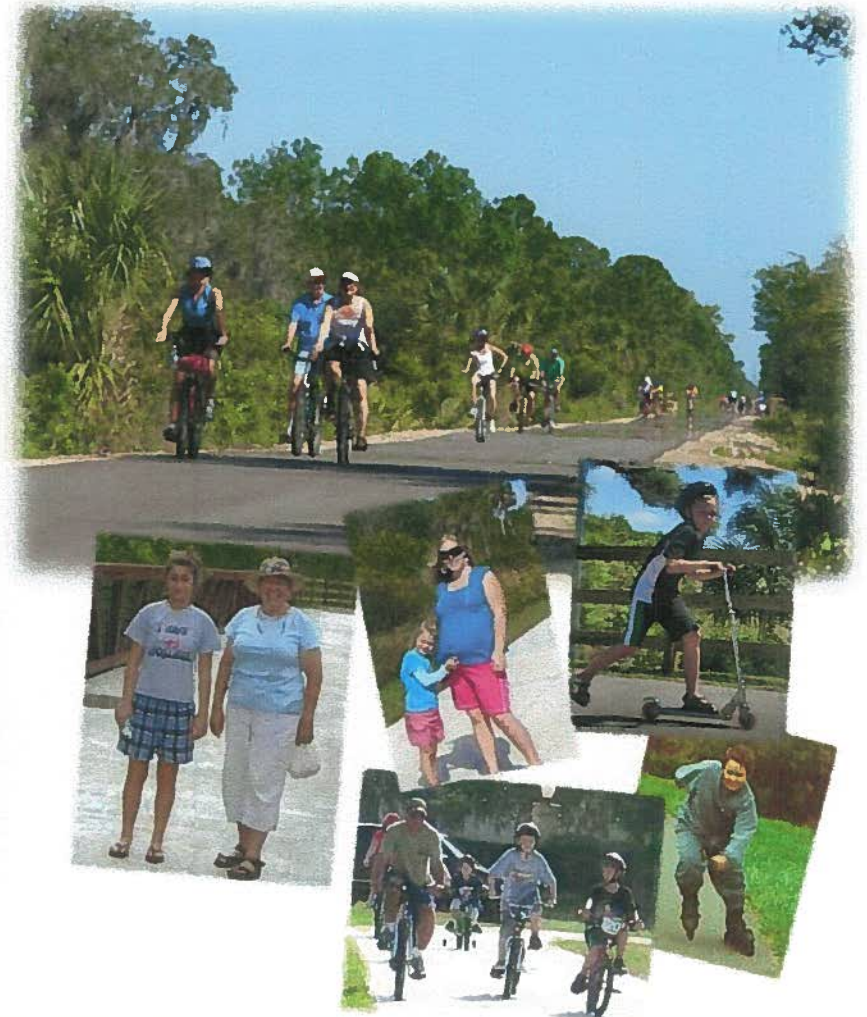


Legacy Trail Downtown Extension Project

Presentation by Joel Calabrese



Rails With Trails To Sarasota Downtown

- FLT is a non-profit association of volunteers, a chapter of Friends of Sarasota County Parks.
- Goal: To build 8 miles of non-motorized recreational trail alongside the unused CSX rail right-of-way.
 - Connect the north county to the existing 21-mile-long Legacy Trail & Venetian Waterway Park trail system
 - Nearly 30 miles of paved non-motorized trail from downtown Sarasota to downtown Venice & beyond.



