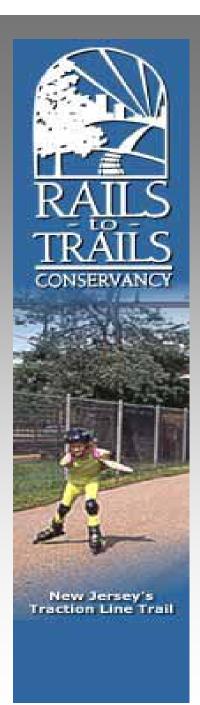


# LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL PROJECTS

- LAKE APOPKA LOOP TRAIL
- SOUTH LAKE TRAIL
- LEESBURG-WILDWOOD TRAIL
- LAKE-CROSS FLORIDA GREENWAY
- LAKE LOUISA-HORIZON WEST
- WEKIVA PARKWAY- SR 46 CORRIDOR
- SR 40 CORRIDOR
- VAN FLEET TRAIL-POLK COUNTY

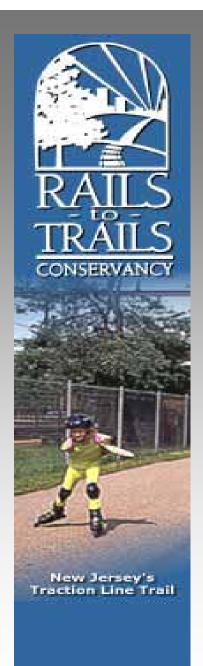
# OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

- DEP
- STATEWIDE SYSTEM
- CONNECTING FLORIDA'S COMMUNITIES
- GRANTS
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



# RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY

Creating a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people

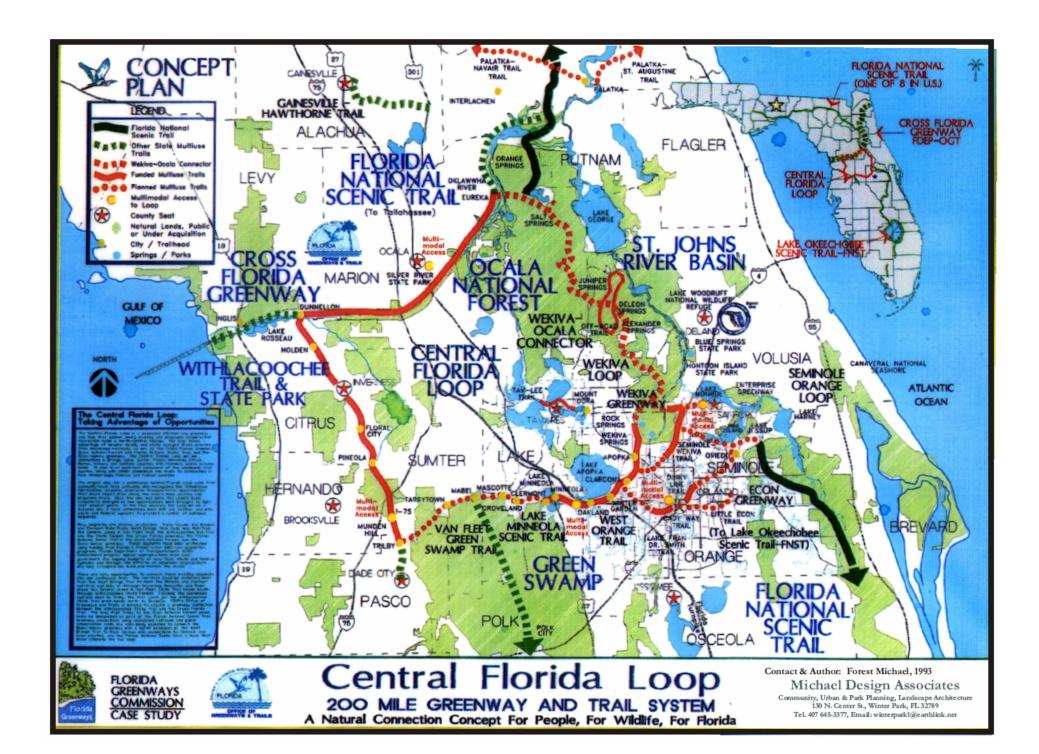


## WHAT RTC DOES!

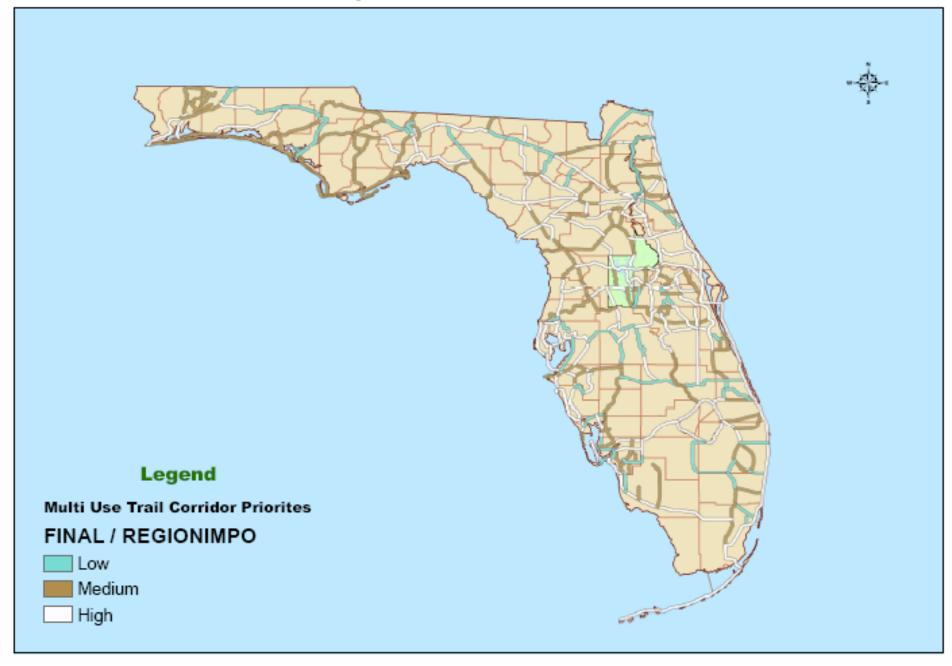
- RTC promotes policy
- RTC fights to preserve the

# TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

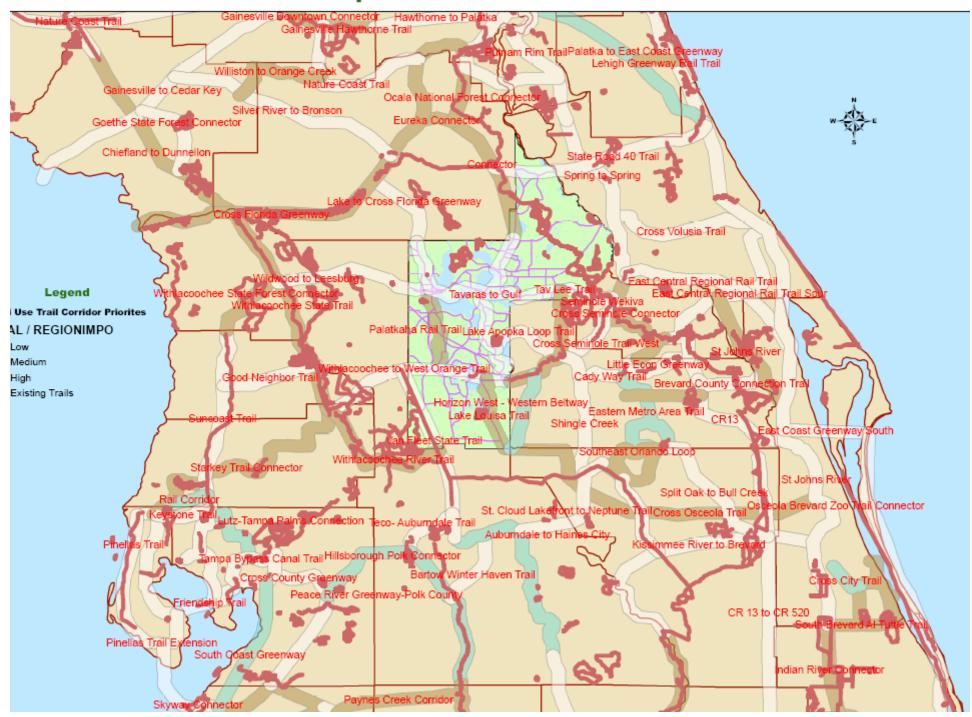
- RTC defends RAIL BANKING
- RTC helps catalyze action at the local level
- RTC provides leadership to the trails and greenway movement



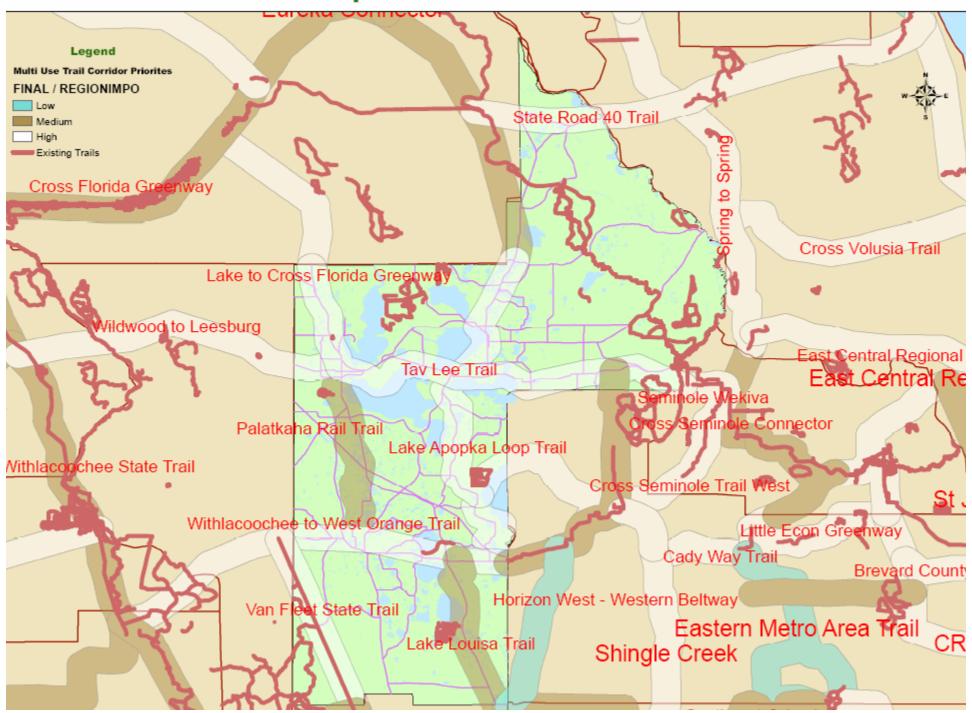
# Office of Greenways & Trails Multi-Purpose Trail Corridor Priorities



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# Local Governments Within The Lake Basin

