The Florida Trail Town Program

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The Office of Greenways and Trails was established to fulfill the Florida Greenways and Trails Act…

To … “conserve, develop, and use the natural resources of this state for healthful and recreational purposes”

Florida Greenways and Trails Act (Ch. 260, F.S.)

Purpose

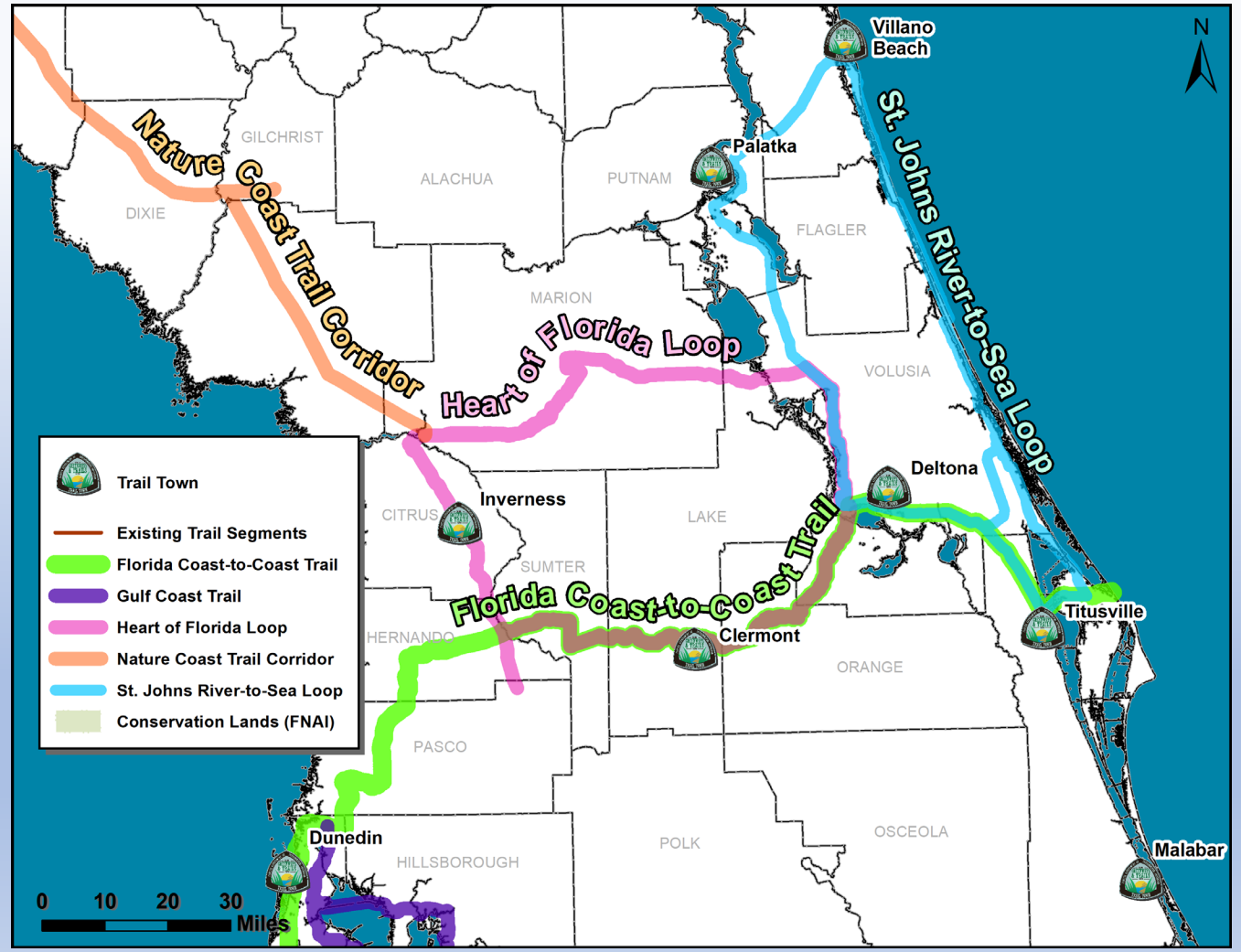
Coordinate and Advance the Florida Greenways and Trails System to support Florida's:

TRAIL TOWN PROGRAM GOALS

- Enhance the quality of the Florida trail experience
- Promote tourism and growth of Florida's trails
- Increase the amount and frequency of Florida trail users
- Boost a Trail Town's economy via purchases from trail users
- Engage citizens with Florida's trail system through active community participation

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

A portal or gateway to a priority trail or recognized trail system



What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Have a trails and greenways action plan and shared vision

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Provide trail services such as shuttles, supplies and rentals

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Good signage and trail information

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- "Trail friendly" with knowledgeable people who interact with visitors

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Offer amenities such as food and lodging that can be accessed safely

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Feature trail-related special events

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- Provide a “sense of place”—willing to share culture, history and stories

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

Is Your Town a Florida Trail Town?

This self-assessment will assist your community in understanding the basic characteristics of a successful trail town, and to help you complete the questionnaire to become a recognized Florida Trail Town through the Office of Greenways and Trails. Visit other links on the Florida Trail Town page for additional information.

- Interested communities contact our office and do a self-assessment before submitting an application

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

- OGT staff then does a site visit with local trail advocates and planners

Florida Greenways and Trails Council

Once a trail town application is received, designations are considered for approval by the appointed Florida Greenways and Trails Council, which meets three times a year in different regions of the state. This body is authorized by Florida Statute.

Florida Greenways and Trails Council

Designated trail towns receive signs, stickers, website presence and publicity

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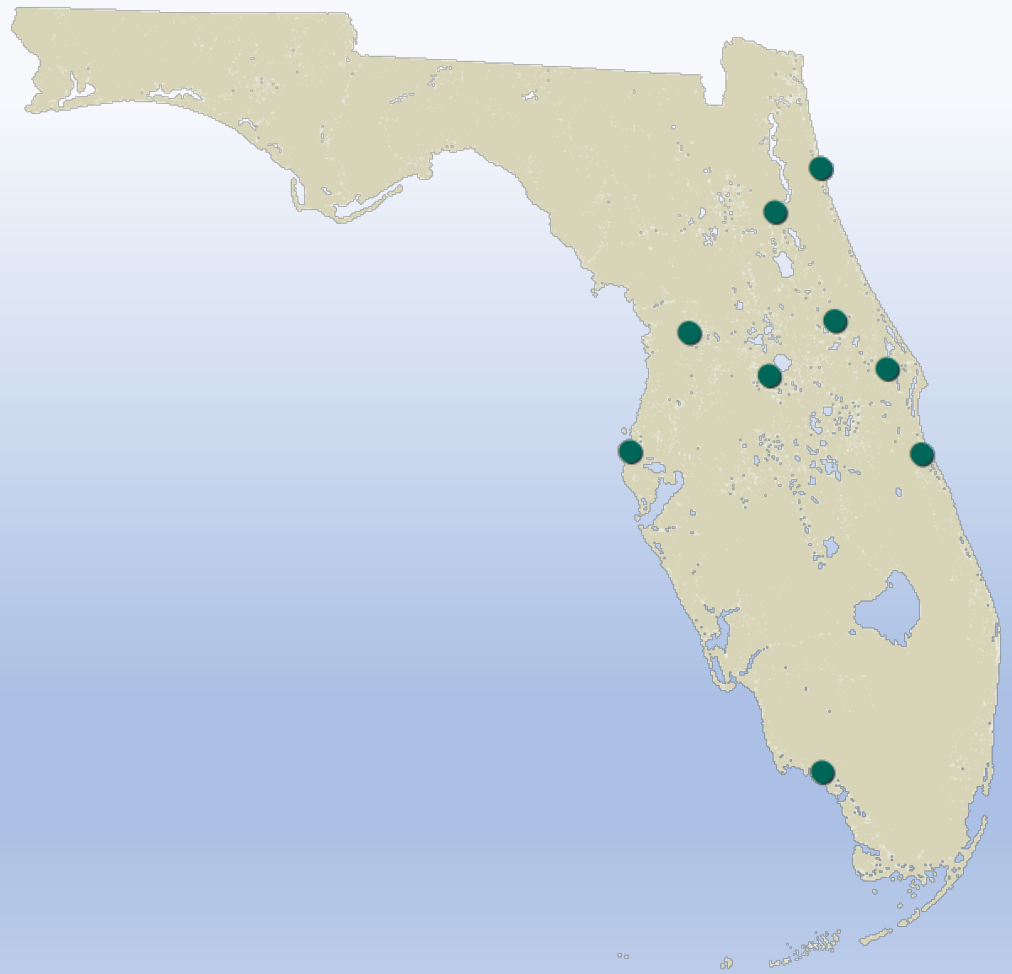
Trail town celebration events are great for publicity and community involvement

