional Trail System

St. Johns River to the Sea Loop

Selected at March 2016 meeting

Individual Trail Category

Selected by Summer 2016

**Selected by
Florida
Greenways
and
Trails
Council
(FDEP)**

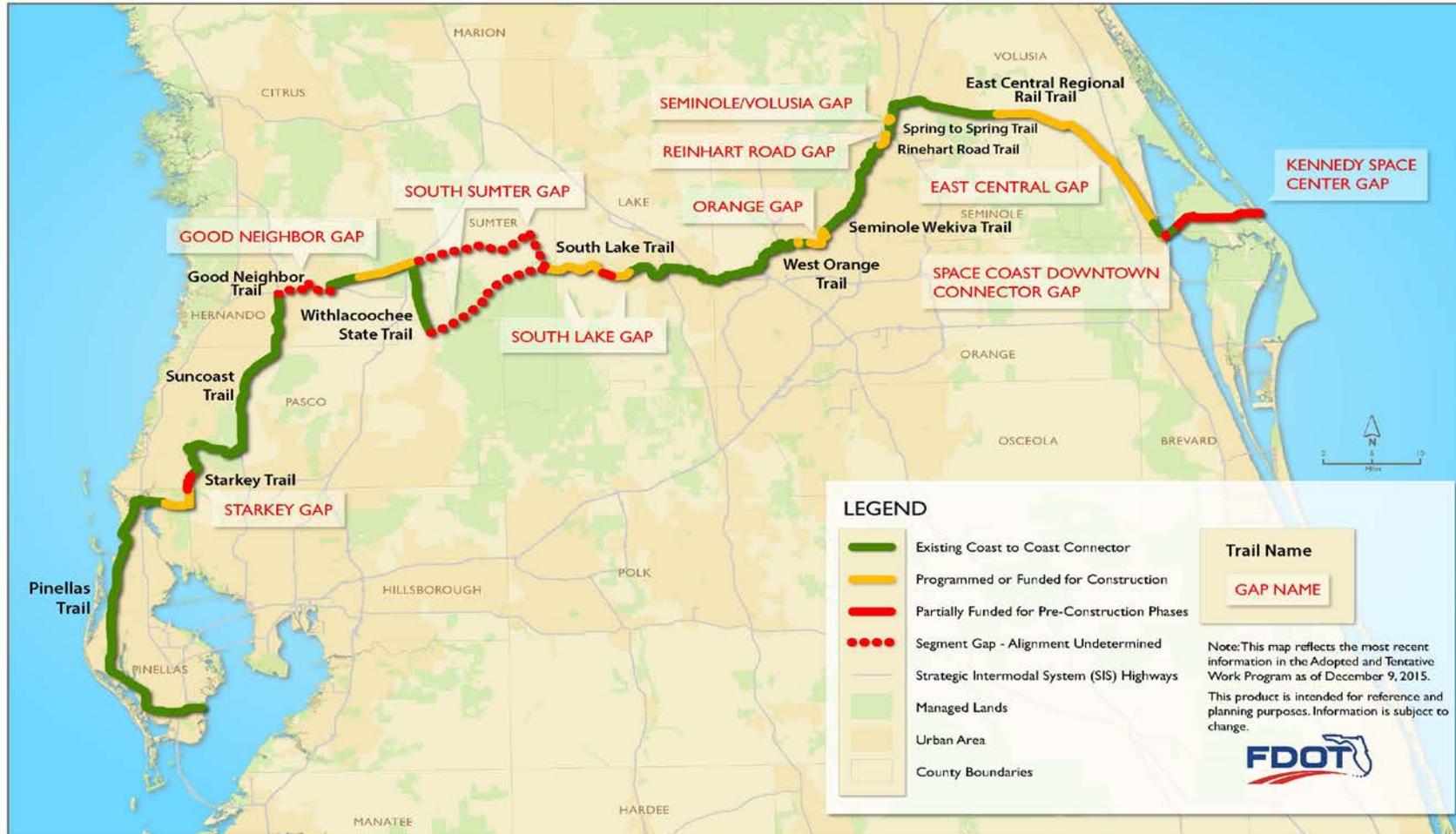
**Selected by
FDOT**

