

FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL COALITION MEETING

10 - 11 January 2020, Brooksville, FL
Chinsegut Conservation Center



FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ACT

- The 1972 Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) was passed to make certain that citizen involvement in federal decisions is equitable, and that no one individual or group has undue influence over government decisions.
- The Florida National Scenic Trail Coalition is not a decision making body, but rather a gathering of land managers, partners and users of the FNST to seek out information regarding, and to regularly discuss, issues and needs surrounding the Florida National Scenic Trail. The Forest Service will inform members of the group by reading this statement prior to meetings and also inform new members that the agency cannot obtain the group's consensus advice or recommendations without triggering FACA.
- Meetings are open to the public and summaries are available on-line at www.fs.usda.gov/fnst



AGENDA 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



1:00pm – 1:30

Welcome and Introductions

1:30 – 1:40

Emergency Response Plan

1:40 – 2:40

Strategic Plan Progress Report

Connecting Florida's Public Lands: The Florida National Scenic Trail 5 – Year Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan Implementation Guide: A companion to the FT Strategic Plan

Special report on priority routing and gap analysis projects

Highlight of Econfinia Creek hurricane recovery and FS saw program

2:40 – 2:50

Break

2:50 – 3:20

UF Visitor Use Study Overview

3:20 – 4:20

Round Robin – Coalition Member Updates – update from Coalition partners on current activities affecting the Florida Trail.

4:20 – 4:45

Status of Osceola/Orange County and Big Bend Routing Efforts

4:45 – 5:00

Other Business – Any set aside topics from the day's discussion; adjourn



Introductions

Florida Trail Emergency Response Plan ~~2018~~ 2020

To aid Florida National Scenic Trail hosts agencies, partners and emergency responders in their efforts to develop and maintain a viable emergency operations plan.

Assumptions- The primary assumption is made that there are *no* significant changes to the way local, county and state law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, land management agencies, or emergency service providers presently conduct their operations

- Investigating and responding to crime and emergency incidents on USDA Forest Service administered lands is a federal responsibility, but is often managed in coordination and cooperation with state and/or local authorities



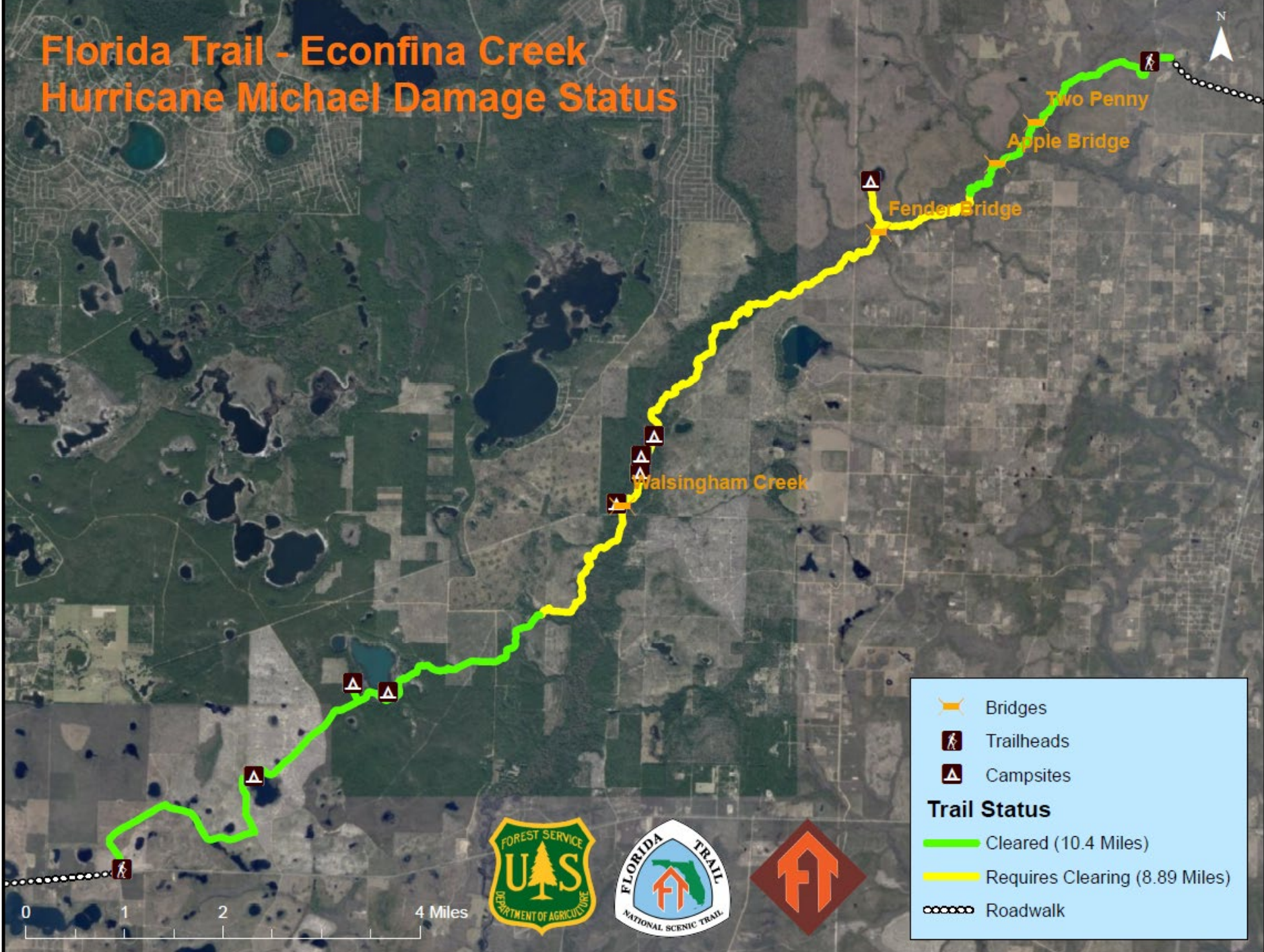
Florida Trail Emergency Response Plan 2020

Objectives

- Ensure effective and coordinated communication between federal, state, local emergency responders and the USFS Florida Trail Administrator and the Florida Trail Association Florida Trail Program staff
- Assist emergency responders to better understand how the Florida National Scenic Trail is managed
- To specify duties, roles, and responsibilities of the various partners
- To facilitate formal and informal agreements for law enforcement, mutual aid, and emergency assistance agreements between the various management partners



Florida Trail - Econfina Creek Hurricane Michael Damage Status





























FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL PROGRAM

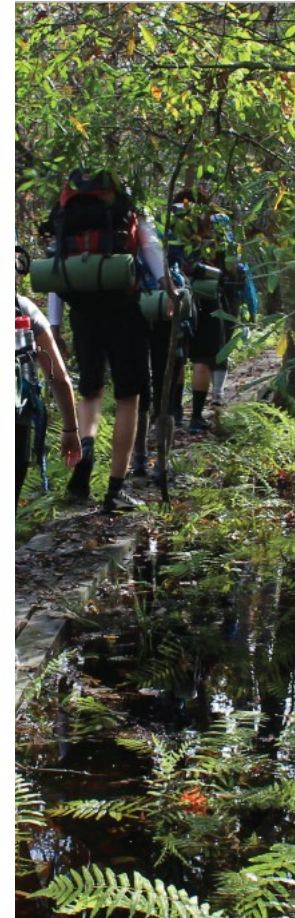
STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

**A Companion Guide to the
Florida National Scenic Trail Strategic Plan;
Connecting Florida's Public Lands**

Moving Forward to 2023

2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

Progress Summary



CONNECTING FLORIDA'S PUBLIC LANDS

The Florida National Scenic
Trail 5-Year Strategic Plan

MOVING FORWARD
TO 2023



Plan Goals



**Promote
Connections**



**Complete
the Trail**



**Sustainable
Management**



**Strategic
Partnerships**

Connect citizens with the natural and cultural heritage of Florida through increasing awareness, use and protection of the Florida Trail.



GOAL: PROMOTE CONNECTIONS

2019 UPDATE

Promote Connections

- **Major Performance Measure-** Increase number and diversity of Florida Trail recreationists by 15% over 5 years.
- **Long Term Outcome-** The Florida Trail is widely valued and used as a means for connecting people with the nationally significant resources of Florida.



Objective I: Educate

- Provide education and interpretation opportunities to encourage learning, enjoyment and attachment to the Florida Trail
- Associated projects include:
 - **Trailhead Interpretation & Interpretive Displays**
 - **Junior Explorer Programs**



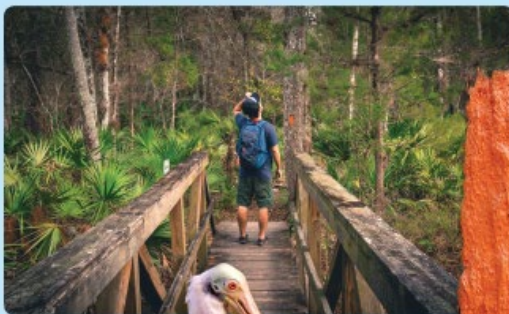


FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The Florida Trail is a federally-designated National Scenic Trail intended to offer a continuous, non-motorized recreation opportunity showcasing the biodiversity, history, and culture of Florida. The Florida Trail stretches over 1,400 miles from the white sands of Gulf Islands National Seashore to Big Cypress National Preserve in the Everglades.

THE AUTHENTIC FLORIDA EXPERIENCE

Florida is home to many unique environments, some of which are not seen anywhere else in the world. This gives trail users prime access to some of the best nature and wildlife viewing opportunities in the country. By traveling along the Florida Trail, one can experience a variety of ecosystems including longleaf pine forests, sand dune scattered beaches, and hardwood hammocks.



FOLLOW THE ORANGE BLAZES

If you wanted to hike from the western end of Florida's panhandle to the southern tip of the state, how would you do it? Follow the orange blazes of course! These orange blazes, with the Florida Trail signs, will help you navigate the trail from end to end.

Wildlife viewing along the Florida Trail provides visitors with the opportunity to see black bears, alligators, panthers, gopher tortoises, and unique species of birds including wood storks, red-cockaded woodpeckers, Florida scrub-jays and roseate spoonbills.



The first National Scenic Trails were established by congress in 1968 to "provide access to spectacular natural beauty and to allow the pursuit of healthy outdoor recreation." There are now 11 National Scenic Trails.

To learn more about the Florida Trail, purchase trail maps, plan your trip, or discover volunteer opportunities, visit www.fs.usda.gov/fnst or www.floridatrail.org





LAKE BUTLER

A FLORIDA TRAIL GATEWAY COMMUNITY

The Florida Trail passes through the city of Lake Butler, making it a great place for hikers to resupply or grab a bite to eat. The Gateway Community Program is designed to foster connections between Florida Trail hikers and the towns along the length of the Florida Trail. For more information on the Gateway Community Program and its designated towns, visit www.floridatrail.org/gatewaycommunities



Scan for Lake Butler recommendations



Collect your Lake Butler-Florida Trail Passport Stamp

For more information on the Florida Trail Passport Program, visit www.floridatrail.org/passport

LAKE BUTLER AND THE FLORIDA TRAIL

This section of the Florida Trail shares its routing with the Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail, a 46.4-mile multi-use recreational trail. This portion of the Florida Trail is paved with little-to-no elevation gain, making it a relatively easy hike or bike.