## **Orange County**

- Apopka
- •Ocoee
- •Winter Garden
- Oakland

## Lake County

- •Montverde
- •Clermont

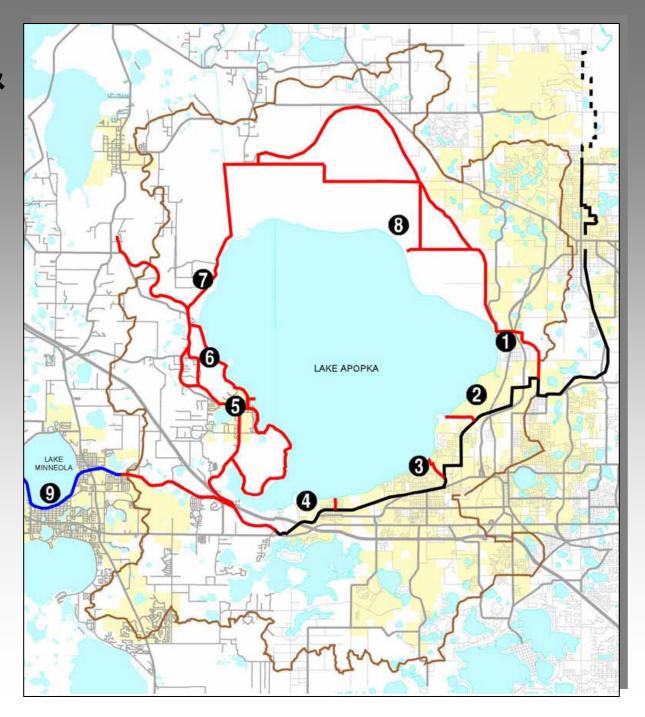


# Other Agencies

- East Central Regional Planning Council
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida
   Department of Environmental Protection
- Orange Audubon Society
- Green Mountain Scenic Byway Committee
- Trail Friends, Inc.

# Greenways & Trails

- Existing WOT
- Existing LakeMinneolaScenic Trail
- Proposedgreenways &trails
  - 1 Proposed
    Recreation &
    Eco-tourism



# Recreation & Eco-Tourism Sites

- 1. Magnolia Park
- 2. Ocoee City Property
- 3. Winter Garden Recreation Complex
- 4. Oakland Nature Preserve
- 5. Town of Montverde
- 6. Lake County Proposed Lakefront Preserve
- 7. Clay Island Park
- 8. Shorebird Management Area/Nature Center
- 9. Lake Minneola Urban Waterfront Park (existing)

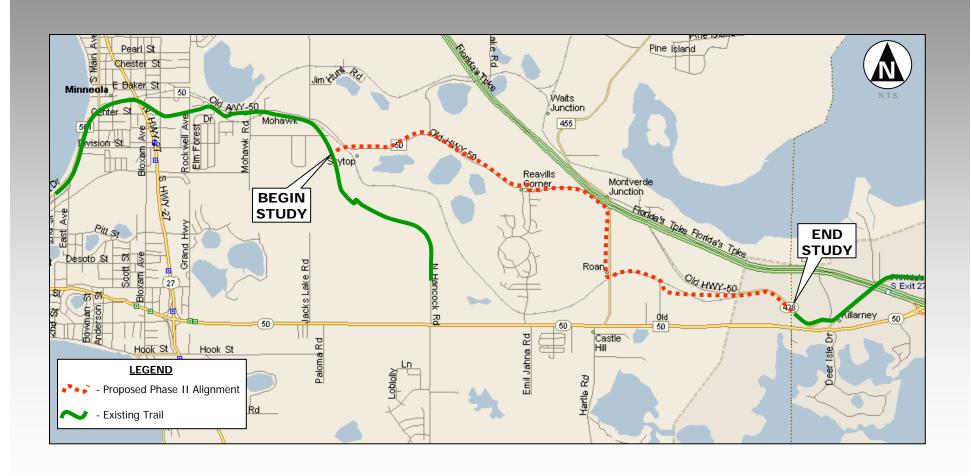
# Lake County Lakefront Preserve

The park is proposed; location and size is yet to be determined

Potential trail location on RR ROW



# South Lake Trail Phase II Project Location Map



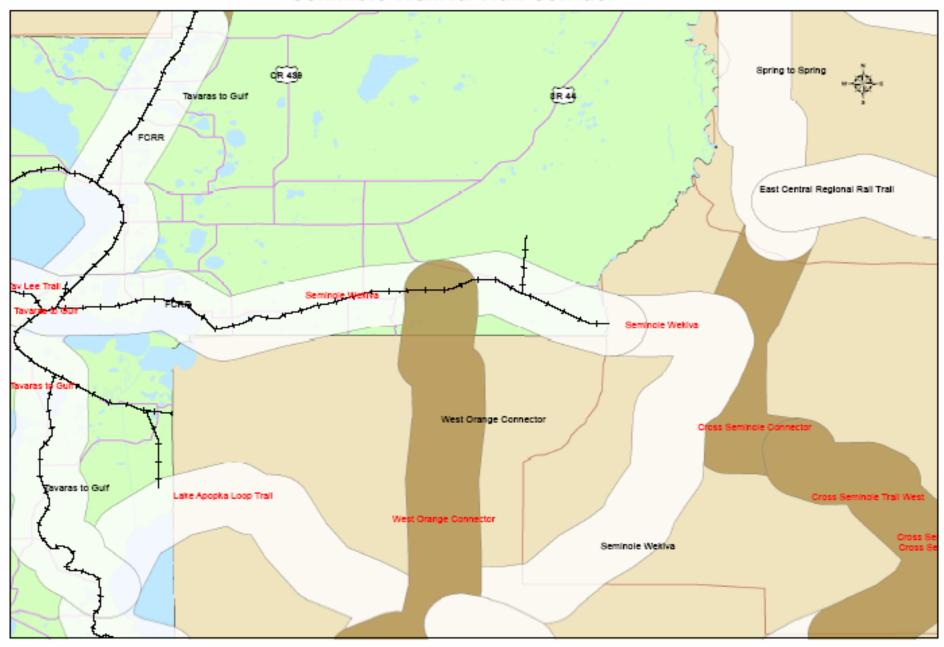
# SOUTH LAKE TRAIL PHASE II Planning Partners