Top Regional Trail System



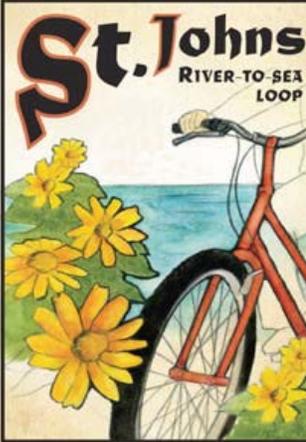
Coast to Coast Connector

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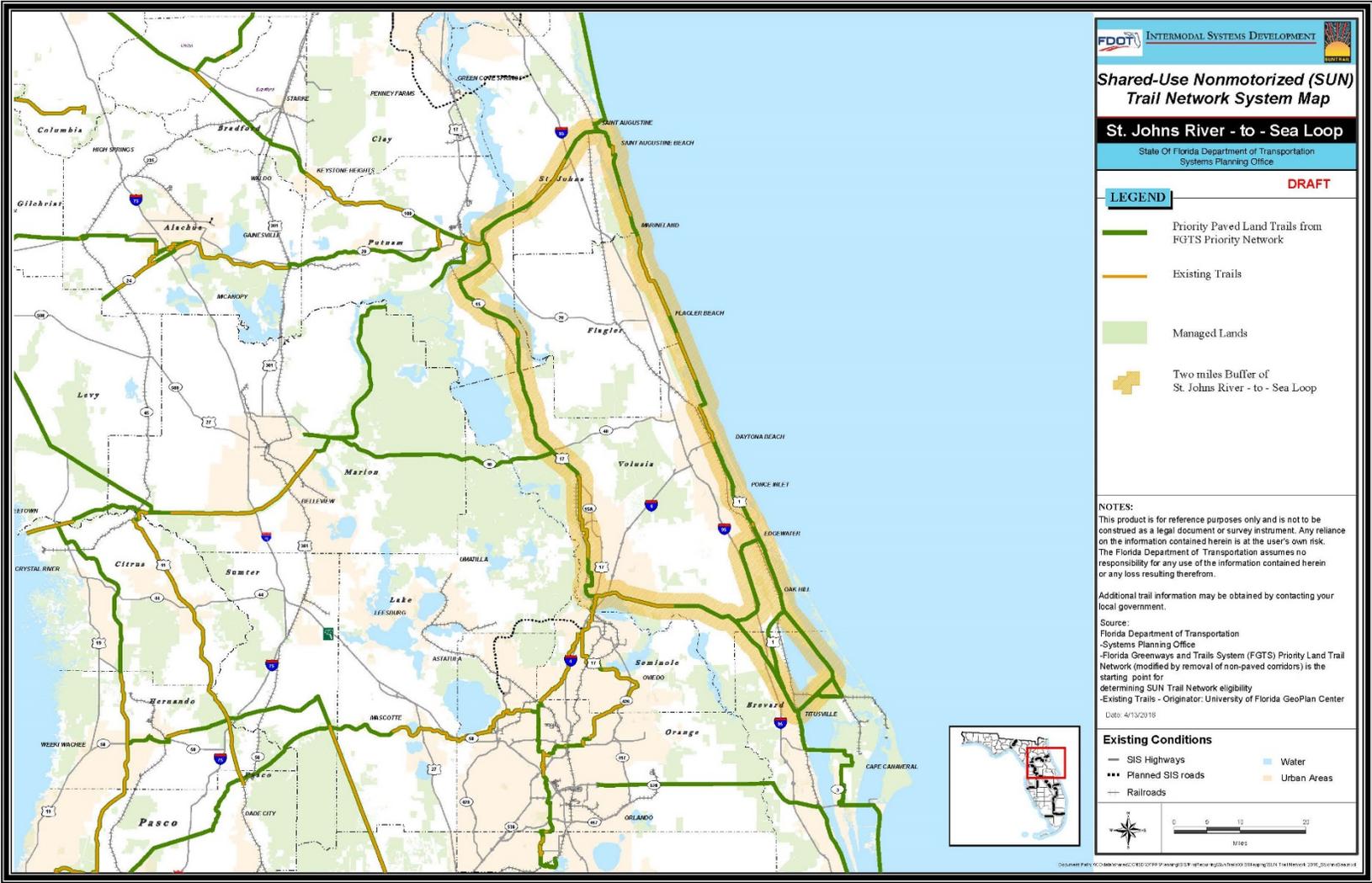
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St. Johns River to the Sea Loop