LOCAL TRAIL INFO

TRAIL TYPE AND DIFFICULTY:

Paved surface, easy



BIKING, EQUESTRIAN, HIKING?:

Biking and hiking only



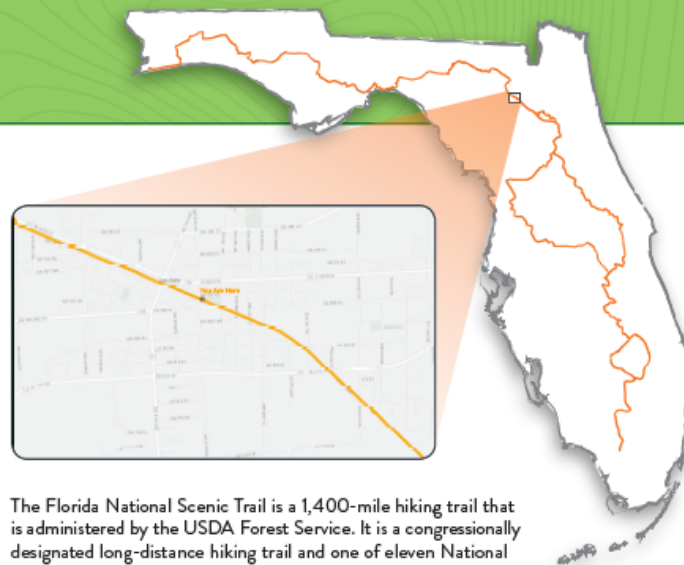
FLORA:

Cypress trees, hardwood hammocks, pine plantations, pine flatwoods, swamps



FAUNA:

Alligators, gopher tortoises, black bears, fox squirrels, deer, red-cockaded woodpecker



The Florida National Scenic Trail is a 1,400-mile hiking trail that is administered by the USDA Forest Service. It is a congressionally designated long-distance hiking trail and one of eleven National Scenic Trails in the United States. Thousands of painted orange swatches called blazes mark the Florida Trail, extending from the northern terminus at Gulf Islands National Seashore to the southern terminus at Big Cypress National Preserve in the Everglades. The Florida Trail showcases Florida's most scenic natural areas, history, culture, and provides a source of ecotourism to Florida visitors and residents.

You can learn more about the Florida Trail by visiting www.floridatrail.org or www.fs.usda.gov/fnst





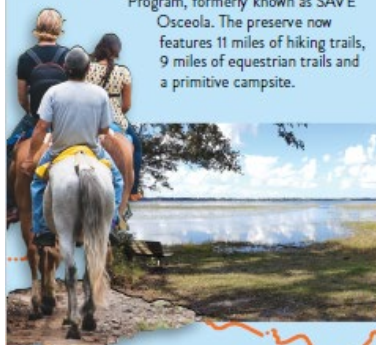
LAKE LIZZIE CONSERVATION AREA ON THE FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

ABOUT LAKE LIZZIE CONSERVATION AREA

The 1,076 acre preserve is located on Lake Lizzie, Bay Lake and Trout Lake in the Upper Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. The site was historically used for cattle ranching and turpentine production before it was acquired by Osceola County in 1998.

Lake Lizzie Conservation Area consists of several parcels purchased with funds from both the state Conservation and Recreational Lands Program and the Environmental Lands Conservation Program, formerly known as SAVE

Osceola. The preserve now features 11 miles of hiking trails, 9 miles of equestrian trails and a primitive campsite.



THE FLORIDA TRAIL IN LAKE LIZZIE

Going northbound, the trail begins by rounding the Marsh Loop, then continues east 1.2 miles before turning north. Continue another 0.75 miles to the intersection of a blue blazed spur trail that leads to a campsite and scenic view of Lake Lizzie. The north trailhead is another 0.3 miles north of the intersection of the blue spur trail.

ALLOWABLE USES

Hiking and non-motorized biking are allowed along this section the Florida Trail. Leashed pets are allowed. Equestrian are allowed except on the Marsh Loop.



TRAIL LENGTH

Lake Lizzie hosts 3.5 miles of the Florida Trail between the Old Melbourne Hwy and Midland Dr.



CAMPING

Camping can be reserved online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/osceolaparks> or by calling (407) 742-0200 during business hours.



SAFETY INFORMATION

Heat and humidity can be challenging to hikers. Please pack adequate water and snacks with you on the trail. Be sure to pack out any waste. A full brimmed hat and sunscreen are recommended.



Please report any negative trail conditions to the Florida Trail Association at 1-877-HIKEFLA.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION CHAPTER!

The Indian River Chapter is one of 18 regional Florida Trail Association chapters, and is responsible for building and maintaining more than 120 miles of trail. The chapter maintains trails that wind through the Three Lakes, Bull Creek, Triple N Ranch, and Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Areas. The chapter offers frequent opportunities for its wider community to experience the outdoors. Activities include not only trail maintenance hikes, but also leisure hikes as well as camping, backpacking, sightseeing, swimming, and paddling. We also offer full moon hikes, beach strolls, and lighthouse tours. Our monthly chapter meetings feature presentations on long-distance hikes, skill-building exercises, and knowledge exchange. Check us out at www.meetup.com/SpaceCoastHiking/, or on the Florida Trail Association website, www.FloridaTrail.org.



To learn more about the Florida Trail, please scan the QR code or visit our websites below. Here you can find more information about hikes in your area, purchase maps of the Florida Trail, or discover volunteer opportunities on the trail! www.fs.usda.gov/ftrst or www.floridatrail.org. Visit the Osceola County website for more information about local recreation: www.osceola.org



Objective 3: Promote

- Connect people to the Florida Trail through coordinated promotion efforts
- Associated projects include:
 - Public Relations Campaign
 - **Regional Trip Brochures and Itineraries**
 - **Improved User Access to Print and Web Content**





The Florida National Scenic Trail (**Florida Trail** for short), is roughly **1,300 miles** long.

It connects
PEOPLE with **NATURE!**

Florida National
Scenic Trail

STAYING OVERNIGHT

For camping information, please contact
the Osceola County Parks & Recreation Office
at **(407) 742-0200**.

To reserve a campsite, please
scan the **QR code below** or visit:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/osceolaparks>



Big Cypress
National Preserve

TRAILHEAD COORDINATES

North Trailhead

28°14'56.14"N / 81° 9'50.67"W

South Trailhead

28°13'38.58"N / 81°10'42.38"W

FIND OUT MORE!

www.fs.usda.gov/fnst

www.floridatrail.org



Lake Lizzie Conservation Area
Regional Trip Guide

PARK ADDRESS

Lake Lizzie Conservation Area
6495 Old Melbourne Hwy
St. Cloud, FL 34771

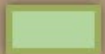




Florida Trail



Spur Trail



Conservation Lands



Trailheads



Campsites



Parking

**South
Trailhead**

Roughly
Four
Mile Hike

**North
Trailhead**



**Restroom
Facilities at
Campsite and
Both Trailheads**

TRAIL



Barred Owl

CREATURES



*Sandhill
Crane*

YOU



Limpkin

MIGHT



*Great
Egret*

SEE

Objective 2: Engage

- Cultivate community and cultural relevance through engaging new and non-traditional trail users
- Associated projects include:
 - Next Generation Trail Ambassadors Program
 - Roundtable on Diversity
 - **Improved Trailheads, Parking, Amenities**
 - **Social Media and Outreach**
 - **Florida Trail Gateway Communities Program**

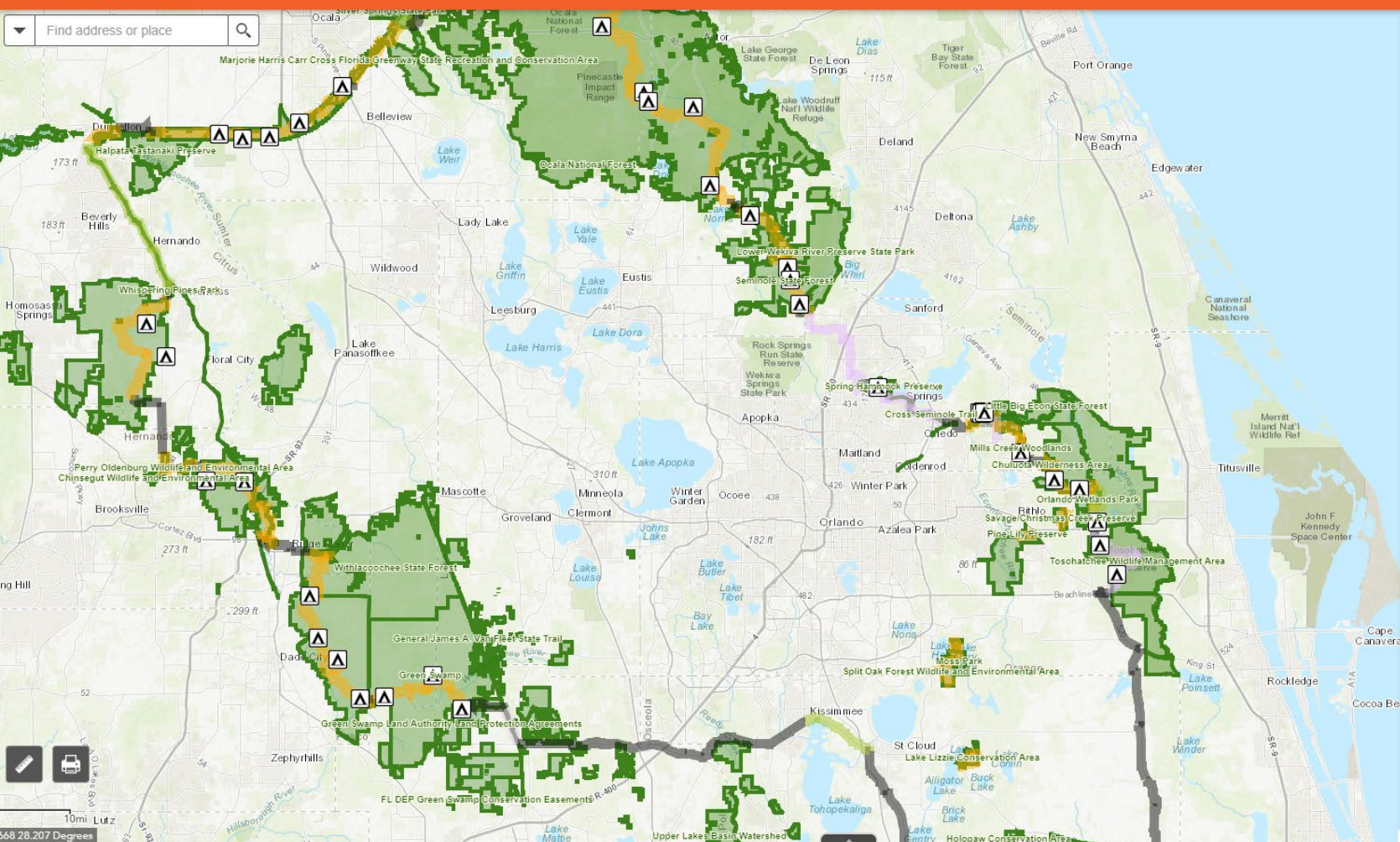


Florida Trail Web Map

<https://cosspp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=04fbd8ae24a94db68957c89630d1eb3f>

Florida National Scenic Trail

Find address or place



Legend

Campsites



Permitted Recreation Usage

Hike Only

Roadwalk

Hike & Bike

Hike & Bike & Equestrian

Managed Conservation Areas



The Forest Service maintains an up-to-date version of the Florida National Scenic Trail via the ArcGIS online application. This [ArcGIS map](#) allows you to explore the Florida National Scenic Trail and to create and print your own maps. You can also download the ArcGIS app to take the map with you on the go. Trailheads and campsites are visible as you zoom in to the county level. Many places along the Florida Trail do not have reception so make sure to bring a backup hardcopy map on your next adventure.