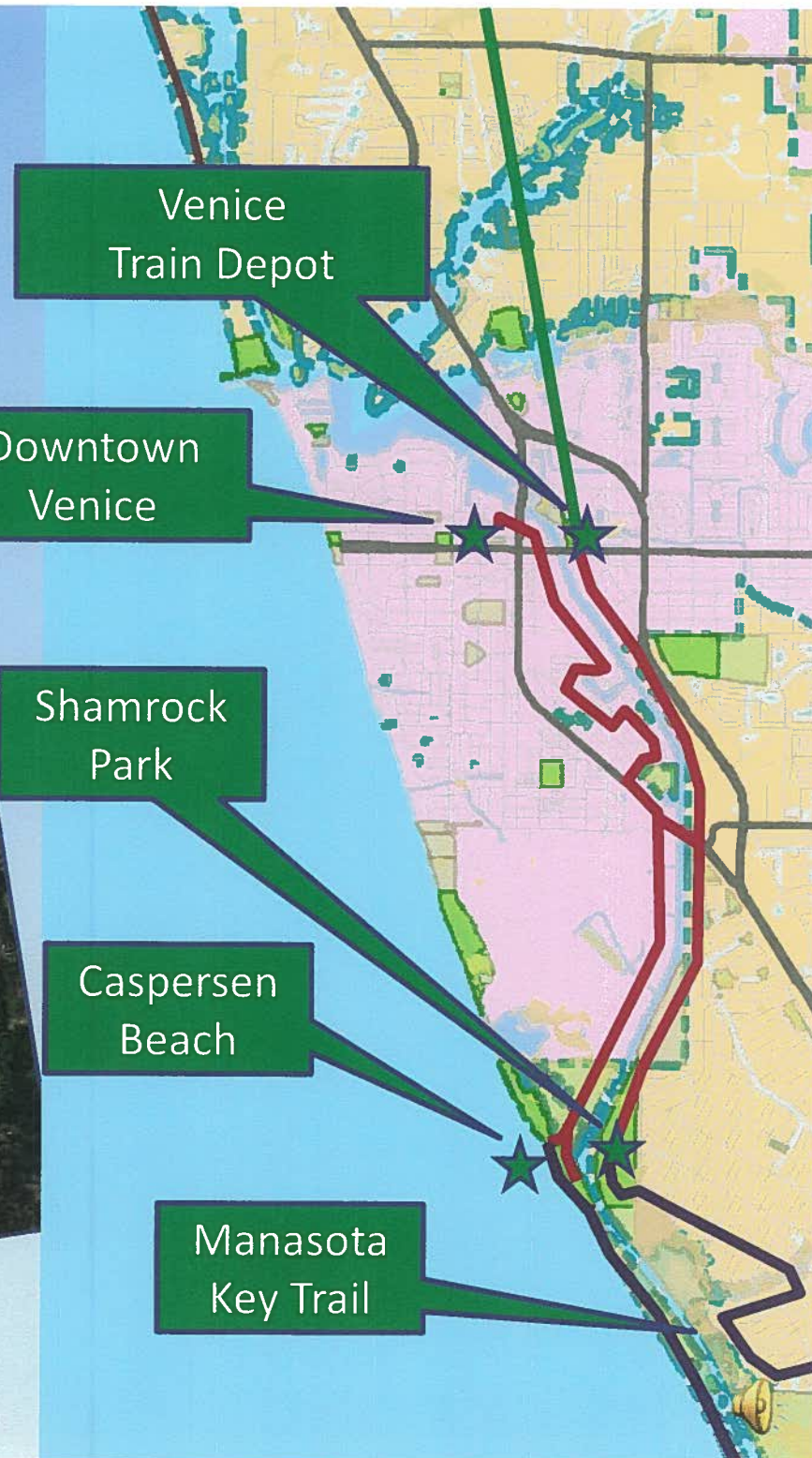
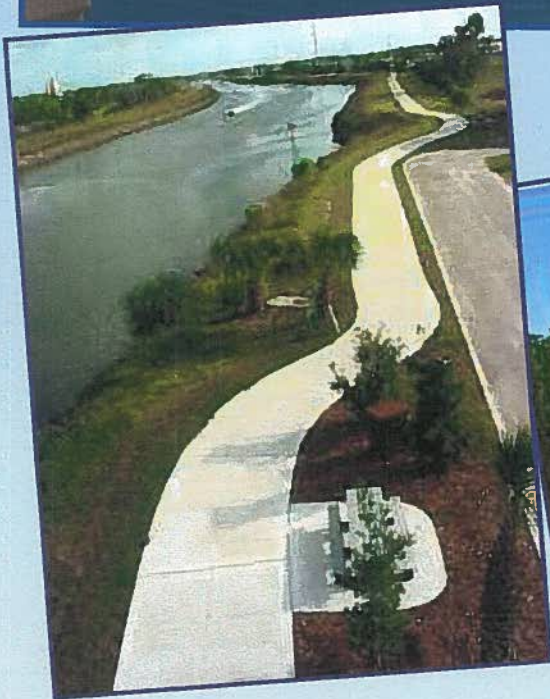
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THE LEGACY TRAIL