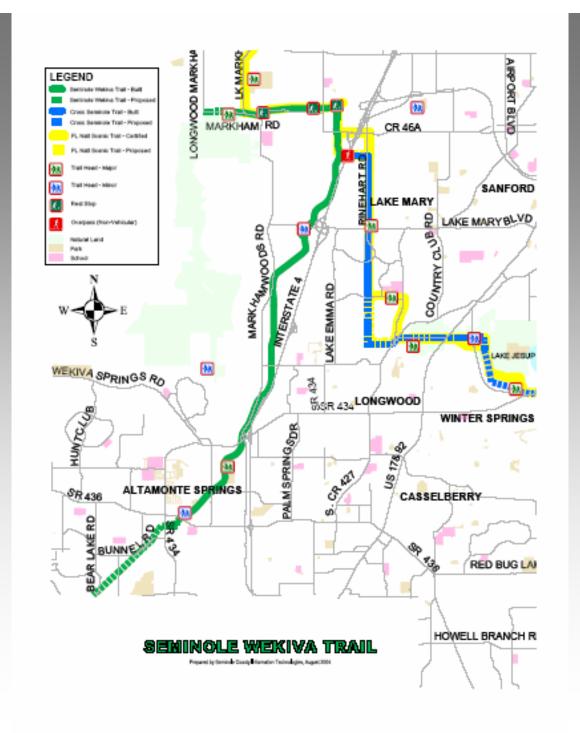
- Lake County
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Orange County
  - West Orange Trail Parks & Recreation
- City of Clermont
- City of Minneola
- Green Mountain Scenic Byway





#### Office of Greenways & Trails Seminole Wekiva Trail Corridor







# **Proposed Land Acquisitions**

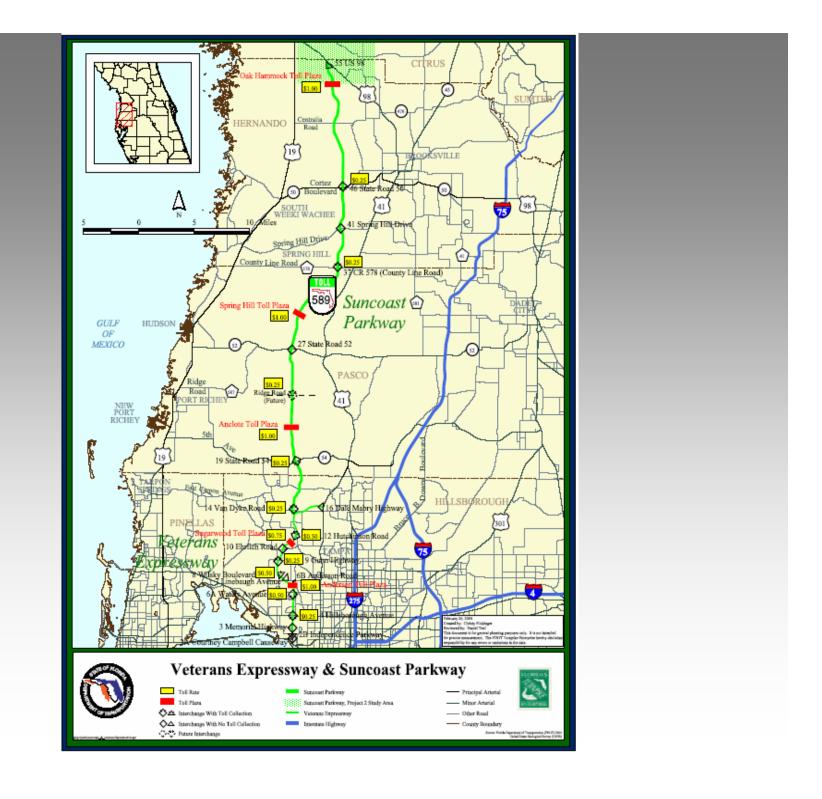
- Neighborhood Lakes
   ✓ 1,570 ± acres
- Seminole Woods/ Seminole Swamp
   ✓ 5,353 ± acres
- New Garden Coal
   1,605 ± acres
- Pine Plantation