<https://www.fs.usda.gov/fnst>

Downloadable Maps

The U.S. Forest Service offers a KMZ file download of the Florida Trail. A KMZ file can be opened using Google Earth or used with a handheld GPS unit. Download the map by clicking the link below:

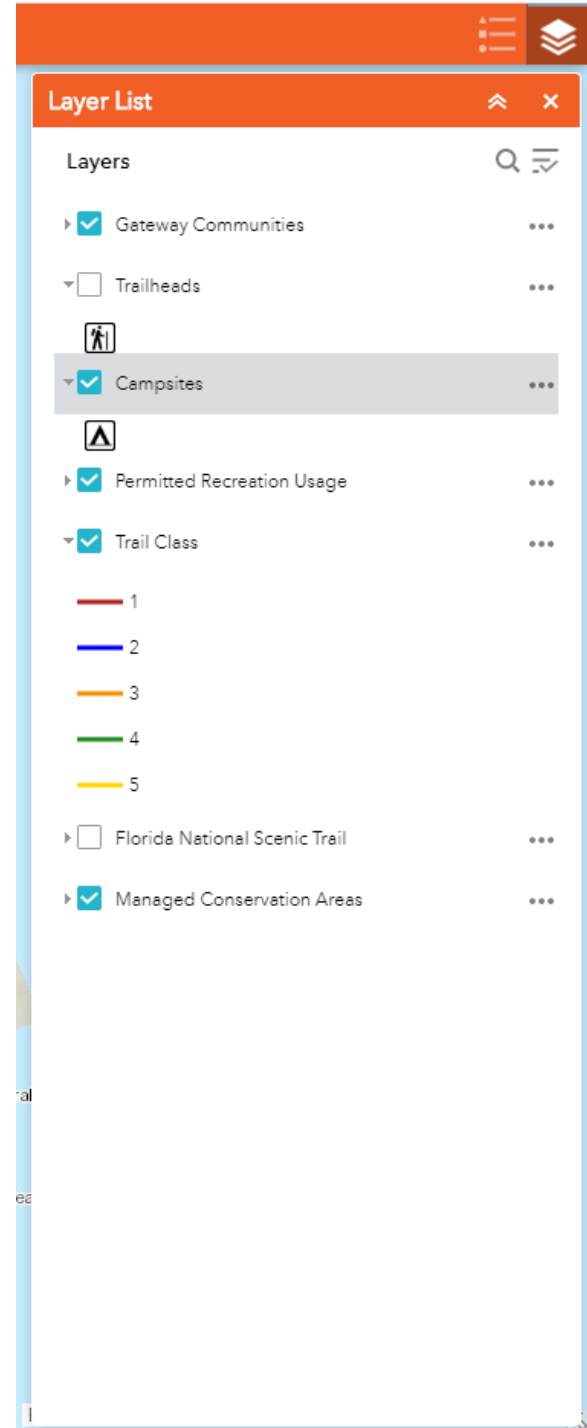
[Official Florida National Scenic Trail](#)

To provide trail status updates or data corrections for addition to the map, e-mail FNST@usda.gov.

This file was last updated October 2, 2019.

Hardcopy Maps

The Florida Trail Association, a non-profit partner of the FNST, offers hardcopy maps and trail guides for purchase. For more information on up to date trail conditions and to purchase these maps please visit the Florida Trail Association's [website](#) under the "[Shop](#)" tab.



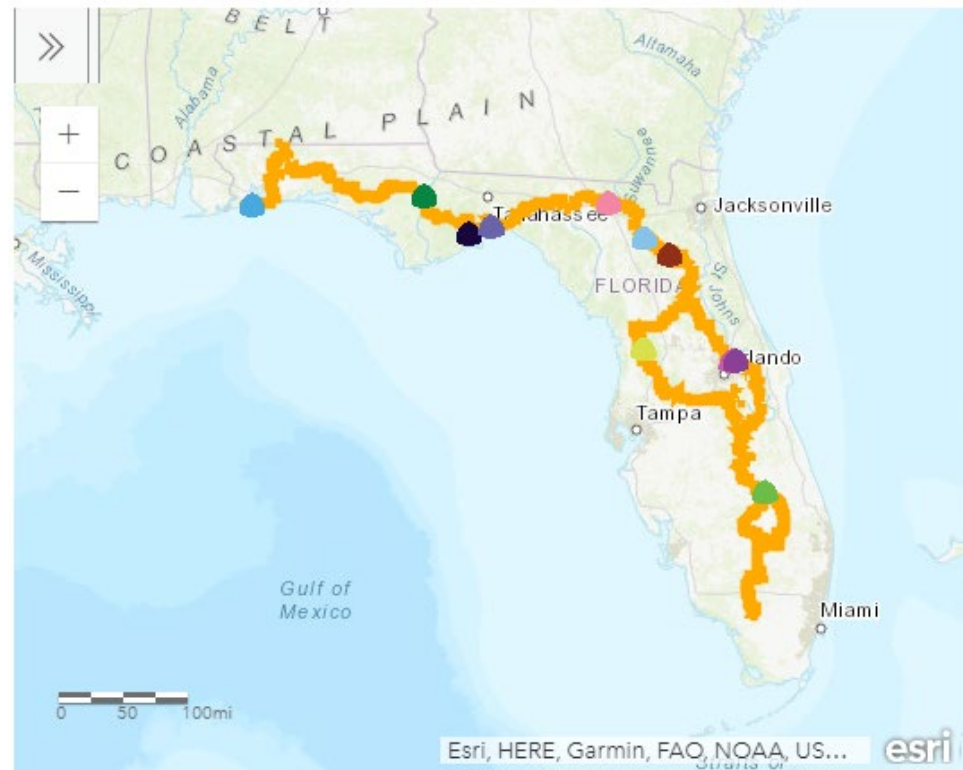


(** Not all businesses listed on our GC pages will have this decal)

Visit our 11 Gateway Communities Here:

- ▶ Pensacola Beach
- ▶ Blountstown
- ▶ Sopchoppy
- ▶ St. Marks
- ▶ White Springs
- ▶ Lake Butler
- ▶ Keystone Heights
- ▶ Winter Springs
- ▶ Oviedo
- ▶ Inverness
- ▶ Okeechobee

<https://www.floridatrail.org/gatewaycommunities/>



[View larger map](#)

Click on a Gateway Community in the map or list above to learn more about our partnered businesses and recommendations.

•Pensacola Beach

- Town Stamp: [Visitor Information Center/Chamber of Commerce](#)

•St Marks

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [The Shack Coffee Boutique](#)
- [Bo-Lynn's Grocery](#)

•Blountstown

- Town Stamp: [M&B Railroad Depot Museum](#)
- [Rivertown Mercantile \(Herbal Roots\)](#)
- [Panhandle Pioneer Settlement](#)

•Sopchoppy

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Sopchoppy Pizza Company](#)
- [Sopchoppy Grocery](#)

•White Springs

- Town Stamp: [White Springs Library/ Suwannee River Regional Library](#)
- [Suwannee River Yoga](#)



•**Lake Butler**

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Spires IGA](#)

•**Keystone Heights**

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Florida Cracker Kitchen](#)

•**Oviedo**

- Town Stamp: [Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Center](#)
- [Townhouse Restaurant](#)

•**Winter Springs**

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Red Cypress Brewery](#)
- [Red Eye Sports Tavern](#)

•**Inverness**

- Town Stamp: [Whispering Pines City Park \(building by the pool\)](#)
- [The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum](#)
- [Inverness Bicycle & Fitness](#)

•**Okeechobee**

- Town Stamp: [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Parrott Island Grill](#)
- [Nutmeg's Cafe](#)
- [KOA Resort Okeechobee](#)

•**Other Featured Locations**

•[88 Store & Pub](#)


•[Big Shoals](#)

•Micco Bluff (TBD)

•Choctawhatchee River Section (TBD)

•[Northern Terminus- Fort Pickens \(Located in the Discovery Center\)](#)

•Southern Terminus- Big Cypress (TBD)



*Close the gaps in the Florida Trail
through long-range planning, acquisition
and agreements for long term protection
of the Trail corridor.*

GOAL : COMPLETE THE TRAIL

2019 UPDATE

Complete the Trail

Major Performance Measure- Remove 30 miles of trail connectors and add 50 designatable miles of trail to close critical gaps within the Trail corridor.

Long Term Outcome- The Florida Trail is a fully designated corridor, through ownership or agreement, from the northern terminus in Gulf Islands National Seashore to the southern terminus in Big Cypress National Preserve.



Objective 1: Plan

- Define the route of a complete Florida Trail that reflects on the ground conditions.
- Associated projects include:
 - **Corridor/Optimal Location Reviews**
 - **OGT Priority and Opportunity Mapping**
 - **Land Acquisition Priority Plan**
 - FNST Planning Corridor
 - **Large-Scale Infrastructure Planning**



Objective 2: Acquire

- Acquire segments necessary for completing the Trail through fee-simple acquisition, easements or formal agreements.
- Associated projects include:
 - **MOUs and Agreements**
 - LWCF Grant Applications
 - **Willing Sellers List**
 - **Land Acquisition**



Objective 3: Protect

- Preserve the long term integrity of the Trail corridor and surrounding resources.
- Associated projects include
 - Trail Corridor Model
 - At-Risk Trail Segment Matrix
 - Trail Corridor Protection Plan



Summary of Performance Measures

COMPLETE THE TRAIL

MEASURE	TARGET	METHODOLOGY
Trail Connectors*	Remove 30 miles	FNST Program (G)
Scenic/Designated Trail*	Increase by 50 miles	FNST Program (G)
Planning Corridor Development	100% identified and published	FNST Program (I)
Land Acquisition Plan	Plan developed and shared with partners annually	FNST Program (P)
Trail Corridor Protection Model	Develop and publish	FNST Program(P)

The following denotes FNST Program Staff charged with responsibility for collection of performance measure metrics: (I) FNST Program Intern; (G) FNST Program GIS Technician; (P) FNST Program Partnerships Coordinator



Current Detailed Statistics

- From Gulf Islands National Seashore to Big Cypress National Preserve the Florida Trail is **1,583.92** miles long
- This includes:
 - Total designated trail length: 1,109.5 miles
 - Total connector length: 446.66 miles
 - Spur Trail: 27.75