The Venetian Waterway Trail



Venice
Train Depot

Downtown
Venice

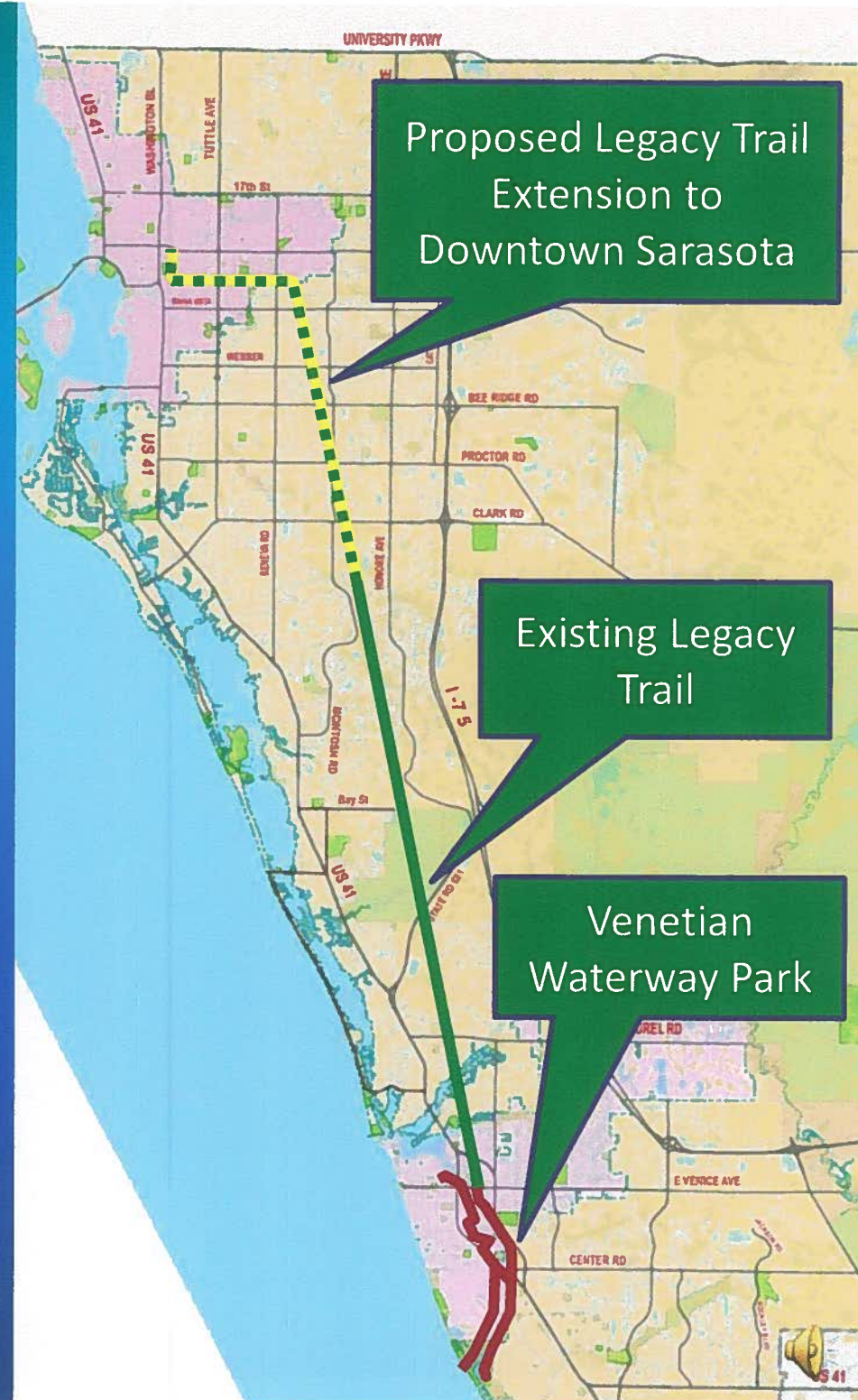
Shamrock
Park

Caspersen
Beach

Manasota
Key Trail

Proposed Trail Extension

- Creates nearly 30 miles of continuous non-motorized paved multi-use trail.
- Links the City of Sarasota to mid- & south-county recreational trails and parks.
- Provides for safer cycling in the north county & access to downtown Sarasota amenities.



