

Program Name: Florida Greenways and Trails
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Project ID: 3202
Lead Agency: FDEP-Florida Office of Greenways and Trails
Authority: Acquisition: Florida Forever Act, Section 259.105, Florida Statutes
Designation: Chapter 260, F.S.; 62S-1.400, 62S-1.450, F.A.C
Funding Source: Florida Forever

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: 3.A.2

Measurable Output(s): Target 10,000 acres (Designation)

Project Synopsis: The Florida Office of Greenways and Trails is guiding a statewide initiative to create a system of greenways and trails connecting communities and conservation areas. When completed the trail system will connect one end of the state to the other, from Key West to Pensacola. The Florida Forever Act authorizes a land acquisition program for the statewide trail system. This is a competitive program that provides funding for local and regional land acquisition projects that will facilitate the establishment of a statewide system of greenways and trails. The primary mission of this program is to facilitate the establishment of a statewide system of greenways and trails for recreation and conservation purposes. Once acquired, the property is owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor and Cabinet) and managed by the state, regional and local governments.

The Office of Greenways and Trails Designation Program encourages voluntary partnerships in conservation, development, and management of greenways and trails, provides recognition for individual components of the system and the partners involved, and raises public awareness of the conservation and recreation benefits of greenways and trails. The criteria for a designated land or waterway are that it must (1) protect and/or enhance natural, recreational, cultural or historic resources and (2) either provide linear open space or a hub or site, or promote connectivity between or among conservation lands, communities, parks, other recreational facilities, cultural sites, or historic sites.

Current Status:

Cost: Total: 4.5 million of Florida Forever funding for land acquisition (statewide)
No direct cost to the state for designation
Land Acquisition \$4.5 million (statewide)

Project Schedule:

Start Date: 2000
Finish Date: Ongoing for both Designation and Acquisition

South Florida Acres

Through Fiscal Year 2003 227,094 acres plus 75 linear miles

Through Fiscal Year 2004 298,774 acres plus 147 linear miles (add 71,680 acres & 72 linear miles)

In 06/07, an additional 179 acres and 24 miles of designated greenways & trails in South Florida

Through Fiscal Year 2008 - 2 Blueway systems were designated in South Florida. One in Lee County and one in Charlotte County. The estimated "acreage" for these Blueway systems is 79,400 acres or 440 miles of paddling trails.

Through Fiscal Year 2009 -Designation: The Shingle Creek Paddling Trail (35 miles long, approx 21 acres) and the Shingle Creek Regional Park (1028 acres), which are both located in Osceola County, were designated in 2009. Acquisition: 5.22 acres acquired with Florida Forever funding (\$412,000) in Orange County as part of the Cady Way Trail system.

Detailed Project Budget Information (1000s)

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	Balance	Total
State	174	497.372	280	0	412		
Total	174	497.372	280	0	412	3,136.6	4,500

Hyperlink: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/>

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