The Florida Trail on Conservation Lands

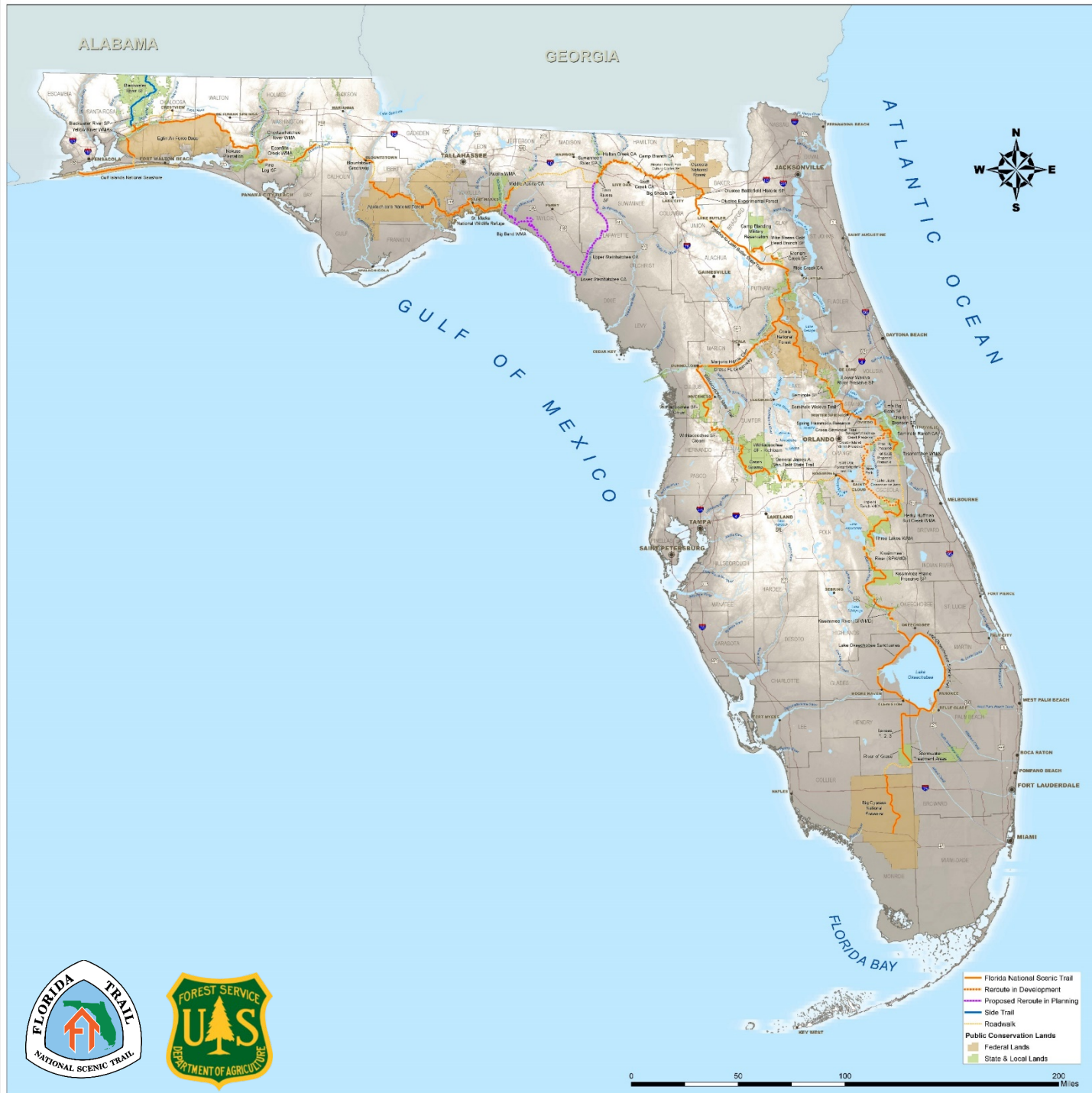
- Conservation lands are a vital component of the Florida Trail. Currently, the Trail goes through 103 different managed lands.
 - FT on National Forest Lands/easements: 220 miles
 - FT on Water Management areas: 170 miles
 - FT on State Forests: 151 miles across 8 forests
 - FT on FWC Lands: 73 miles on 9 properties
 - FT on County lands: data in works
 - FT in State Parks: 46 miles in 9 state parks
 - FT on NPS and USFWS: 91 miles on 3 properties
 - FT on DoD : 66 miles; Eglin AFB



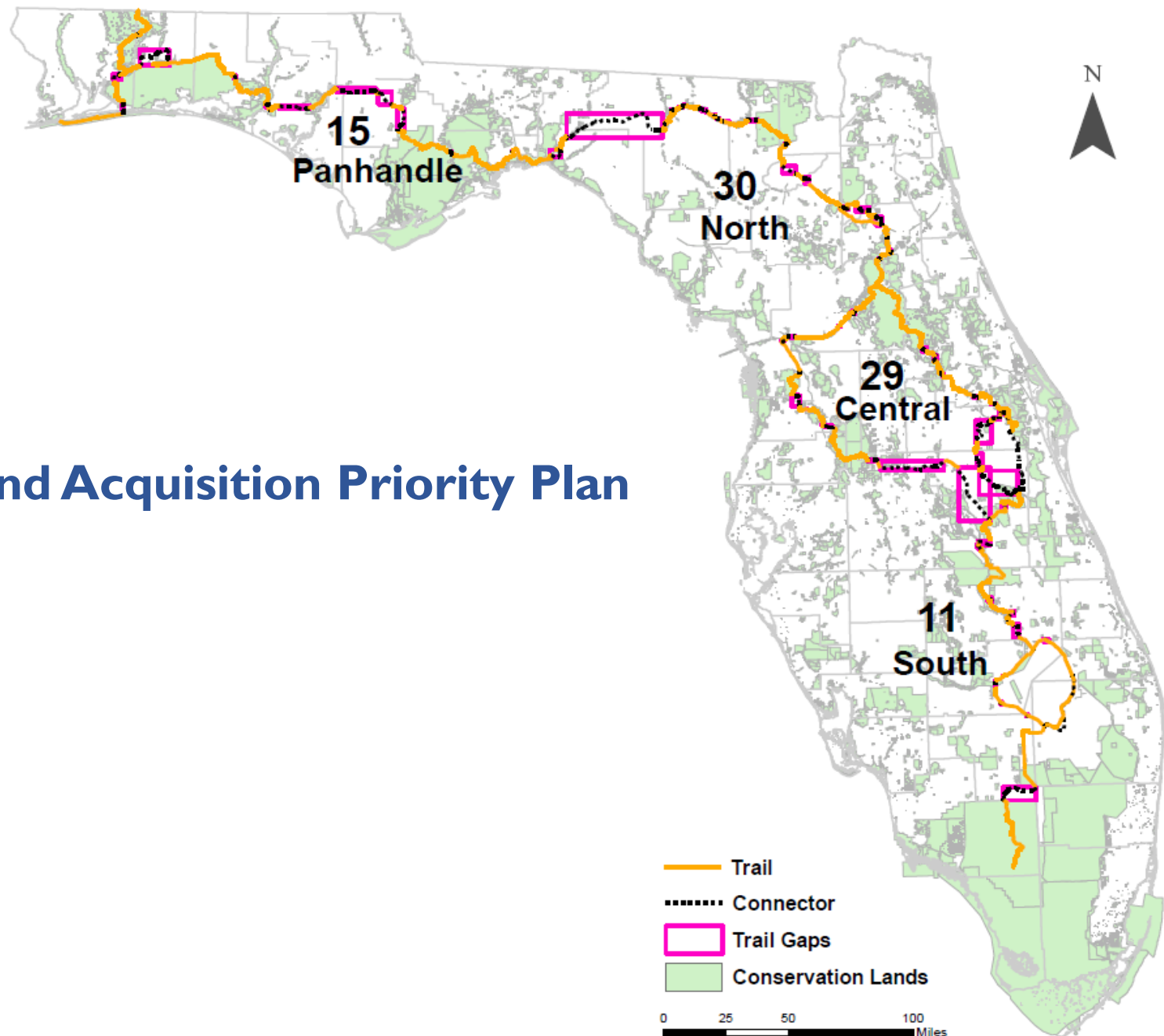
Trail and Roadwalk Additions and Removals

- Through reroutes and maintenance the Florida Trail is frequently undergoing changes
- In 2019 we had a net gain of 15.24 miles of trail and 14.05 miles of road walk removed

Hull Creek alternate route	0.1		SR 40 Roadwalk/Connector	4.53
FAMU Track	1.04		Deer Run Roadwalk	1.02
Alford Track	2.87		Alford Track	3.45
			Oviedo Reroute	0.01
			Cross Seminole Trail	0.25
Pine Lily	1.8			
Hal Scott Park/Preserve	0.49			
Crosby Island Marsh	1.11			
SR 50 Roadwalk	0.6		Richloam Tract Withlacoochee (trail)	1.23
Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve	1.9			
Seminole State Forest	5.33		SR 44 Connector	2.28
			Royal Trails Road/ Wildflower Way	1.17
			Brantley Branch Rd Connector	0.11
Hoot Owl Spur Trail	0.039			
Stafford Easement	0.45		CR 141/SW 74th Way Roadwalk	2.15
TOTAL:	15.24			- 14.05



Land Acquisition Priority Plan





Land Acquisition Priority Parcel Model Status Update

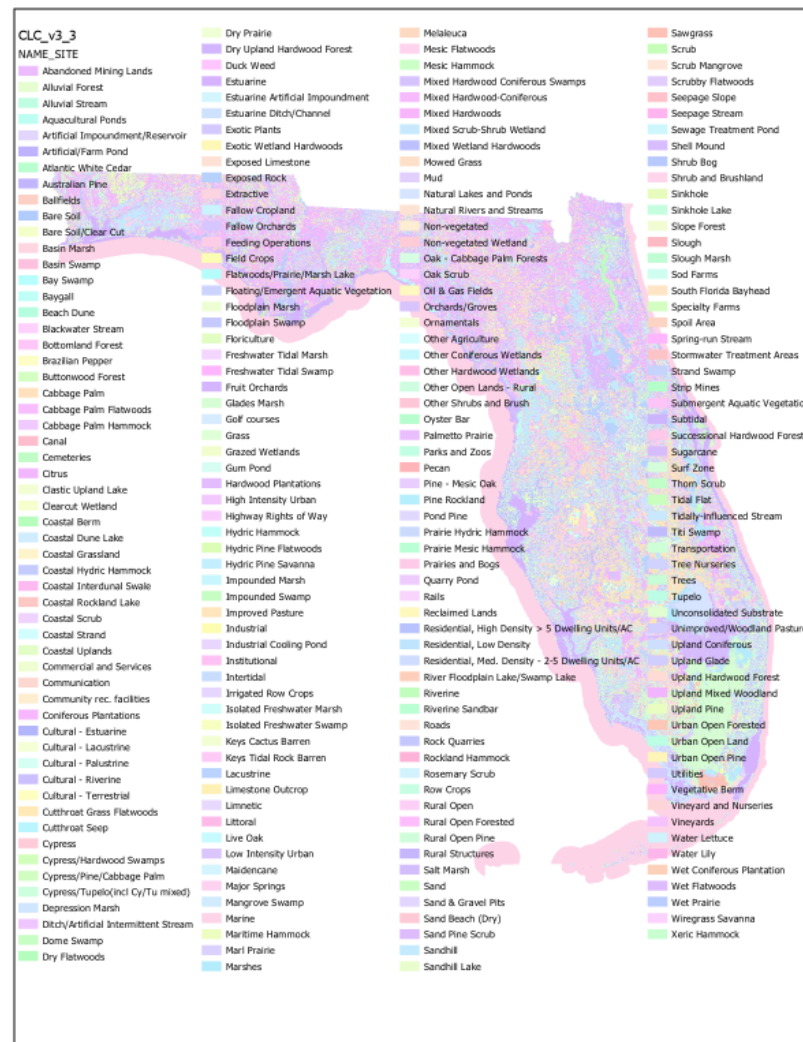
Tools to Complete the Trail

- Land Acquisition Atlas
- Prioritize Areas Ready For Acquisition or Agreement in Critical Gaps



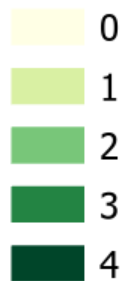
Interesting Diversion with Landcover...