NORTH LEGACY TRAIL

Longboat Key Trl

Sarasota Bay Trl

University Pkwy Trl

UNIVERSITY PKWY

Benderson Park

Payne Park

Culverhouse Park

US 41

WASHINGTON BL

TUTTLE AVE

N HONORE

17th St

Circus Trail

FRUITVILLE RD

PALMER BLVD

Celery Field Trl

BAHIA VISTA

WEBBER

CATTLEMAN RD

BEE RIDGE RD

PROCTOR RD

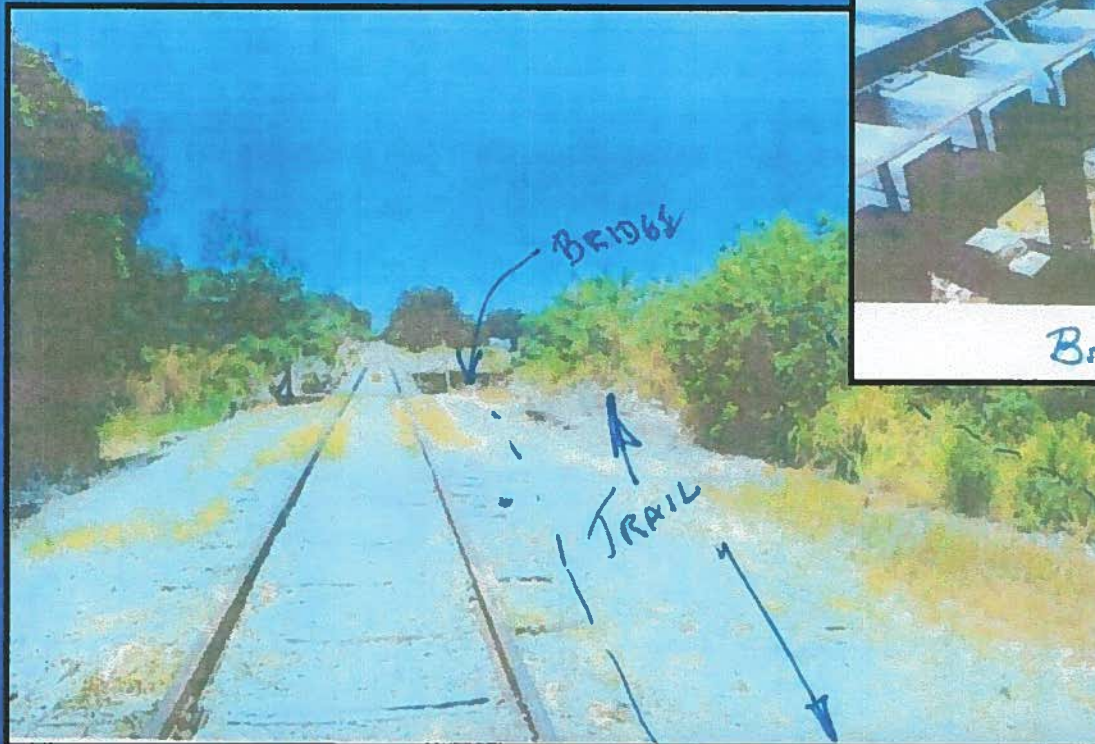
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BENEVA RD