What Makes a Florida Trail Town?

Florida's Designated Trail Towns

- Dunedin
- Titusville
- Malabar
- Vilano Beach
- Clermont
- Palatka
- Inverness
- Deltona
- Everglades City



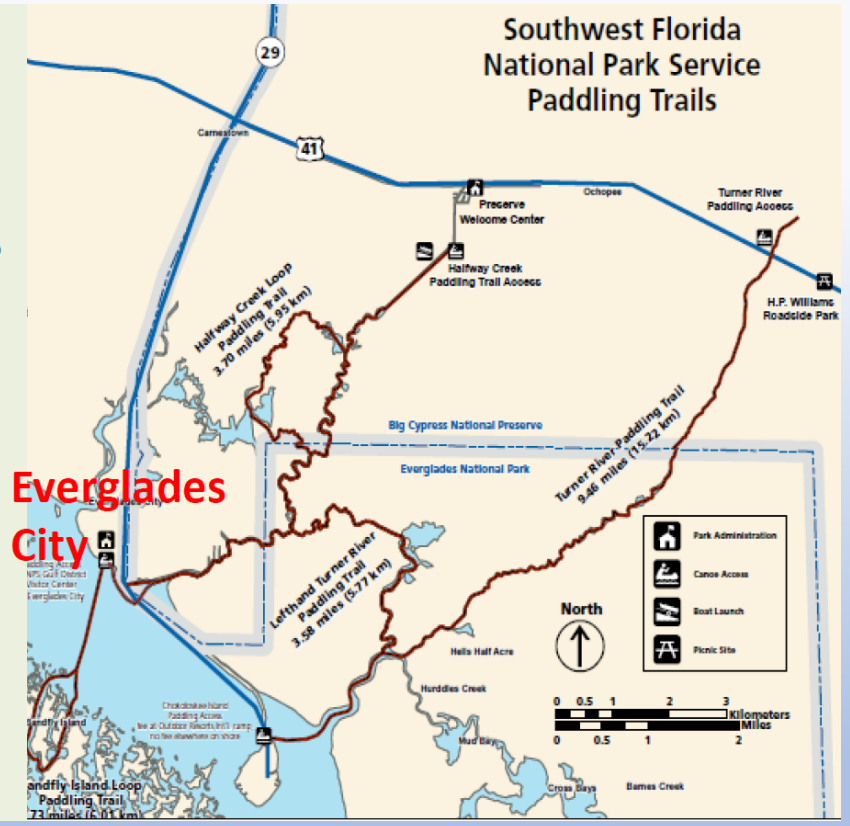
Everglades City

- First South Florida designated Trail Town
- An island that focuses primarily on paddling trails, including the Circumnavigation Trail and Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness Waterway Trail
- Numerous kayak/canoe outfitters and dozens of launches

Everglades City

Short Paddling Trails from Everglades City

- Halfway Creek Loop (3.7 miles)
- Lefthand Turner (3.58 mi)
- Sandfly Island (5 mi loop)



- Many other shorter blueways and paddling trails in surrounding area that connect to Everglades City