   617 ± acres

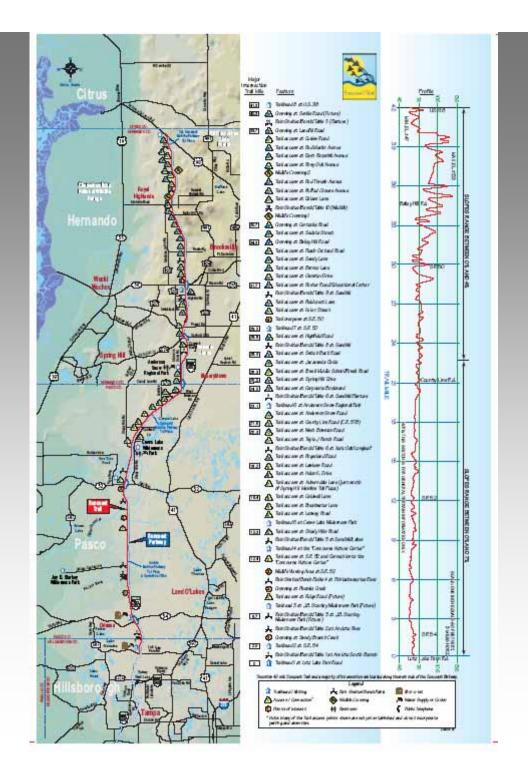




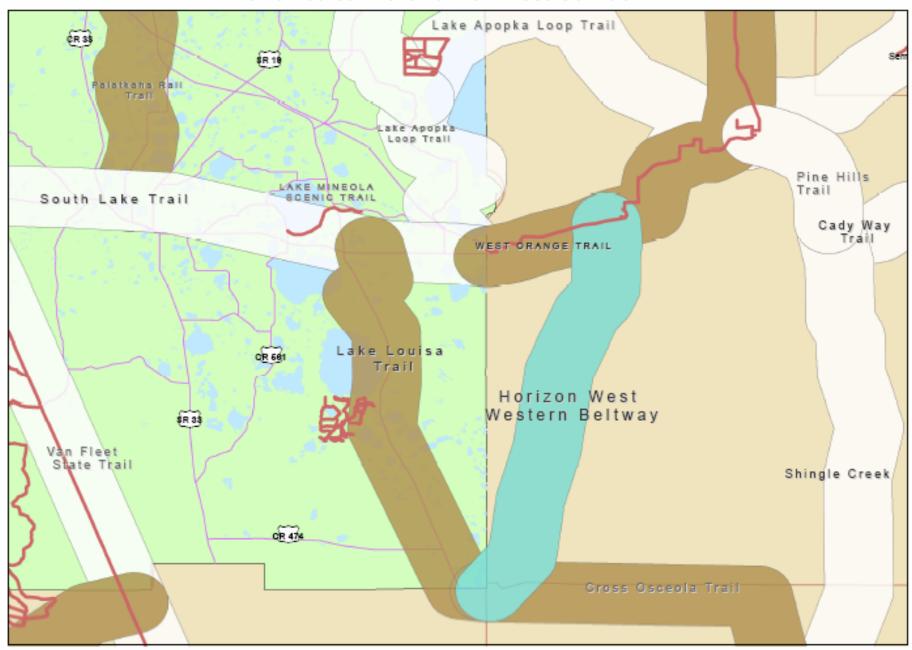




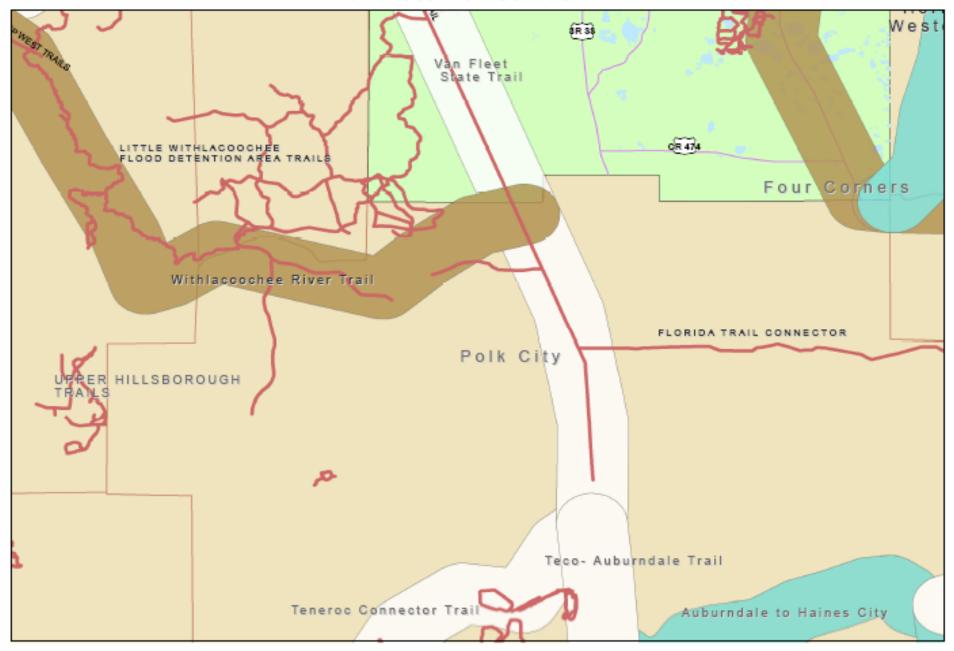
#### SUNCOAST TRAIL



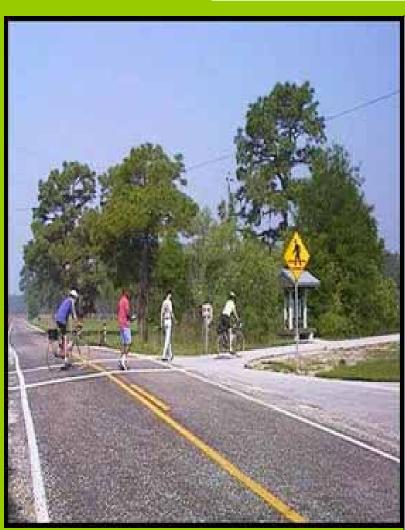
# Office of Greenways & Trails Lake Louisa Trail/Horizon West Corridor



