SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Timucuan Trail

Visioning for the Timucuan Trail began over 20 years ago. The first trail segment opened along Little Talbot Island in 2005. Local, state, and federal government and nonprofit partners continue using multiple funding sources to implement the vision for connecting culturally rich and ecologically diverse resources along Florida's northeast coast. Most recently the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program provided over $3.1 million for the construction of a half-mile trail extension and bridge crossing Haulover Creek. Located along State Road A1A, also known as Heckscher Drive, this SUN Trail project extends the Timucuan Trail near Ft. George Island Cultural State Park to the city of Jacksonville's Huguenot Memorial Park.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation, the SUN Trail program receives $25 million annually, from new vehicle tag fees, to expand the statewide system of paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians. The SUN Trail network aligns to the statewide Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan's Land Trail Priority network. This project improves safety and mobility while enhancing access to Florida's unique resources.

Learn more about distinctions and the resources along the Timucuan Trail:

- **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*
- **A1A Ocean Islands Trail, a Florida Scenic Highway.** *See: https://floridascenichighways.com/our-byways/northern-region/a1a-ocean-islands-trail/*
- **Designation by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Recreation Trail.** *See: https://www.americantrails.org/national-recreation-trails*
- **The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, which is a federal National Heritage Area established by the U.S. Congress to recognize the unique culture of the people who resided in the coastal areas and the sea islands, from Pender County, North Carolina, to St. Johns County, Florida.** *See: https://www.gullahgeecheecorridor.org/?Itemid=102*
- **The French Heritage Trail guide, produced in partnership from the Florida Department of State with the France – Florida Federation for the Arts and the Consulate General of France in Miami.** *See: https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/heritage-trails/french-heritage-trail/*
- **The Native American Heritage Trail, which promotes awareness about Native American cultures in Florida.** *See: https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/heritage-trails/native-american-heritage-trail/*
- **The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, a network of wildlife viewing sites across the state.** *See: http://floridabirdingtrail.com/*

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

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http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/preservation-parks

PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 2

CITY: Jacksonville

COUNTY: Duval

WIDTH: 10 feet

LENGTH: 0.5 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Asphalt, concrete bulkhead and steel sheet piling

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ITEM) NUMBER: 434028-1

LIMITS: Built along State Road A1A, also known as Heckscher Drive, from the city of Jacksonville's Huguenot Memorial Park to near Ft. George Island Cultural State Park

CONSTRUCTION START: August 2018

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: April 2019

This trail connects culturally rich and ecologically diverse resources

FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR: 2018, 2019

AMOUNT: $3,108,741 was awarded by the SUN Trail program. Within the project boundary, an additional $813,232 was provided by FDOT and federal sources beginning in 2015.

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