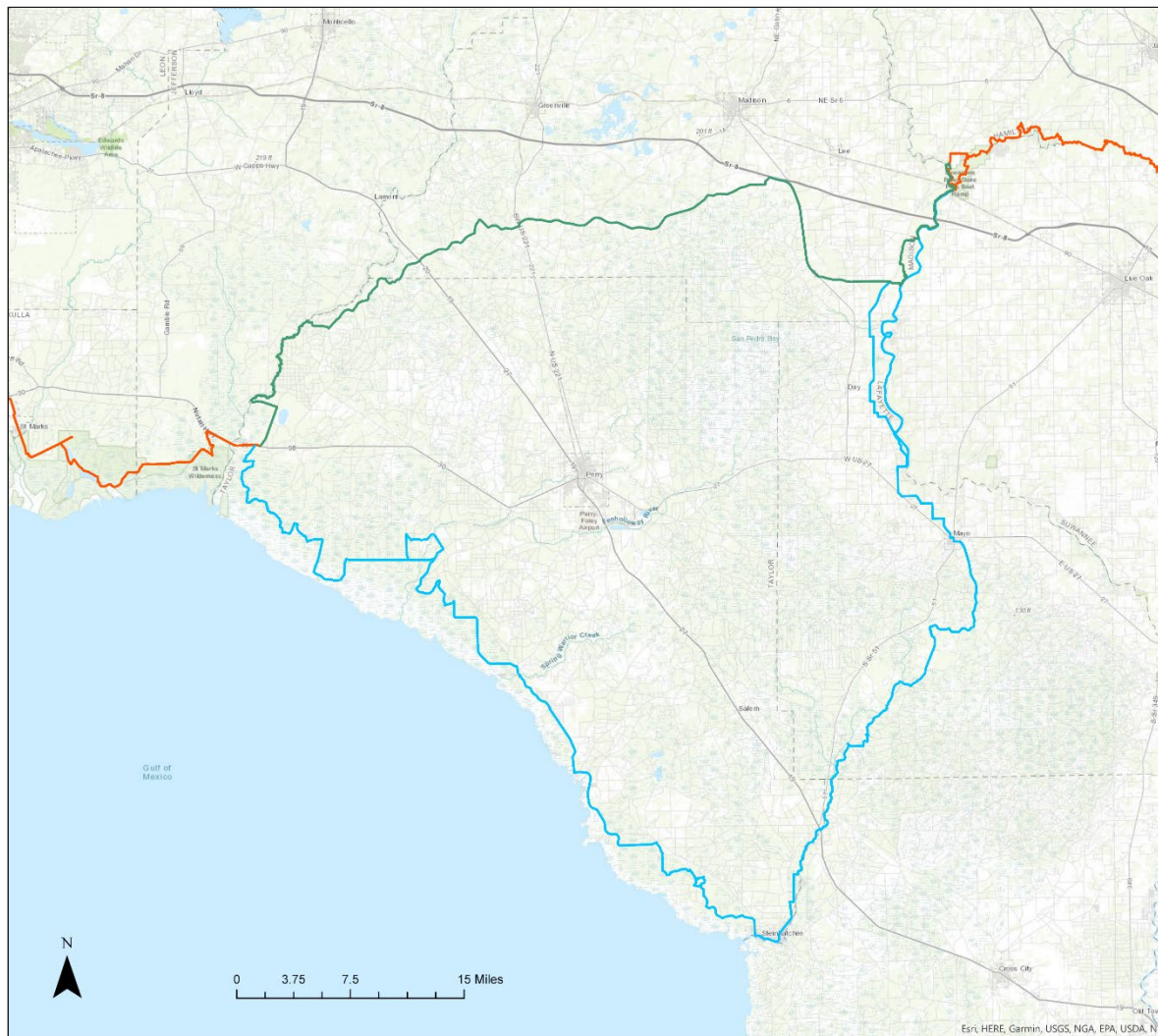
- The Florida Cooperative Land Cover Map (CLC) is a partnership between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) to develop ecologically-based statewide land cover from existing sources and expert review of aerial photography. The CLC is primarily funded by the Florida's State Wildlife Grants program in support of The Florida State Wildlife Action Plan which identified improved habitat mapping as a priority data gap
- <https://myfwc.com/research/gis/applications/articles/cooperative-land-cover/>



Landcover Ranked for the Florida Trail

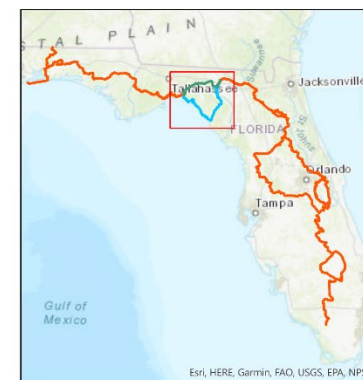
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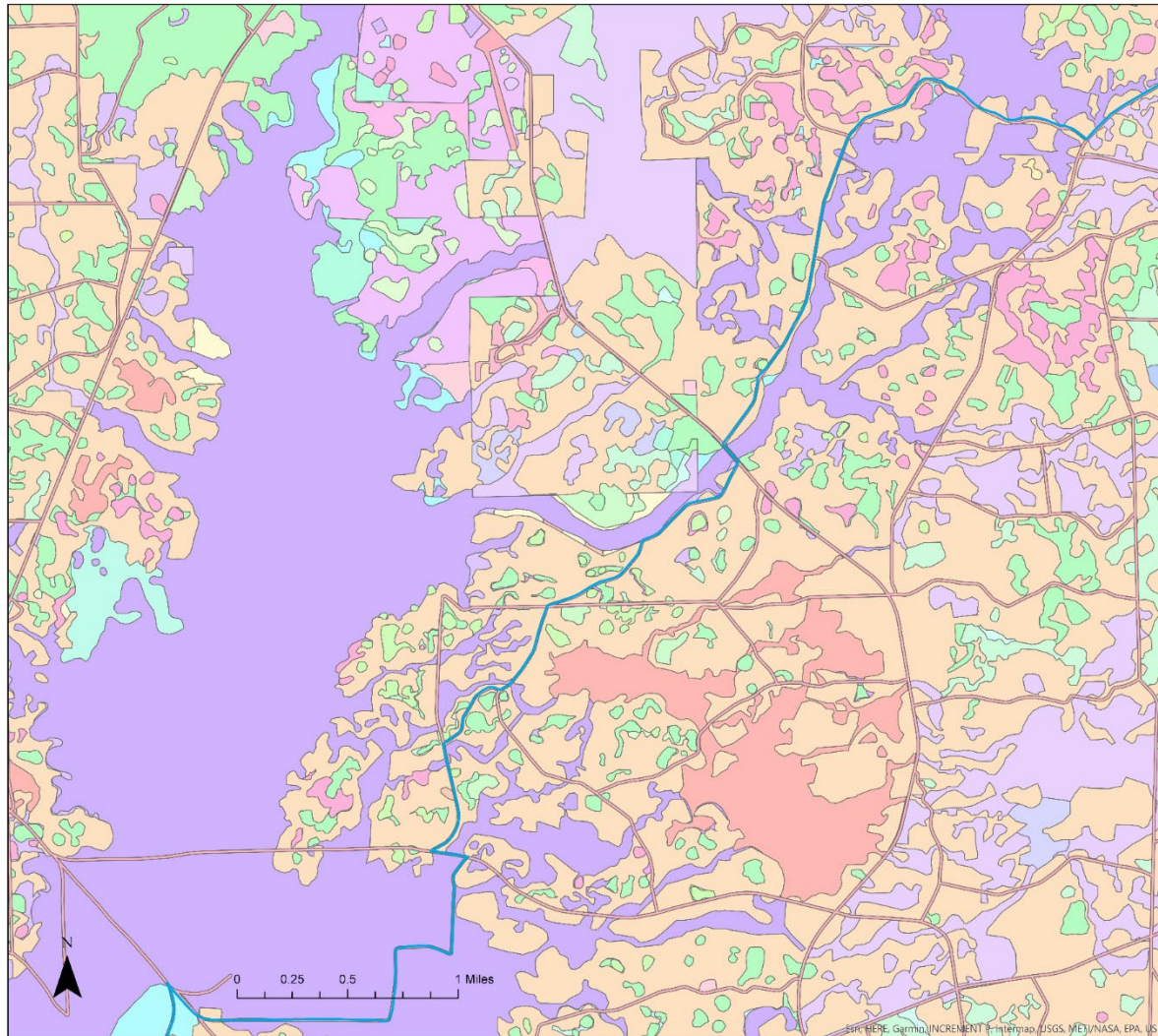




Big Bend Reroute Land Cover Desirability Analysis Study Segment Map

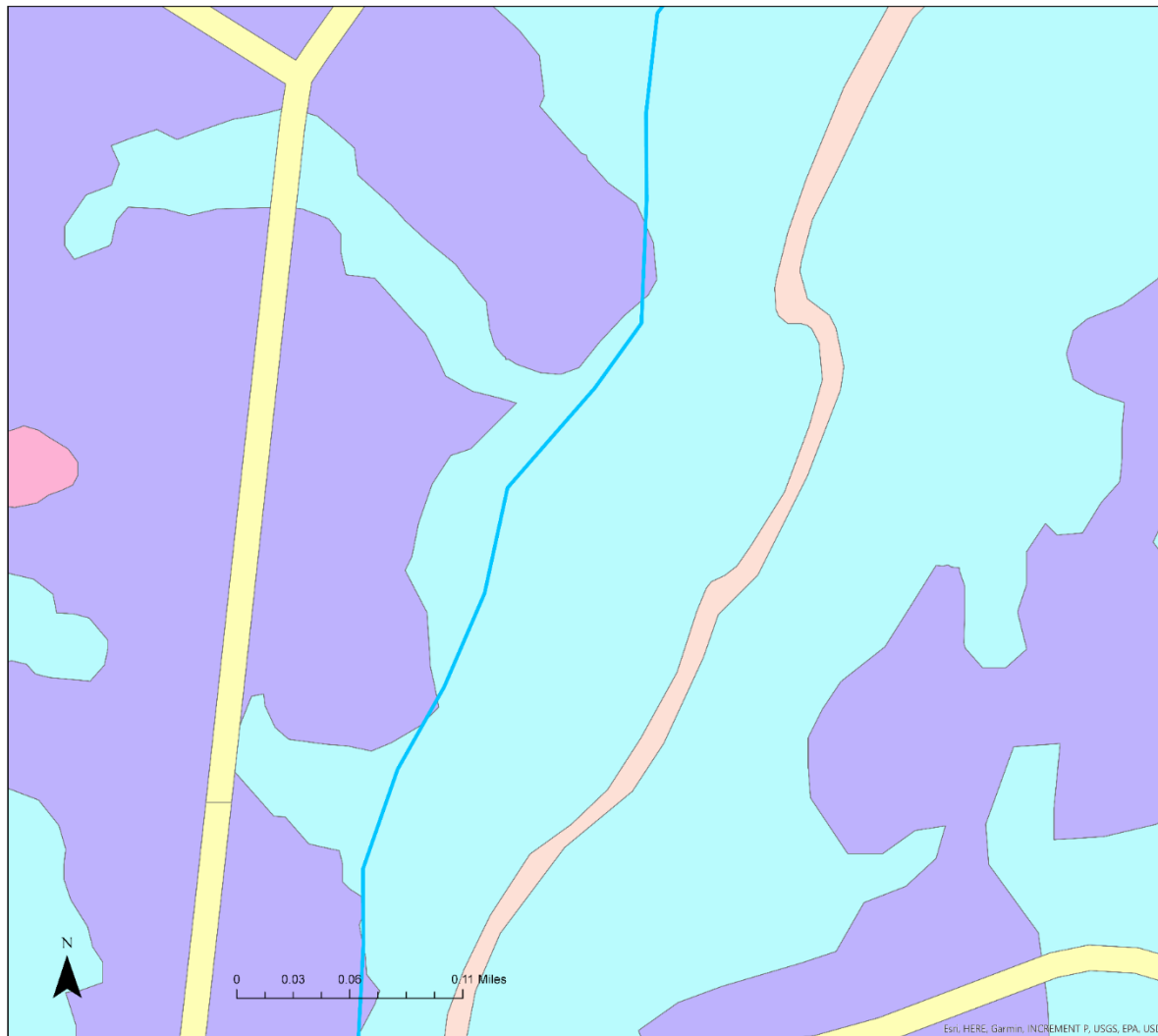
- Existing Trail/Roadwalk Study Segment
- Big Bend ReRoute Study Segment
- Existing Florida Trail