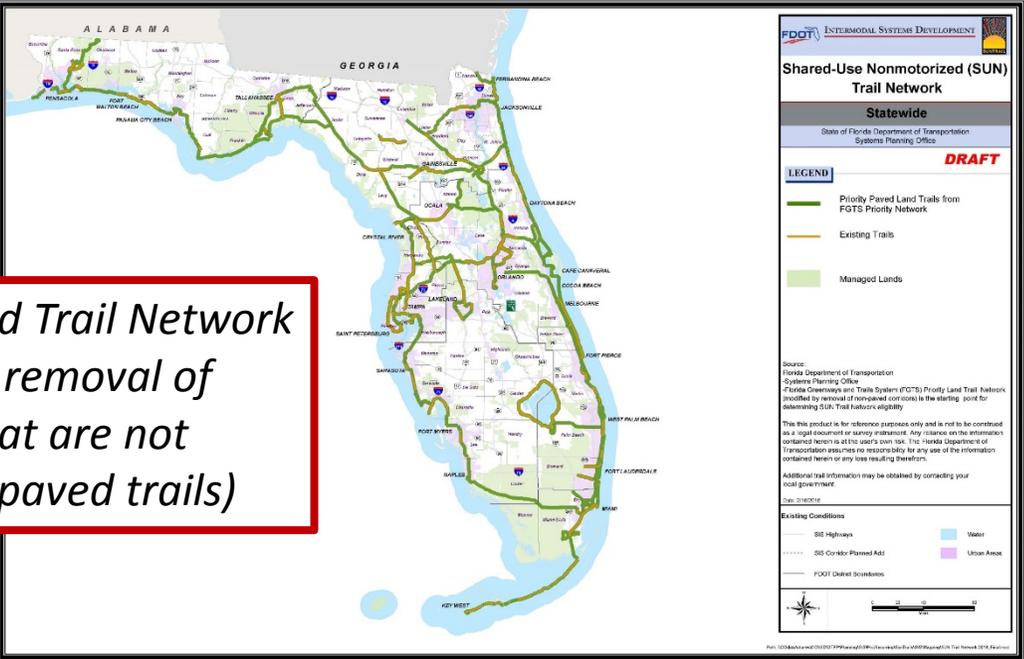
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Greenways and Trails Council
March 2016**

Eligibility Criteria for Individual Trails

There are four **eligibility criteria** a project **must meet** to receive consideration for SUN Trail funding. The applicable entity will transmit a priority list and project details to the respective FDOT District Trail Coordinator.

1. Is the project a paved component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Priority Land Trail Network, and therefore the SUN Trail Network?

*FGTS Priority Land Trail Network
(modified by removal of
corridors that are not
envisioned as paved trails)*



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2. Is the project identified as a priority by the applicable jurisdiction?

- If the project is within a boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), it must be a MPO priority;
- For areas outside of a MPO boundary, the project must be identified as a priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), a tribal government, federal or state managing agency.