# Office of Greenways & Trails Van Fleet Trail Corridor





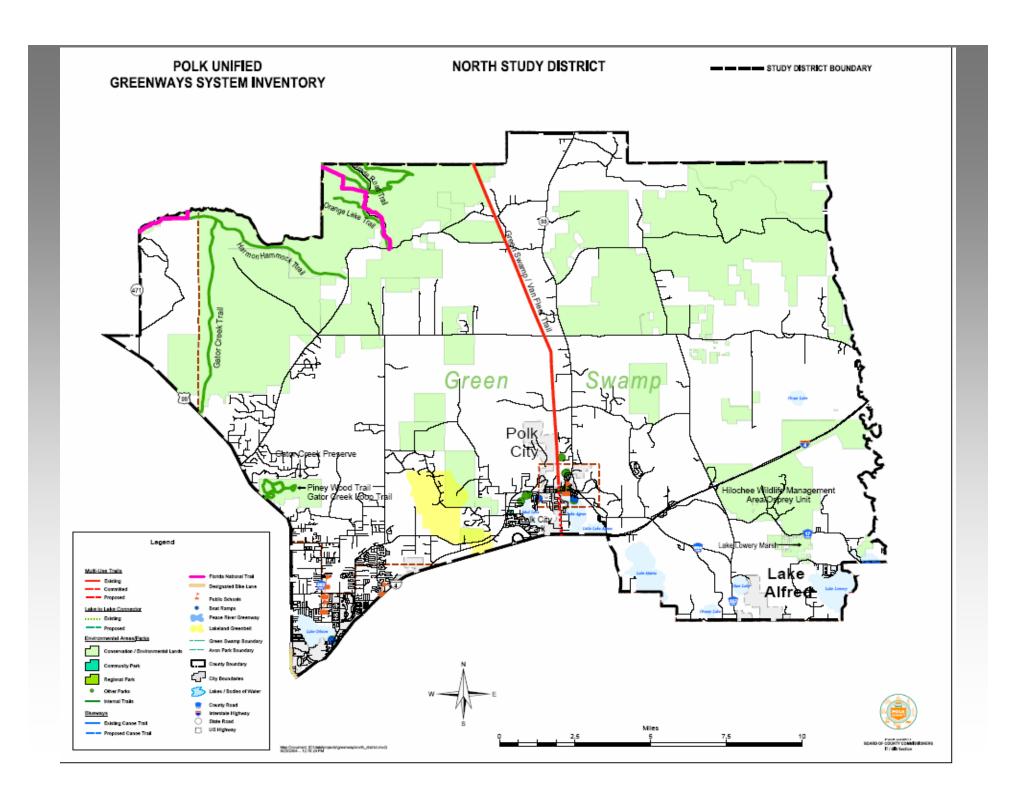


#### **Vision Statement:**

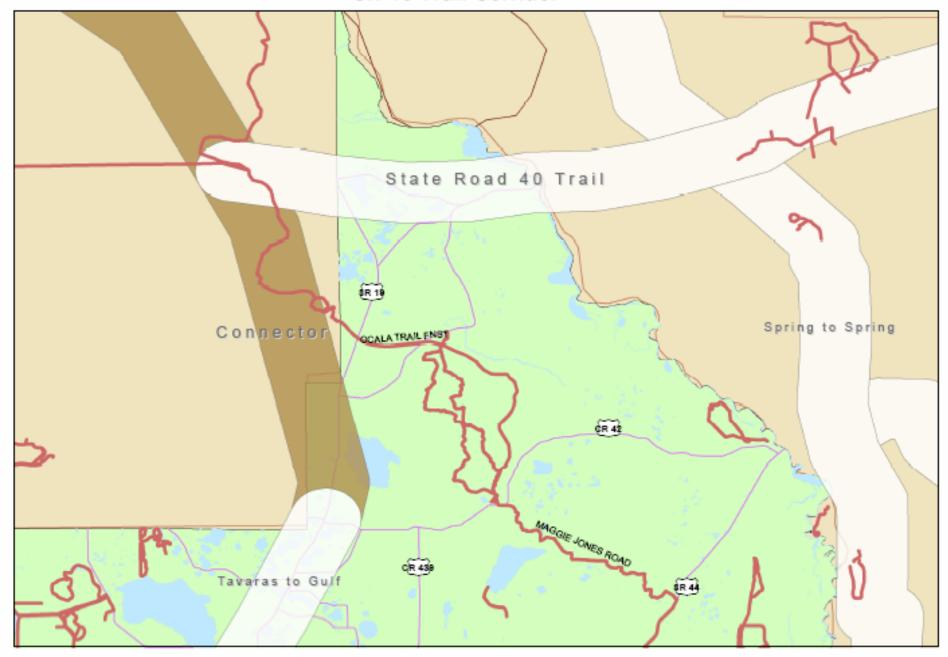
In the future Polk County and its cities will share a unified system of greenways and blueways thereby enhancing the quality of life for all citizens.

#### **Mission Statement:**

To inspire a cooperative effort promoting the planning, development, and use of greenways and blueways throughout Imperial Polk County and its municipalities based on community input, connectivity, neighborhood compatibility, resource protection, recreation, security, education, and alternative transportation opportunities.