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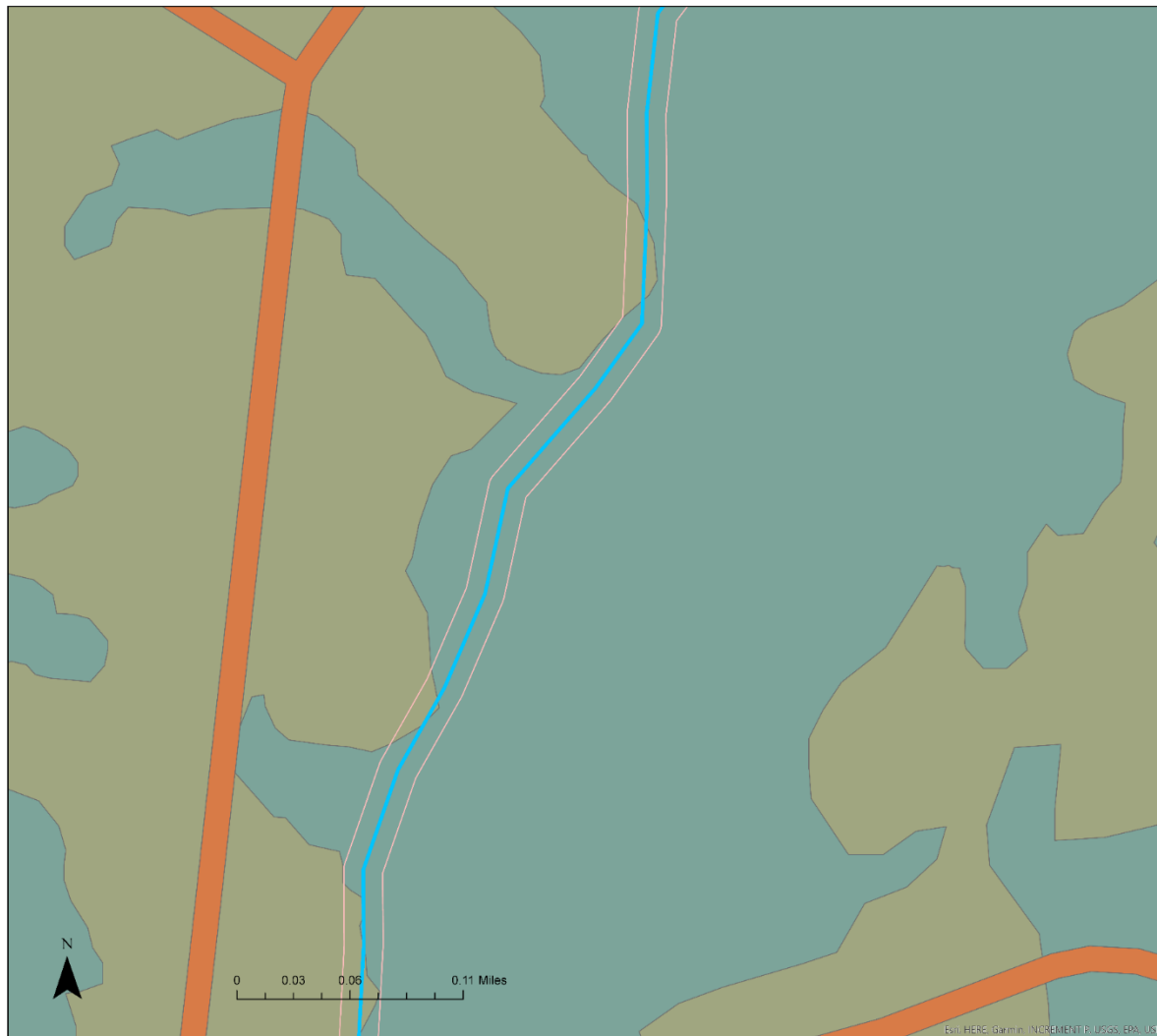
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| Big Bend Reroute Study Segment | Mixed Hardwood Coniferous Swamps |
| Artificial Impoundment/Reservoir | Mixed Scrub-Shrub Wetland |
| Bare Soil/Clear Cut | Mixed Wetland Hardwoods |
| Basin Swamp | Other Coniferous Wetlands |
| Bottomland Forest | Pond Pine |
| Coniferous Plantations | Rural Open |
| Cypress | Rural Open Forested |
| Depression Marsh | Rural Structures |
| Dome Swamp | Scrubby Flatwoods |
| Floodplain Swamp | Shrub and Brushland |
| Hydric Hammock | Transportation |
| Hydric Pine Flatwoods | Unimproved/Woodland Pasture |
| Improved Pasture | Upland Coniferous |
| Industrial | Upland Hardwood Forest |
| Marshes | Wet Coniferous Plantation |
| Mesic Flatwoods | Wet Flatwoods |
| Mesic Hammock | Wet Prairie |



Big Bend Reroute Land Cover Desirability Analysis Study Segment Map

- Big Bend Reroute Study Segment
- Blackwater Stream
- Confirous Plantations
- Dome Swamp
- Floodplain Swamp
- Mixed Hardwood Coniferous Swamps
- Transportation
- Unimproved/Woodland Pasture
- Wet Flatwoods

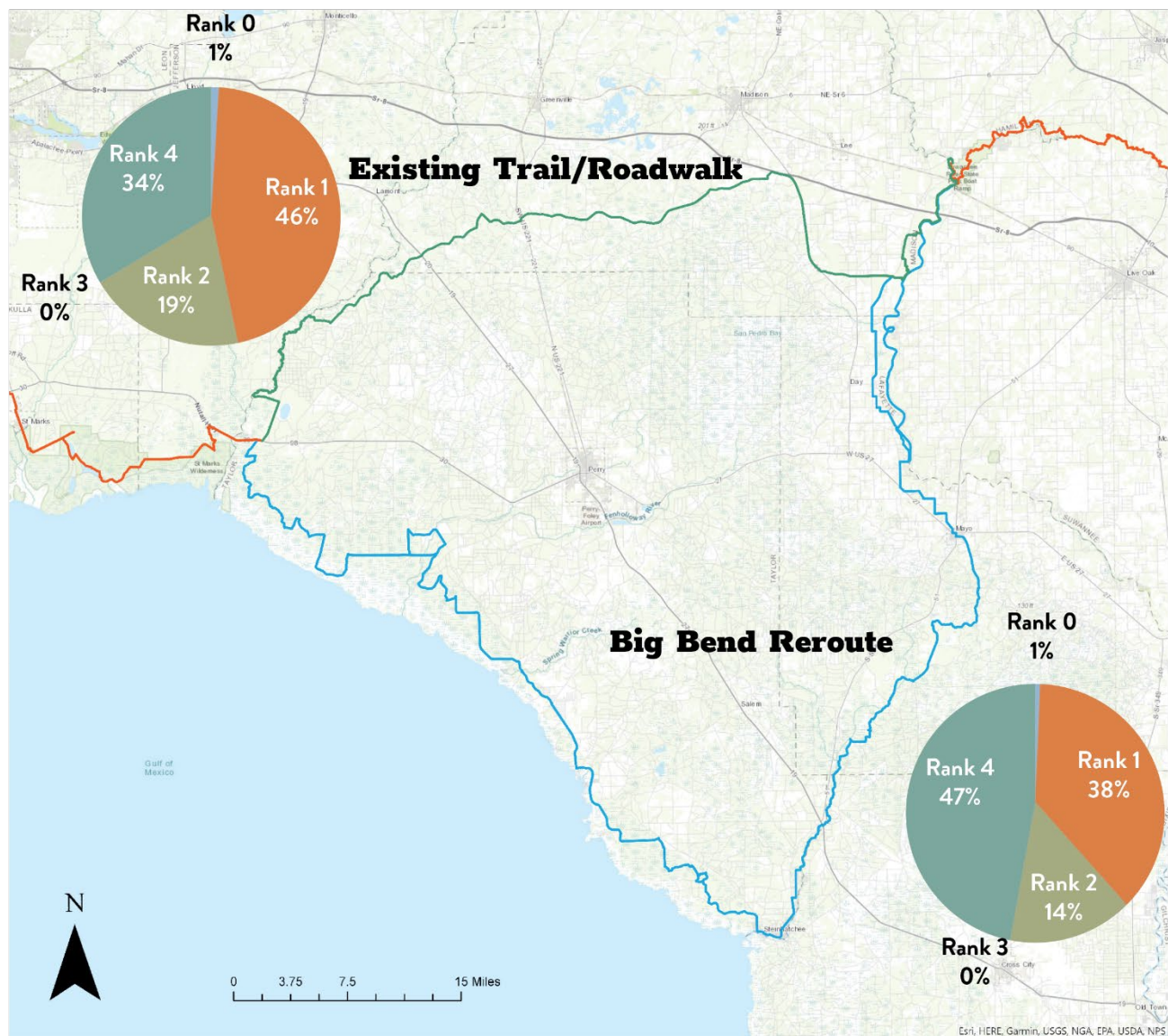




Big Bend Reroute Land Cover Desirability Analysis Study Segment Map

- Big Bend Reroute Study Segment
 - Reroute_Buffer_50
- Rank
- Rank 0: Lowest Suitability
 - Rank 1: Low Suitability
 - Rank 2: Moderate Suitability
 - Rank 3: High Suitability
 - Rank 4: Highest Suitability





Big Bend Reroute Land Cover Suitability Analysis

	Existing Trail/ Roadwalk	Big Bend Reroute
Rank 0: Lowest Suitability	1%	1%
Rank 1: Low Suitability	46%	38%
Rank 2: Moderate Suitability	19%	14%
Rank 3: High Suitability	0%	0%
Rank 4: Highest Suitability	34%	47%

What's Next?

- Using Landcover Data in conjunction with:
 - FNAI's Conservation Lands
 - Florida Forever BOT projects
 - Proximity to current/planned Florida Trail
 - County Parcel Data
- Potentially, Willing Seller's List





Questions?

Manage, monitor and maintain the Florida Trail and its associated infrastructure to ensure a high-quality recreation experience for current and future generations.



GOAL : Sustainable Management

2019 UPDATE

Sustainable Management

Major Performance Measure- 100% of the Florida Trail is managed to standard annually to provide maximum potential for recreation, conservation and enjoyment.

Long Term Outcome- The Florida Trail is maintained as a high-quality, iconic, long-distance trail enjoyed by current and future generations.