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3. Has an entity formally committed to operation and maintenance of the project?



Suwannee River Greenway at Branford



Good Neighbor Trail, Brooksville



Little Econ Greenway, Orange County

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4. Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan or the long-term management plan?

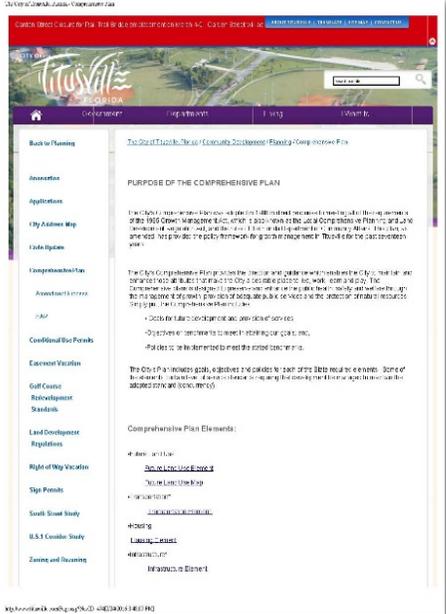
Blackwater Heritage State Trail Management Plan

Division of Recreation and Parks
Lease #4024

Management Plan Approval Date: April 22, 2013
Management Plan Update Due: April 22, 2023



Photo by John Wilson



General James A. Van Fleet State Trail Management Plan

State Lease #3910

Management Plan Approval Date: 4/23/2012



Photo by Charles Wilson

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

- Individual Trail Projects may not meet all of the selection criteria.
- The selection criteria will not be used to calculate a numerical ranking of Individual Trail Projects.
- Individual Trail Projects with the greatest strengths will advance more quickly.

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project enhances the safety
of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists



Courtney Campbell Causeway



Tampa



Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project is identified as having regional, state or national importance

For Example:



Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Additional financial contribution committed to the project



Legacy Trail Connection, Venice



Seminole Wekiva Trail, Lake Mary



Nocatee Trail, Ponte Vedra

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project blends transportation modes by complementing, improving or enhancing existing facilities



Safe Routes to Schools



Urban Palatka Trail to Amtrak



Amelia Island Trail, Complete Streets

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Construction Readiness



Tallahassee-St. Marks State Trail



Bagdad Mill Site, Santa Rosa County

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

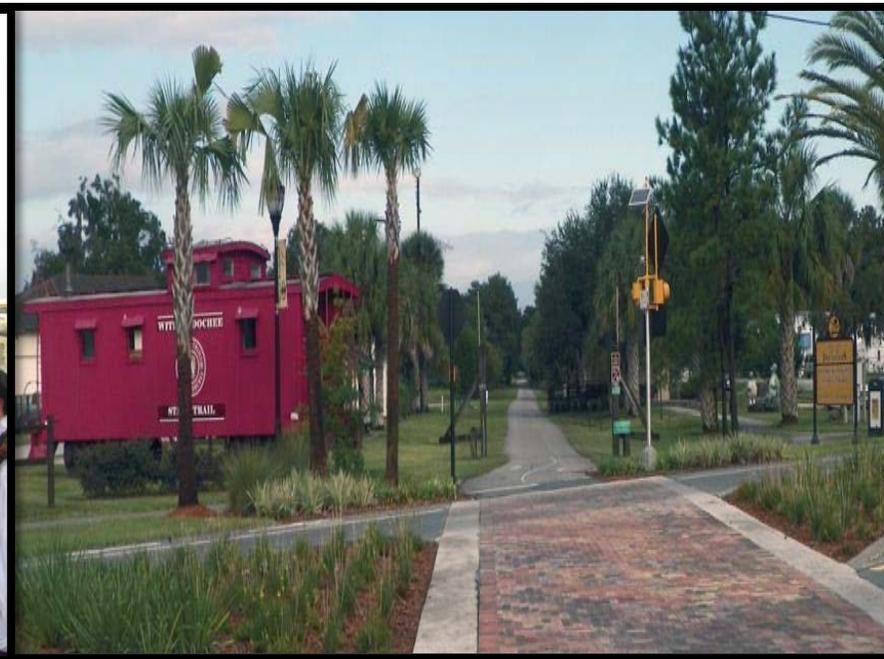
Project has a high level of public support