- Five out of the seven restaurants are on the water with docks

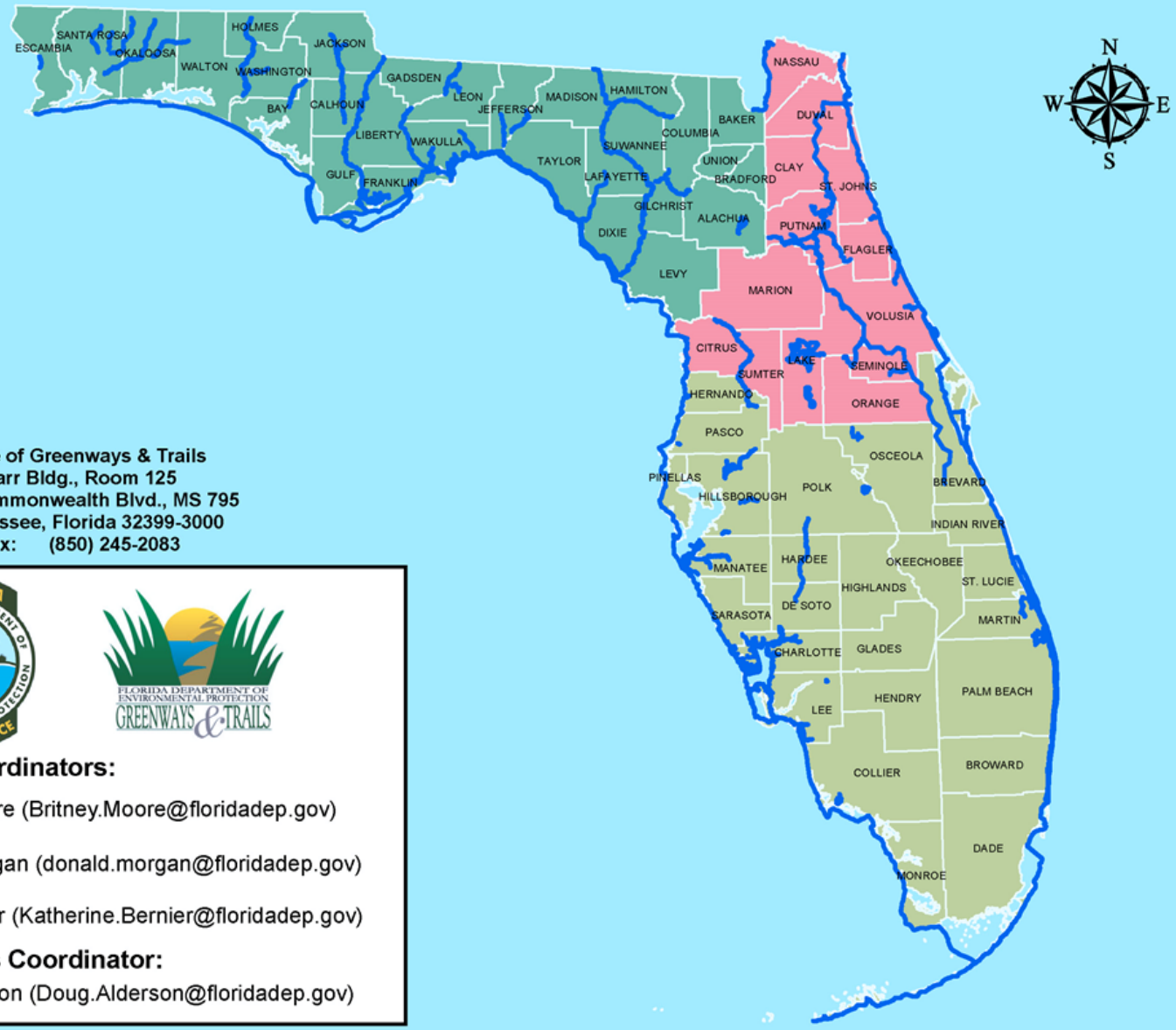
City of Deltona

- One of three cities, designated as a Trail Town, along the St. Johns River-to- Sea Loop
- Boast trail sections that connects to two Florida long-distance trails systems: St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop and the Florida Coast-to-Coast
- Lakeshore Trailhead, Designated by Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTS)

City of Deltona

- Thornby Park, “all inclusive-inspiration playground”
- Close proximity to the city’s commercial area for food and services
- Ample parking available at three trailhead locations: Thornby Park, the Lakeshore Facility and Green Springs Park

Office of Greenways & Trails Coordinators



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