#### Office of Greenways & Trails SR 40 Trail Corridor



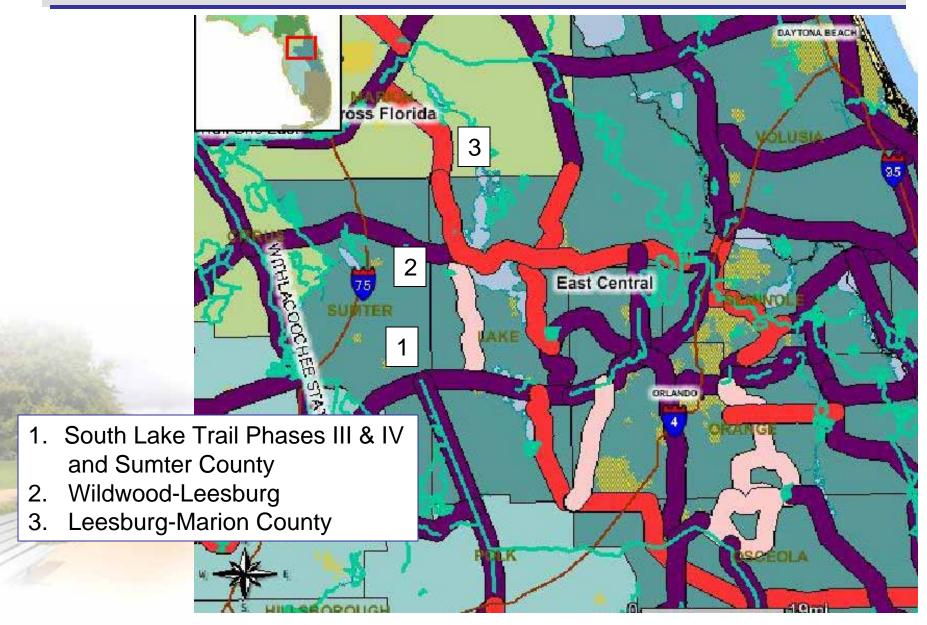
### **VOLUSIA COUNTY TRAILS PLAN** PROPOSED TRAILS NETWORK King's Highway Heritage Trail Spring to Spring Beach World's Most Famous Beach Trail New Smyrna Beach Cross Volusia SR 44 Hontoon Dead Riv Padding Trail Spring to Spring Trail East Central Regional Legend SHOWCASE MULTI-USE TRAIL CORRIDORS ENHANCED BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CORRIDORS RIDING TRAIL CORRIDORS PADDLING TRAILS Parks Public Lands

# Trails Enhancing Our Quality of Life

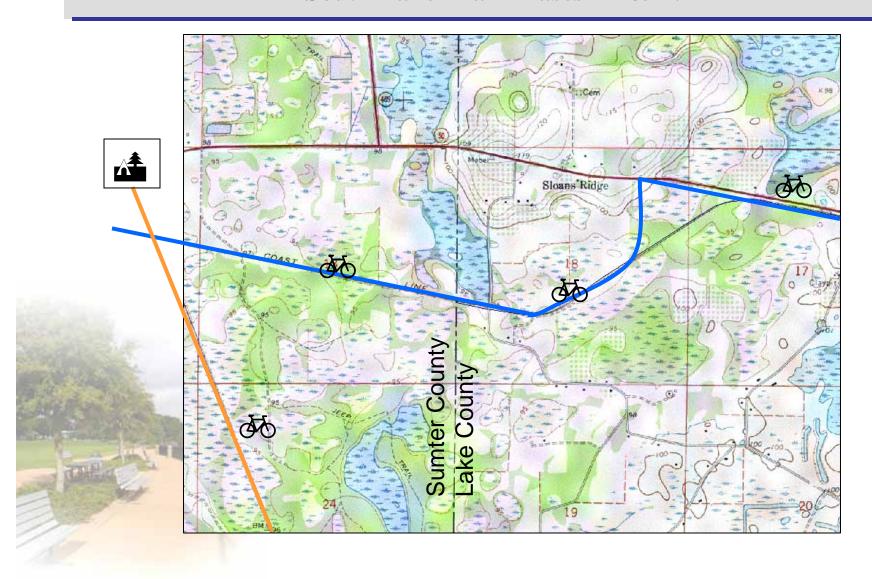


- Opportunities for Regional Coordination
- Trails Effects on Property
   Values, Safety and Crime