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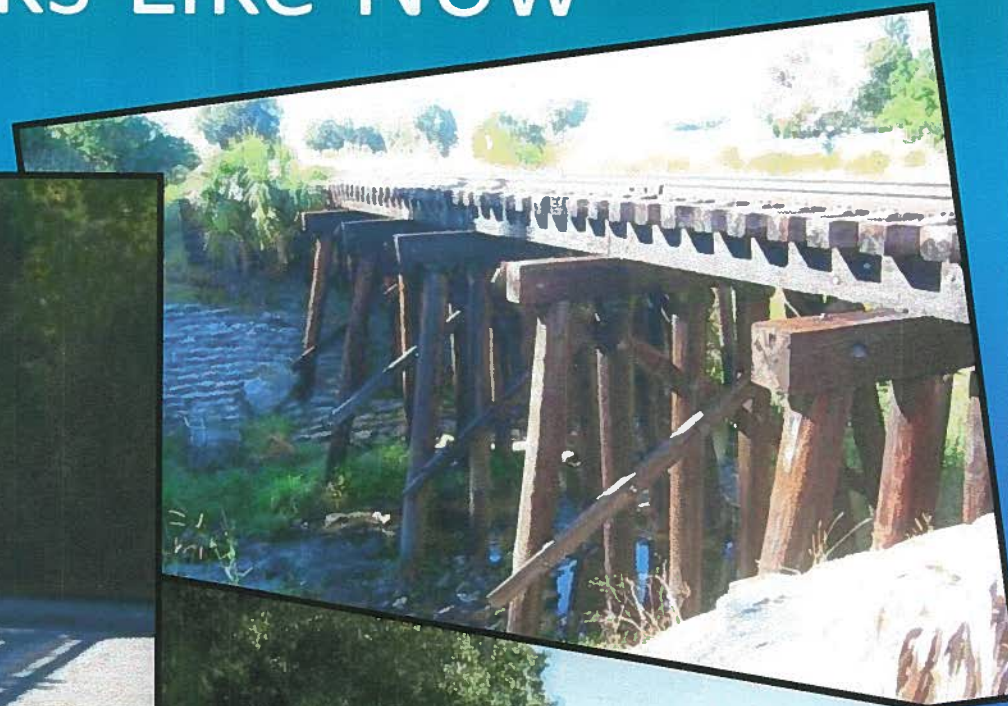
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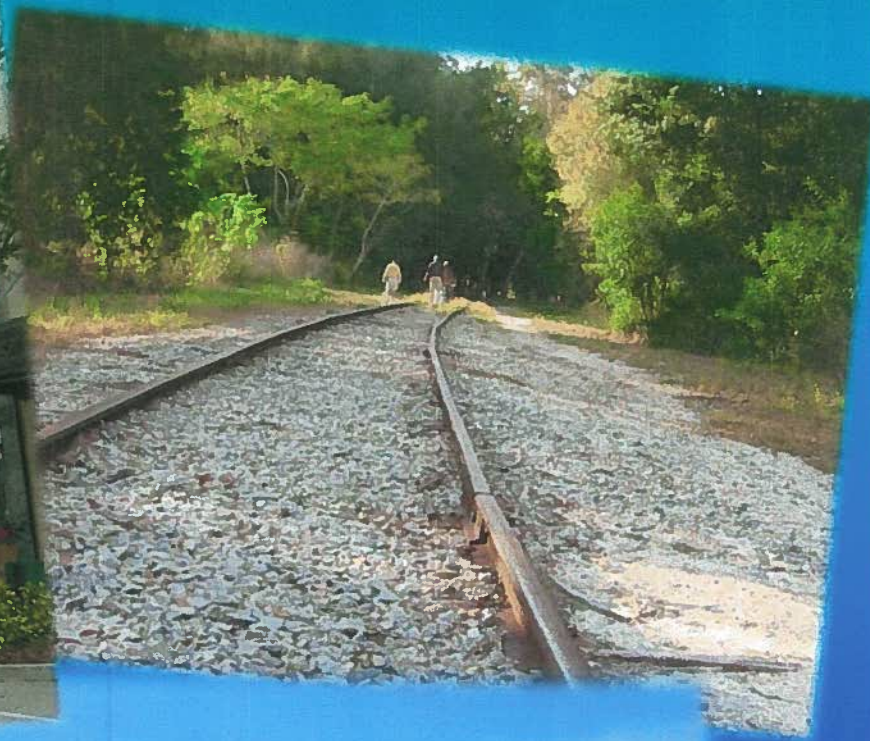
Suggestions from
Seminole Gulf RR,
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What It Looks Like Now