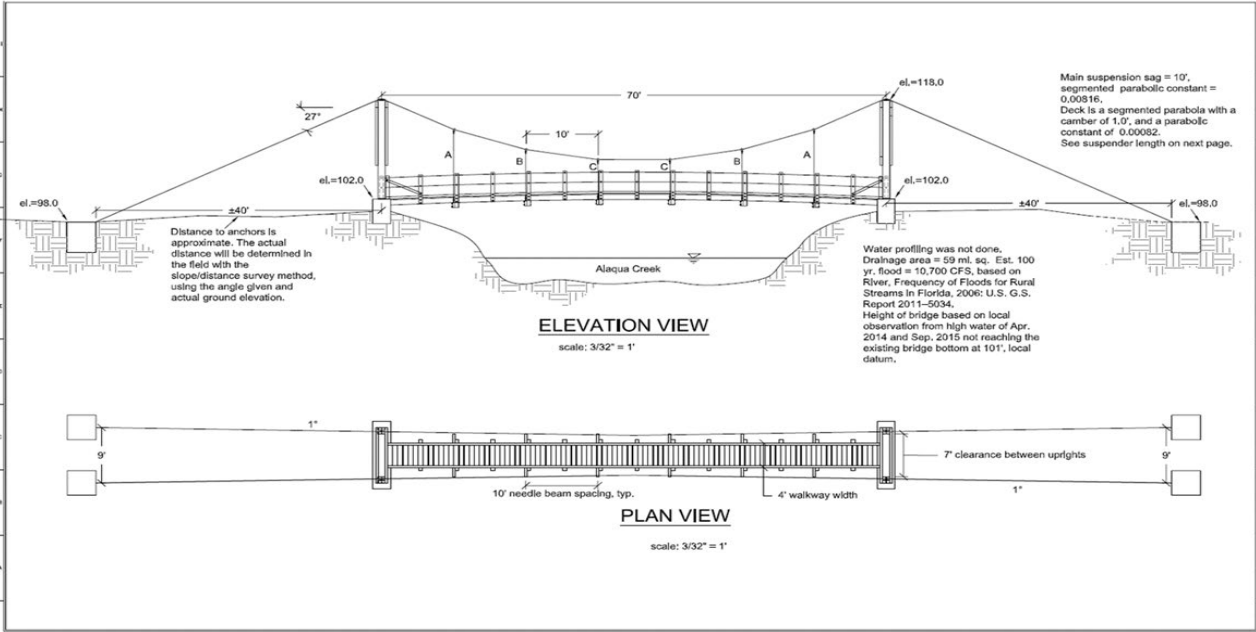


Objective I: Manage

- Collaboratively and sustainably manage the trail tread and associated resources to standard
- Associated projects include:
 - **Annual Priority Project List**
 - **Statewide Up-to-Date MOU's**
 - Stewardship Agreements with Land Management



Alaqua Bridge – Eglin Air Force Base







Spring Creek – St. Marks NWR





Objective 2: Monitor

- Champion an integrated approach to collecting and sharing trail information that better serves land managers and the public.
- Associated projects include:
 - **Infrastructure Database**
 - FNST Resource Atlas
 - Trail Inspection Protocol



Objective 3: Maintain

- Maintain the Florida Trail for recreation, conservation and enjoyment.
- Associated projects include:
 - Trail Maintenance
 - Annual Reporting of Maintenance Activities



Summary of Performance Measures

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

MEASURE	TARGET	METHODOLOGY
Managed to Standard*	100% of Trail managed to standard annually	FNST Program (P), FTA
FNST Databases	100% Updated annually;	FNST Program (I)
FNST Official KMZ files published annually	FNST Program (G)	FNST Program (P)
Project Priority List	Annually vetted by Coalition and projects completed within 2 years	FNST Program (P)
Management Information	100% of applicable databases shared annually with partners	FNST Program (G)
Trail Maintenance	100% of FNST maintained to required maintenance level	FTA, FNST Staff (G)

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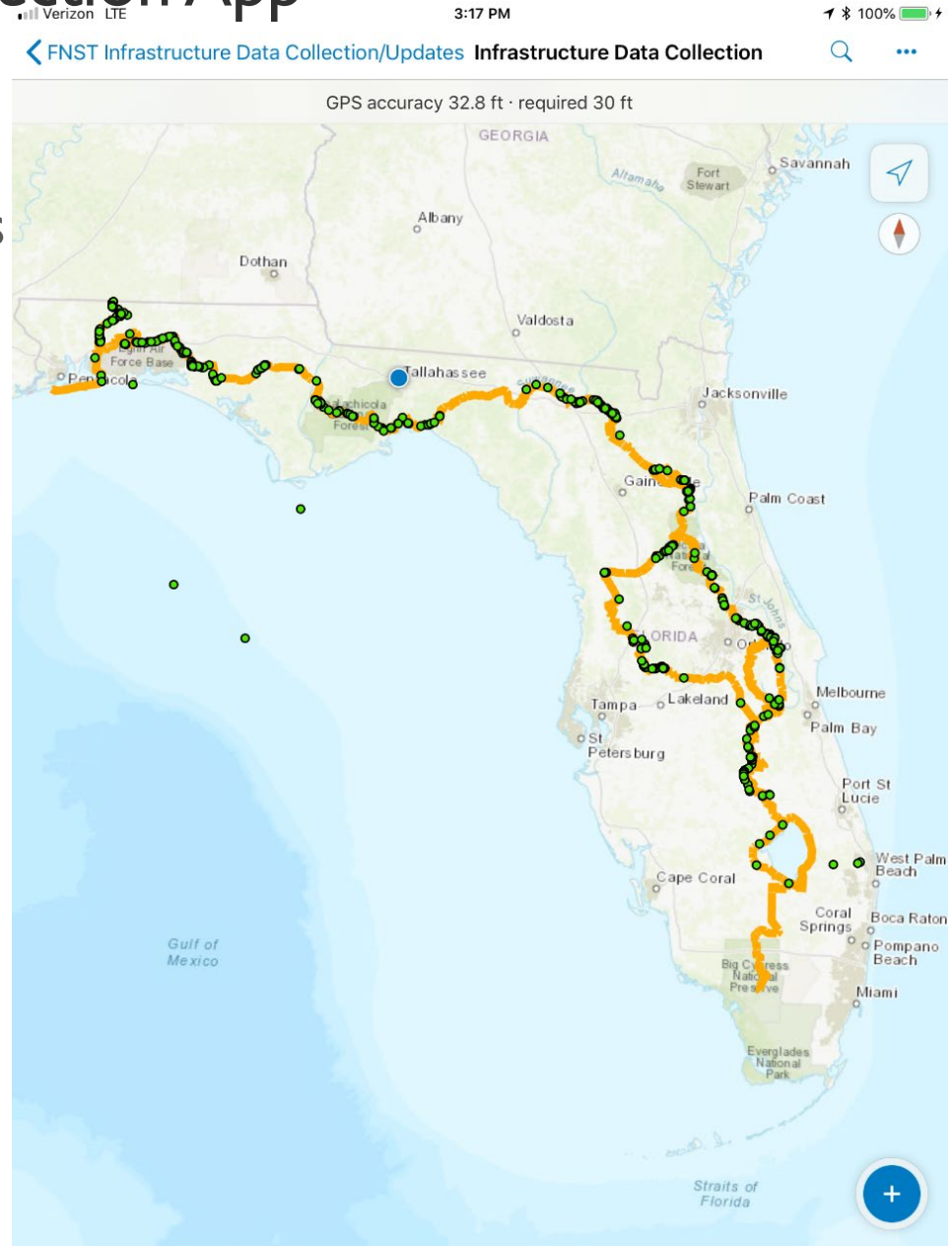
Innovation in Our GIS Program

- GIS Data Schema Update
- Expanding Data Hosted in ArcGIS Online
- Data Collection – Joint partner training Dunedin FL
 - Collector for ArcGIS
 - Survey123

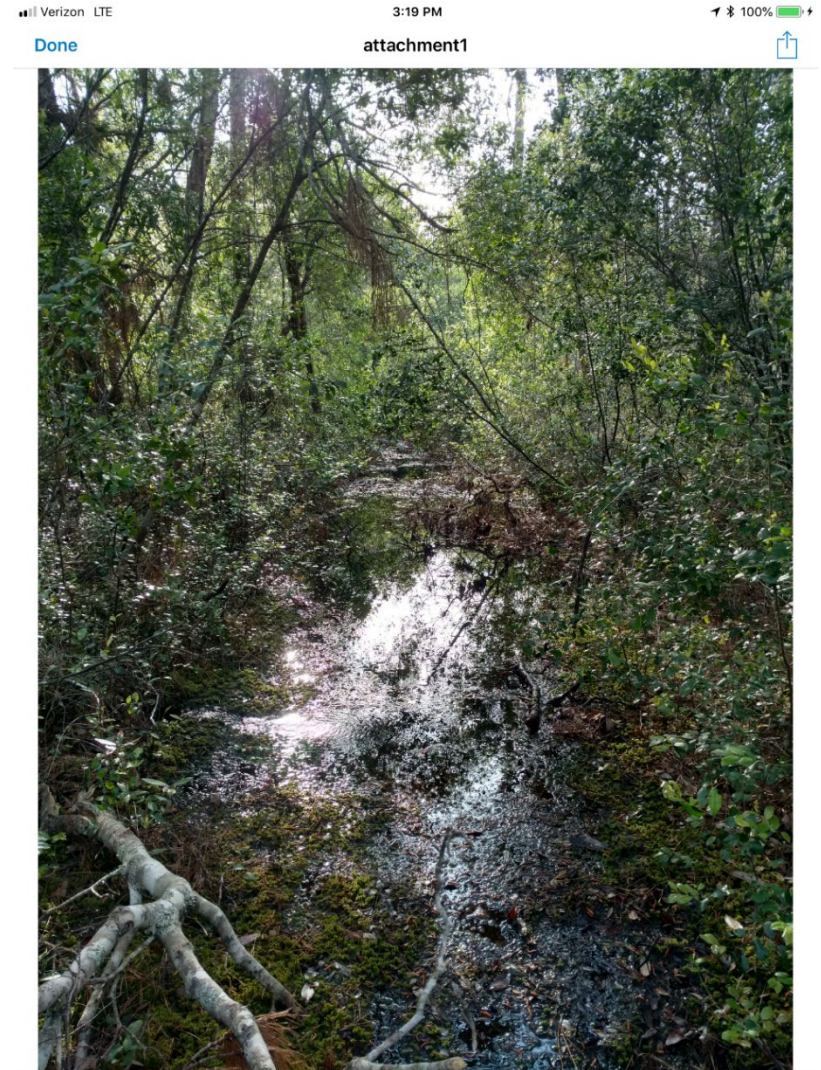
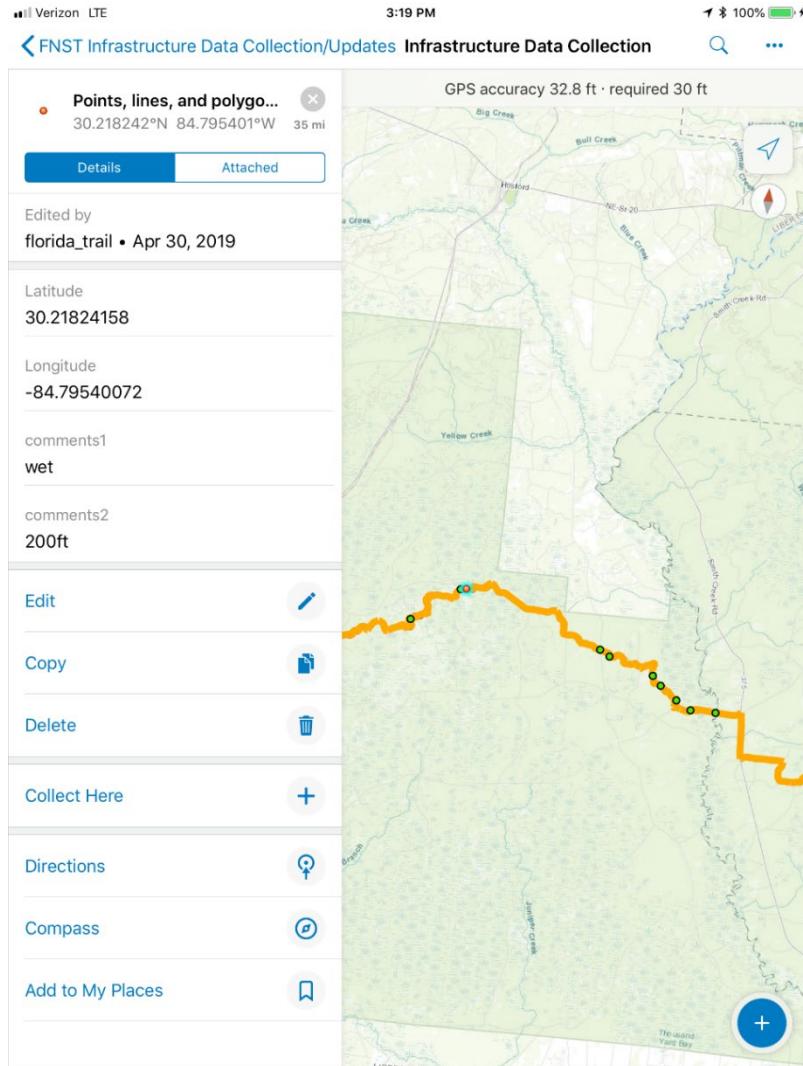


Infrastructure Data Collection App

- 645 Infrastructure points collected so far
- Bridges, puncheon, boardwalks, highway & railroad crossings



Infrastructure Data Collection App



Next Initiatives

- Trailhead Kiosk Maintenance/Inspections
- Bridge Inspection Survey I 23 Form
- Partner land management plan components from MOU to field
 - Competitive events
 - Minimum standards
- Record Trail Maintenance Spatially with Collector



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- Action 3.1.1 Develop and manage spatial databases for trail infrastructure, allowable recreation uses and resources within
 - A - Update trail infrastructure database
 - B – Develop Allowable Recreation Uses Dataset
 - C – Work with partners to identify relevant interpretive information to include in database
 - D – Manage spatial databases to ensure all data is current and accurate



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- Action 3.1.2 Develop protocol for annual trail inspections and reporting
 - A – Work with partners to identify issues, feasibility and opportunities for reporting
 - B – Develop annual trail inspections and reporting protocol
 - C – Provide technical support and hardware for trail inspections and reporting
 - D – Manage trail inspections and reporting through updating spatial databases current and accurate



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- Action 3.1.3 Develop and manage spatial databases for trail infrastructure, allowable recreation uses and resources within
 - B – Identify programs, tools, and methodologies to collaborate in trail data collection



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- Action 3.2.1 Ensure trail management data is accessible to land managers for project development and priority setting
 - A – Publish official trail corridor, connectors, trailheads, campsites and allowable uses on USFS website annually
 - C – Share FNST corridor location with state and local permitting agencies to ensure the FNST Program is notified of potential impacts



Encourage and develop a diverse community of partners in the management, promotion and completion of the Florida Trail.