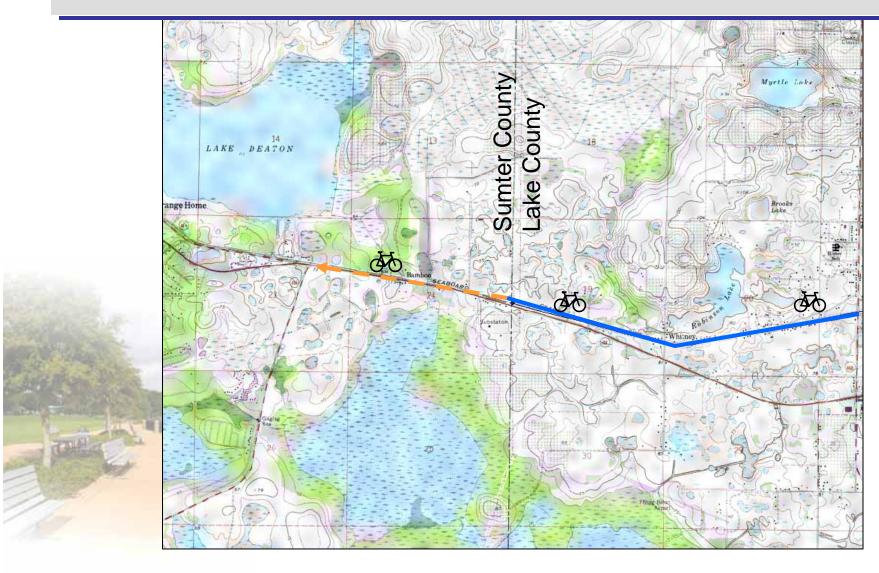




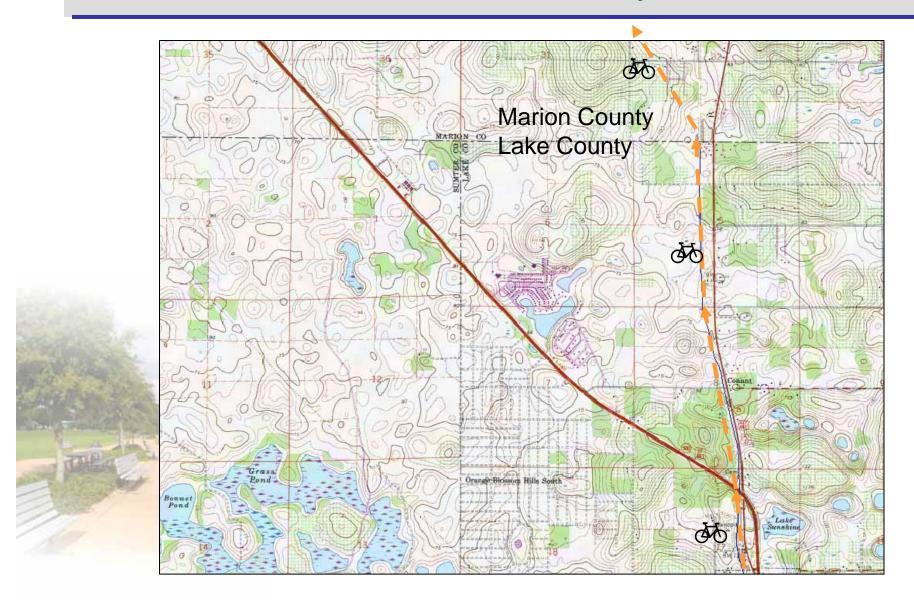
South Lake Trail Phases III & IV



Leesburg - Wildwood Trail



Lake to Cross Florida Greenway Trail





# Opportunities for Regional Coordination

- Lake/Sumter MPO
- Joint Planning Agreements (JPA)
- Inter-local Agreements
- Office of Greenways & Trails
- The development of new roadway corridors





# Office of Greenways and Trails

- Regional Coordinator, Capeheart Perkins
- Adopted Visioning Corridors
- Acquisition Program
  - State buys land for trails
  - Recreational Trails Program (Federally funded competitive Grant Program)
  - Local jurisdiction leases land (50-100 yr. lease)

## **Trails Effects on Property Values**

#### The Effect of Greenways on Property Values and Public Safety;

The Conservation Fund and Colorado State Parks, State Trails Program

(Source: www.AmericanTrails.org)

Results of the survey show that "urban trails are regarded as an amenity that helps to attract buyers and to sell property. For residents of single family homes adjacent to a trail:

- Many sellers believed that the existence of the trail would increase the selling price of their home.
- 57% of the residents felt that the trail would make the **home easier to sell** (with 36% saying no effect).
- 29% of those surveyed were **positively influenced** by the trail in their decision to buy the home.
- Results were similarly positive for residents who lived near but not adjacent to the trail..."

# Trails Effects on Property Values

#### Of the real estate agents interviewed:

- 73% believed that a home adjacent to a trail would be easier to sell
- 55% agreed that the home would sell for more than a comparable home from a different neighborhood
- 82% of real estate agents used the **trail as a selling point**
- 100% believed **trails are an amenity** to the community around it...
- "No public safety issues could be directly linked to the trail. Only one resident interviewed was concerned with this issue, and none of the officers interviewed believed trails had any effect on public safety....

#### **Brush Creek Trail**

#### Property Values and Crime, Santa Rosa, CA;

(Source: Michelle Murphy, Sonoma State University)

- 64% of respondents felt the **trail increased the quality of life** in the neighborhood, with another 13% saying "no effect"
- 33% said the trail would make their home easier to sell

#### Of real estate agents:

- 61% of real estate agents said they use **proximity to trails** as selling points
- "The study shows neither increased crime nor decreased property values due to trails. On the contrary, the most overwhelming opinion by residents along the Brush Creek Trail is that the trail/creek has a positive effect on the quality of life in the neighborhood."

#### **Omaha Recreational Trails:**

(Source: From www.AmericanTrails.org)

"We were pleased to see another study of the impacts of trails in a neighborhood setting: *Omaha Recreational Trails: Their Effect on Property Values and Public Safety.*"

#### **Influence of Trail on Home Purchase or sale**

- Of the respondents who purchased their home after the trail existed, 63.8% indicated that the **trail positively influenced their purchase decision**.
- 81% felt that the nearby **trail's presence would have a positive effect** or no effect on the ease of sale of their homes.

#### **Property Value Surveys**

(Source: www.AmericanTrails.org)

- In **Boulder** (CO) total selling prices **increased \$4.20 to \$10.20** per foot of proximity, beginning at 3200 feet from the greenway (1978).
- Proximity to Salem (OR) greenbelt parcels privately owned in this case added a premium of \$1,200 per acre, in comparison to similar properties 1,000 feet or more from the greenbelt (1986).
- Also in Massachusetts, a 1982 study of Worcester home sales documented a average premium of \$2,675 for properties adjacent to park land versus properties 2,000 feet removed.
- In Dayton (OH), park proximity added 5 percent in one study area and 7.35 percent in another (1985).
- Similarly, property values declined with distance from Philadelphia's Pennypack Park: from a 33 percent premium for adjacent parcels, to 9 percent at 1,000 feet, and finally to 4.2 percent at 2,500 feet (1974).

#### **Property Value Surveys continued:**

- A 1973 study in Columbus (OH) revealed premiums ranging from 7 to
   23 percent for homes facing the park, contrasted with homes a block distant.
- The City of **Seattle** (WA) surveyed homeowners and real estate brokers along the 12 mile Burke-Gilman Trail in 1987. They found that properties near, but not immediately adjacent to the trail sold for an average **premium of 6 percent**. Of those interviewed, 60 percent believed that trail adjacency would have a neutral or positive effect on the selling price of their property.