

## **SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet**

# **Savannas Preserve State Park Connection**

### **Walton Road to Kitterman Road**



Funding assistance from the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program provides nearly seven miles of 10-foot-wide concrete trail, primarily within county right-of-way and Savannas Preserve State Park. The project includes eight-foot-wide elevated boardwalks over wetlands and equalizer culverts under the trail to ensure natural drainage flow is unimpeded. Established in 2015, with enacted changes in 2023 (under Section 339.81, Florida Statutes), the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund for administration by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Systems Implementation Office. The competitively awarded funding supports the expansion of a safe, statewide system of interconnected, high-priority, strategic paved multi-use trails (the SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians, while also improving connectivity for lands protected under the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act.

Overseen by the St. Lucie County Transportation Planning Organization, the community's vision for bicycle and pedestrian facilities is guided by the countywide Long Range Transportation Plan, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Analysis (2007), the St. Lucie Bicycle / Pedestrian Corridor Study Area of Interest Analysis (2012), multiple County Resolutions, and the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Implementation Plan. The latter synthesizes elements into a comprehensive report guiding short- and long-term project priorities along an identified corridor to support

broad community goals relating to economic vitality and community livability. The ECG is a developing 3,000-mile national trail system linking communities along the eastern seaboard from Key West, Florida, to Calais, Maine. See: [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org). As envisioned in St. Lucie County, the ECG will extend from Martin County via the Green River Parkway Trail, connecting Port St. Lucie through downtown Fort Pierce to North Hutchinson Island (North A1A) and into Indian River County.

In 2016, FDOT received a Request for Funding (RFF) from St. Lucie County through the SUN Trail program to plan, design, and construct 12 miles of the ECG, connecting Florida's Treasure Coast from Walton Road to Savanna Recreation Area. In 2017, the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase began receiving SUN Trail funding to evaluate four alternative alignments in Port St. Lucie and unincorporated St. Lucie County, with additional preconstruction phases to follow. Due to overall costs, the construction phase was segmented into two projects scheduled for 2021 and 2023 and became part of the Adopted Work Program (AWP) on July 1, 2019. Priorities and updates to the work program are developed through a dynamic, collaborative, bottom-up engagement process between FDOT and stakeholders. Through this process, project delivery phases were delayed until FDOT could balance neighborhood concerns from Indian River Estates and Savanna Club, along with environmental considerations adjacent to the State Park, with the larger project area and community vision.



To visit the trail or for more information, contact

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# PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

## TRAIL

**FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER:** 4

**CITY:** Port St. Lucie

**COUNTY:** St. Lucie

**WIDTH:** Varies from 8 to 10 feet

**LENGTH:** 6.8 miles

**SURFACE TYPE:** Concrete and elevated boardwalks



## PROJECT

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBERS:** 439999-1, 439999-2

Note: 439999-1 includes a larger project boundary

**LIMITS:** Southeast Green River Parkway and Walton Road to Kitterman Road and Lennard Road

**CONSTRUCTION START:** July 2023

**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** July 2025

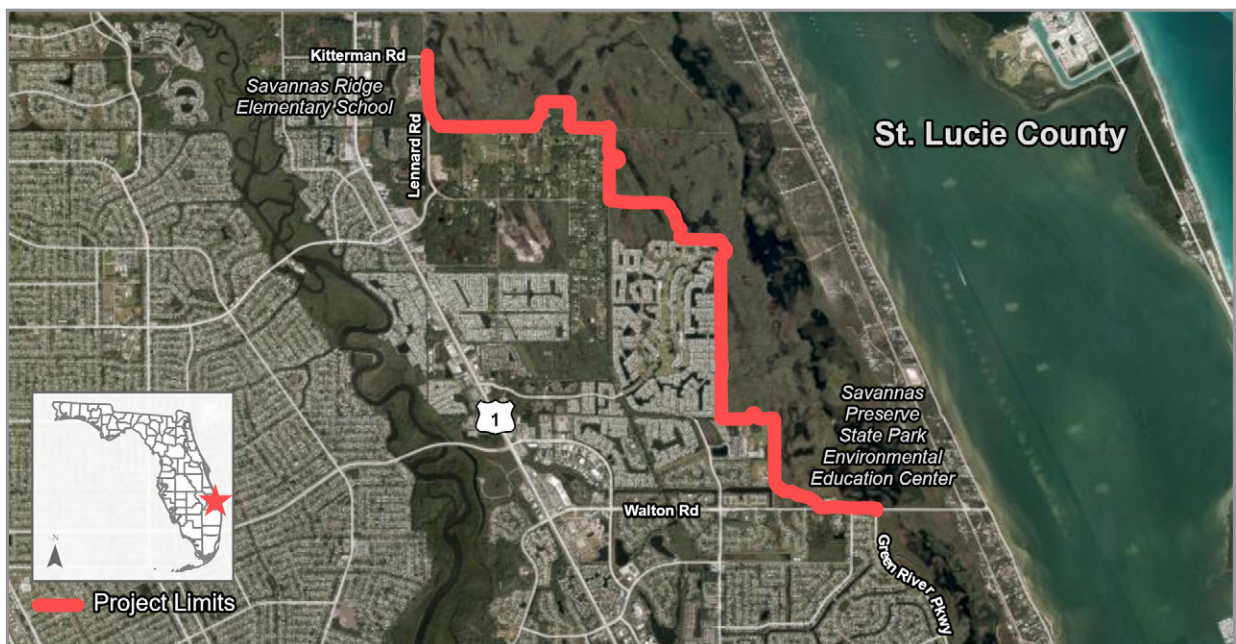
**PHASES:** Project Development and Environment, Design, Environmental / Mitigation, Construction and Construction Engineering Inspections

*Balancing stakeholder input, preserving natural surroundings, and improving accessibility*

## FUNDING

**FISCAL YEARS:** 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$11,214,834 was awarded by the SUN Trail program for construction and construction engineering inspections; the SUN Trail program also awarded \$1,655,761 for preconstruction phases of a larger project boundary. Within the project boundary an additional \$1,509,653 was provided by other FDOT federal and state allocations beginning in 2017.



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