Amelia Island Trail



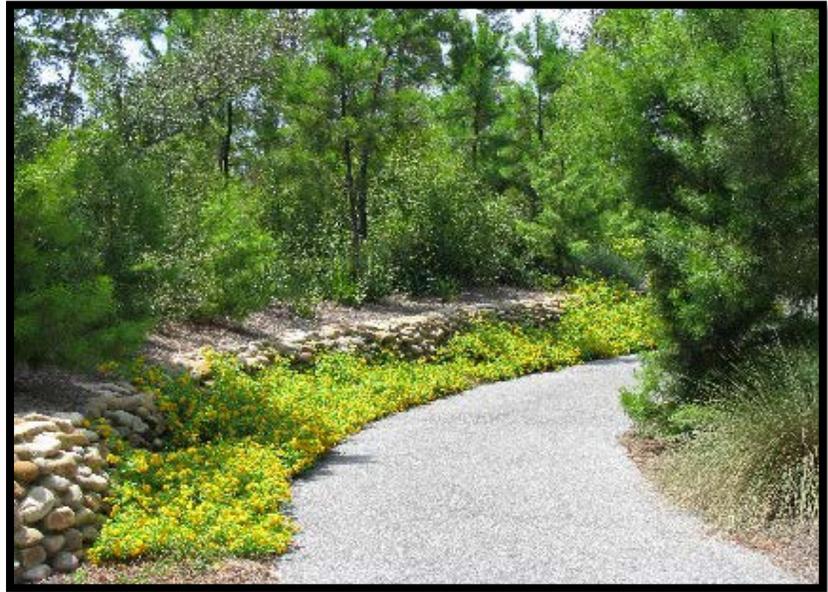
St. Johns River to the Sea Loop



Withlacoochee State Trail

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project has a significant impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities & providing connectivity to destinations



Timpooshee Trail,
Beaches of South Walton



Hollywood Boardwalk,
Broward A1A Scenic Highway



Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail,
South Central Rural Area of Opportunity

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project enhances or preserves environmental resources



Polk Co., Upper Peace Legacy Trail: Fort Fraser Trail to SR 540



Cross Florida Greenway – Wildlife Crossing



Nature Coast State Trail

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

**Project facilitates a system of interconnected trails
by closing a gap in the SUN Trail Network**



Dunnellon Trail – Withlacoochee River



Jupiter Riverwalk, Palm Beach County



Spring to Spring Trail, Volusia County

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project includes cost-saving elements



Suncoast Trail



6th Avenue Trail and Road, Gainesville
photo credit Bruce Landis



Capital Circle Trail and Road, Tallahassee
photo credit Stephen Hodges

Process for Funding Individual Trails

Project Identification

- Identification of purpose, location and goals of the project;
- Consistent with the community's vision, plans, and policies;
- Consistent with transparent public involvement procedures.

Project Prioritization

- Identified priority of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- Identified priority of the county (inclusive of their cities), tribal government, federal or state managing agency.

Project Selection & Programming

- Priority List and project details submitted to FDOT District by applicable entity;
- District project evaluation and development of draft funding scenario;
- Development of Statewide draft prioritization scenario;
- Upon approval, projects are programmed into appropriate fiscal year of the five year Tentative Work Program.