GOAL: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Objective 1: Collaborate

- Foster coordination among interests, networks and stakeholders to further the goals of the Florida Trail.
- Associated projects include:
 - Bi-annual FNST Coalition Meetings
 - Collaboratively-developed Projects
 - Land Manager E-blaze, Contribution to Partners Publications
 - Improved Communication Channels



Objective 2: Steward

- Enhance partnerships to share stewardship of the Florida Trail and ensure access for future generations
- Associated projects include:
 - Building FTA Capacity
 - Veteran, Job and Youth Corps Partnerships
 - Diversity Focus for Event Development and Trail Information



Objective 3: Complete

- Engage partners in the development and protection of the Trail corridor.
- Associated projects include:
 - MOUs and Certification Agreements
 - Land Trust Partnerships
 - Mutually Beneficial State/Federal Land Acquisition Proposals



Summary of Performance Measures

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

MEASURE	TARGET	METHODOLOGY
Partner Contribution*	100% of FNST partners proactively contribute to Trail development, maintenance, or promotion of the FNST.	FNST Program (P), FTA
Partner Survey	100% Partners are 'highly satisfied' with information received by FNST Program and regional information provided to FNST Program	FNST Program (I)
Volunteer Hours	Increase hours by 50% over 5 years	FNST Program (P)
Underlying land agreements	100% of state and federal underlying land under certification or agreement	FNST Program (P)
Management Information	100% of applicable databases shared annually with partners	FNST Program (G)
Trail Maintenance	100% of FNST maintained to required maintenance level	FTA, FNST Staff (G)

* Denotes Goal Performance Measures for each goal

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Outdoor Recreation Value Added: Percent of State GDP, 2017

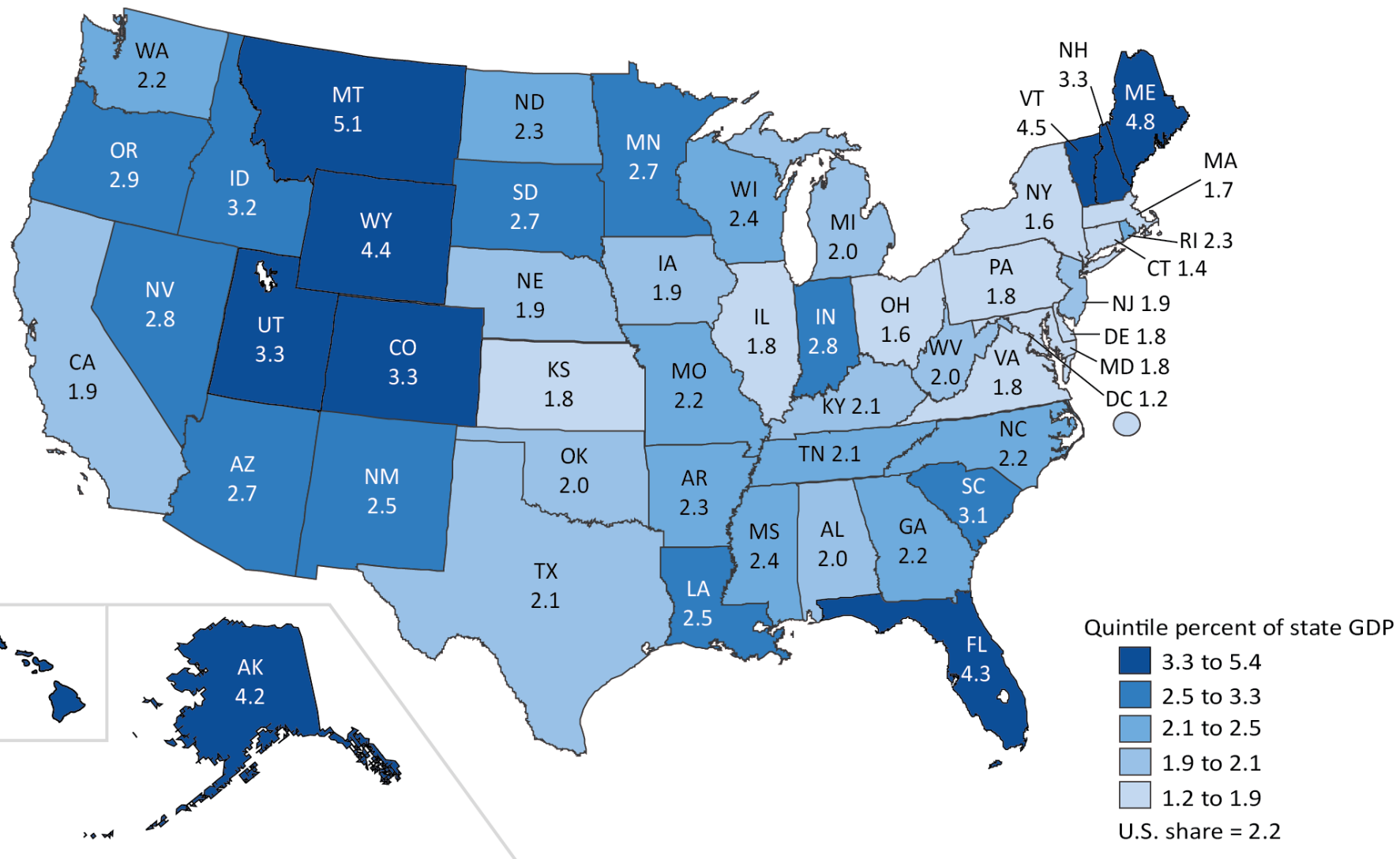


Table 1. Real Outdoor Recreation Value Added by Activity

[Millions of chained (2012) dollars]

Bureau of Economic Analysis

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Total Outdoor Recreation	360,509	361,153	363,128	370,446	371,789	386,107
2 Total Core Outdoor Recreation	181,182	182,453	185,380	186,452	187,001	196,628
3 Conventional Outdoor Recreation	111,349	112,623	113,991	116,012	116,392	122,221
4 Bicycling	1,750	1,877	1,904	1,839	2,073	2,091
5 Boating/Fishing	17,436	17,165	17,235	17,629	17,897	18,733
6 Canoeing	76	73	76	78	80	83
7 Kayaking	326	323	315	327	347	363
8 Fishing (excludes Boating)	2,583	2,478	2,486	2,533	2,522	2,500
9 Sailing	1,042	1,039	1,095	1,105	1,145	1,192
10 Other Boating	13,408	13,254	13,267	13,589	13,805	14,590
11 Climbing/Hiking/Tent Camping	3,067	3,141	3,179	3,106	3,266	3,241
12 Equestrian	5,245	5,389	5,686	5,800	6,139	6,800
13 Hunting/Shooting/Trapping	6,514	7,288	6,821	7,393	6,938	7,900
14 Hunting/Trapping	3,457	3,763	3,474	3,872	3,388	3,811
15 Shooting (includes Archery)	3,057	3,526	3,349	3,517	3,563	4,107

Table 1. Outdoor Recreation Value Added, Employment, and Compensation as a Percent of Total, 2017

	Total Outdoor Recreation Value Added (Thousands of Dollars)	Percent of Total Value Added ¹	Total Outdoor Recreation Employment	Percent of Total Employment ¹	Total Outdoor Recreation Compensation (Thousands of Dollars)	Percent of Total Compensation ¹
United States	427,189,444	2.2	5,170,670	3.4	213,440,905	2.1
California	52,120,252	1.9	588,680	3.3	27,383,466	1.9
Colorado	11,308,942	3.3	146,178	5.3	5,963,912	3.1
Arizona	8,654,150	2.7	108,460	3.8	4,327,385	2.4
Florida	8,560,336	4.3	502,939	5.6	20,690,183	3.9
Georgia	8,320,875	2.2	144,203	3.1	6,274,833	2.1

Florida**Table 1. Outdoor Recreation Value Added by Activity, Thousands of Dollars**

Line		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Total Outdoor Recreation	33,467,980	34,234,250	35,149,205	38,462,732	39,593,915	42,183,230
2	Total Core Outdoor Recreation	15,064,750	15,348,354	15,860,076	16,712,963	17,527,546	18,762,366
3	Conventional Outdoor Recreation	7,170,721	7,482,984	7,704,265	8,225,496	8,496,307	8,823,495
4	Bicycling	84,511	89,005	92,000	93,038	104,176	105,842
5	Boating/Fishing	1,997,117	2,034,390	2,141,145	2,331,533	2,507,203	2,692,393
6	Canoeing/Kayaking	58,315	59,262	61,845	67,757	75,855	80,724
7	Fishing (excludes Boating)	153,349	159,435	166,525	177,651	177,905	181,443
8	Sailing	153,044	153,545	167,248	179,647	196,108	205,768
9	Other Boating	1,632,410	1,662,148	1,745,527	1,906,478	2,057,334	2,224,459
10	Climbing/Hiking/Tent Camping	151,886	158,225	163,942	172,092	175,643	177,221
11	Equestrian	258,720	269,323	298,456	318,483	345,553	394,293
12	Hunting/Shooting/Trapping	338,230	380,160	362,107	393,746	370,995	410,189
13	Hunting/Trapping	198,104	218,344	204,824	223,697	191,889	208,734
14	Shooting (includes Archery)	140,126	161,816	157,283	170,048	179,106	201,455
15	Motorcycling/ATVing	332,484	316,556	331,533	361,867	383,551	393,466

10 Minute Break





COALITION BACKGROUND

PURPOSE OF THE COALITION

The FNST Coalition is dedicated to:

- The development, maintenance, and promotion of the Florida Trail to ensure an optimum recreation experience.
- Ensuring that the Trail is a truly public asset, accessible and enjoyed by diverse constituents.
- Informing better decisions, attracting greater resources, and creating Trail advocates across the State.



VISION STATEMENT

From the Emerald Coast to the Everglades, the Florida Trail is a fully-designated corridor, actively supported by a network of partners dedicated to the advancement and protection of the Trail. The Trail is widely-valued as a national treasure and used by current and future generations to connect with the outstanding scenic, natural, cultural and historic resources of Florida.

