SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Spring-to-Spring Trail DeLeon Springs

The Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program awarded over $1.7 million for the design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction of the Spring-to-Spring Trail in DeLeon Springs, near Glenwood. This project extends the existing trail by 1.3 miles along West Baxter Street, Ponce DeLeon Boulevard and Spring Garden Avenue to State Road 15/U.S. Highway 17. The 136-acre nearby Chuck Lennon Park provides parking, restrooms, covered pavilions and grills, playgrounds, ballfields and ballcourts, multi-purpose fields, and a 10-mile singletrack bicycle trail system with opportunities for nearly all skill levels. Volusia county received a matching fund grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for the building the facilities at Chuck Lennon Park, which is adjacent to DeLeon Springs State Park. Once called Acuera, or "Healing Waters", by Mayaca Indians who inhabited the area, the clear blue DeLeon Springs is popular for swimming.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from new vehicle tag revenues, to help communities develop high priority (strategic) paved multi-use trail corridors and connections (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians. The SUN Trail program is one source for developing the statewide network in coordination with private and public partners at the local, state, and federal level. Projects with funding from the SUN Trail program help implement the vision of the Florida Transportation Plan, which guides the state's transportation future, and have the ability to reduce incidents with vulnerable road users, enhance safety and improve mobility while enhancing communities and the environment. The resulting improvements to interregional connectivity ensure the SUN Trail network functions as a transportation system rather than standalone trails which increases the reliability of Florida's transportation system. FDOT is dedicated to building a safe and efficient multimodal transportation infrastructure that will fit the diverse needs of its growing population for decades to come. This project is a contributing resource to the following networks:

- **St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop, which is a developing 260-mile regional trail system that will link the Tri-County Agritourism Corridor to the Space Coast.**
  See: www.sjr2c.org
- **A complimentary route of the East Coast Greenway, which is a developing 3,000-mile national trail system that will link communities along the eastern seaboard from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine.**
  See: www.greenway.org
- **Heart of Florida Loop, which is a developing regional trail system that will connect the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway and the Withlacoochee State Trail to the C2C and the SJR2C.**
  See: www.floridadep.gov/parks/ogt/documents/heart-florida-loop

SUNTRAIL

To visit the trail or for more information, please contact:

Volusia County – Parks, Recreation and Culture • 386-736-5953 • www.volusia.org/trails

PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 5

CITY: DeLeon Springs

COUNTY: Volusia

WIDTH: Varies from eight-to-12 feet

LENGTH: 1.3 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Asphalt

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ITEM) NUMBER: 439875-1

LIMITS: Built along West Baxter Street, Ponce DeLeon Boulevard and Spring Garden Avenue to State Road 15/U.S. Highway 17

CONSTRUCTION START: July 2020

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: May 2021

PHASE: Design, acquisition of Right-of-Way, and Construction

FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR: 2017, 2019, and 2020

AMOUNT: $1,722,338

Voters renewed their commitment by passing the 20-year extension of ECHO and Volusia Forever providing two tenths of a mill ad valorem tax referendum for among other items, to improve and maintain environmental, cultural, historical, and outdoor recreational facilities

Florida Department of Transportation
Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program

Systems Implementation Office
605 Suwannee Street, MS 19
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

FloridaSunTrail.com

5/2021