Schedule

Development, selection and programming of projects for the five-year Tentative Work Program

<i>Through early February 2016</i>	<i>Develop SUN Trail Program and Process Based Upon Targeted Outreach</i>
<i>Late February – March 2016</i>	<i>Public Input (Open Houses and Webinar)</i>
<i>April 2016</i>	<i>SUN Trail Program Finalized</i>
<i>May 6, 2016</i>	<i>Individual Trail Application Period Opens</i>
<i>June 20, 2016</i>	<i>Individual Trail Applications Period Closes</i>
<i>By August 1, 2016</i>	<i>Final Selection of Projects for Programming</i>
<i>September 2016</i>	<i>Work Program Amendment for FY 17 Projects Submitted</i>

Project Programming

Project Phases Include:

- **Feasibility Study (FS)** if necessary
- **Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)**
- **Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE)**
- **Acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW)** if necessary
- **Construction (CON)**

Five-Year Work Program Illustration

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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COAST TO COAST

Segment #	PE	ROW		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	ROW		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED	

ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA

Segment #	PD&E	PE		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	FS	PD&E		PE	CON

INDIVIDUAL TRAILS

Segment #	PD&E	PE		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	PE	CON	CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED	
Segment #	FS		PD&E	PE	ROW
TOTAL	48 million	24 million	28 million	24 million	26 million

LEGEND

(FS) Feasibility Study
 (PD&E) Project Development & Environment
 (PE) Preliminary Engineering/Design
 (ROW) Acquisition of Right-of-Way
 (CON) Construction

Available Funds

FY17 - \$50M (FY16 & FY17)
 FY18 - \$25M
 FY19 - \$25M
 FY20 - \$25M
 FY21 - \$25M
 FY22 - \$25M

Strategic, Effective and Efficient Investments

SUN Trail will not fund development of amenities associated with trail projects.

These amenities include but are not limited to:

- **Benches, trail furniture or seating areas;**
- **Bicycle racks, air stations or lockers;**
- **Buildings, restrooms, wayside structures or overlooks, shelters or picnic pavilions;**
- **Kiosks (regulatory and safety signage permitted);**
- **Landscaping (trail stabilization permitted);**
- **Litter or recycle receptacles;**
- **Parking areas or trailheads;**
- **Playgrounds, fitness equipment or structures;**
- **Promotional or educational materials;**
- **Sculptures, fountains or art; and**
- **Water fountains, spigots or showers.**

Maintenance

For FDOT Constructed Trails Inside of FDOT ROW – FDOT will maintain the pavement and any bridge structures for a trail in its ROW, and will apply normal roadway maintenance standards such as mowing and litter control to the entire ROW inclusive of the trail. Beyond this, a local sponsor/agency will enter into a maintenance agreement with the department to undertake all other trail maintenance. The area of responsibility will be the footprint of the trail within FDOT ROW as defined by the district. **The local agency/sponsor will be responsible for any mowing and litter control above FDOT roadway standards and maintenance of drainage and trail specific facilities and features such as ornamental landscaping, wayside areas, benches, litter receptacles, and restrooms.** The local sponsor/agency will be identified prior to programming the PD&E phase. The maintenance agreement detailing the full maintenance requirements of that entity must be executed prior to letting for construction.

For FDOT Constructed Trails Outside of FDOT ROW – Trails that are constructed outside of FDOT ROW shall be maintained by an entity other than FDOT. The department will enter into an agreement or other form of documented commitment to ensure that a local sponsor/agency is committed to long term trail maintenance. **The local sponsor/agency will be responsible for all trail operation and maintenance needs which includes routine pavement and bridge structure repair, litter control, sweeping, vegetation management, and the maintenance of drainage and trail specific facilities and features such as ornamental landscaping, wayside areas, benches, litter receptacles, and restrooms.** The local sponsor/agency will be identified prior to programming the PD&E phase. Each district will determine the appropriate form of commitment or agreement that will need to be executed prior to letting for construction.

Looking Ahead

- Regional Systems
- Individual Trail Selection
- Project Programming
- Maintenance Agreements

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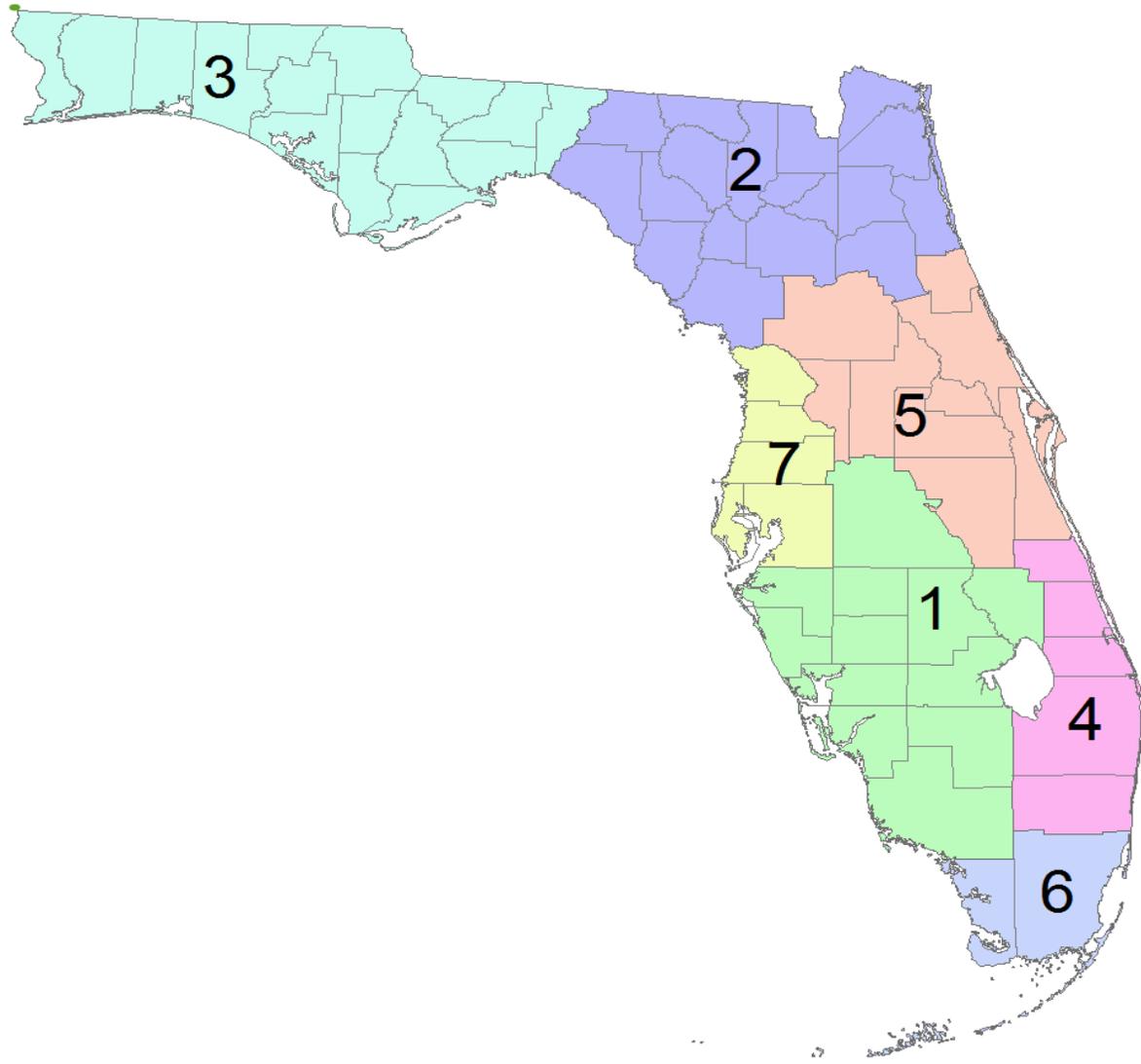
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