The Destination



Payne Park

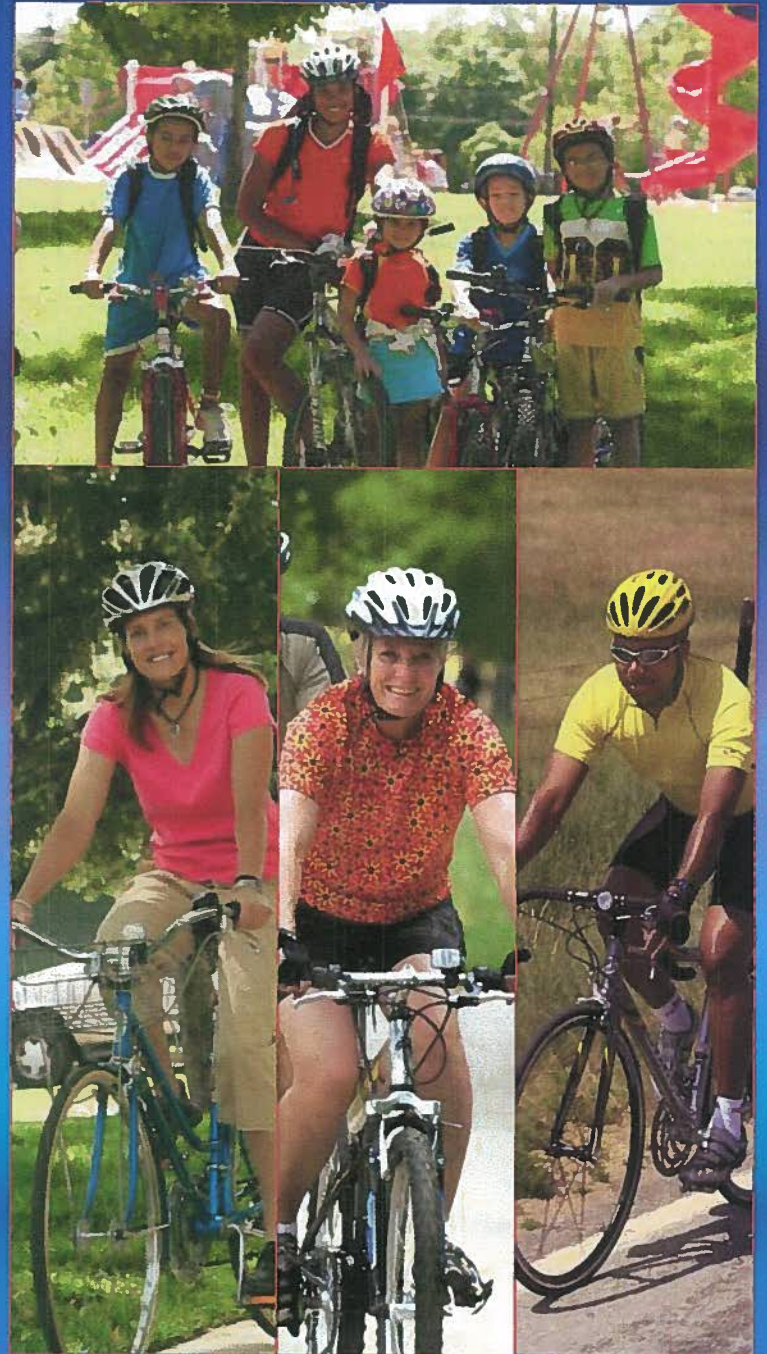


Examples



Benefits

- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
 - Lowers healthcare costs
- Strengthens family & community bonds
 - Provides a place for family activities
 - Provides a recreational outlet for youth
 - Builds closer-knit communities
- Environmental
 - Lessens our dependence on foreign oil
 - Reduces pollution & road congestion
- Economic
 - Good for business
 - Promotes Tourism
 - Enhances Real Estate Values

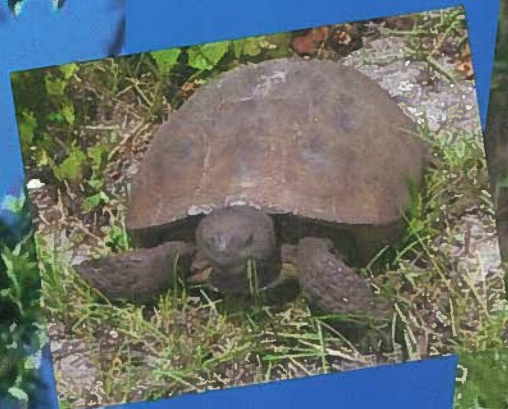
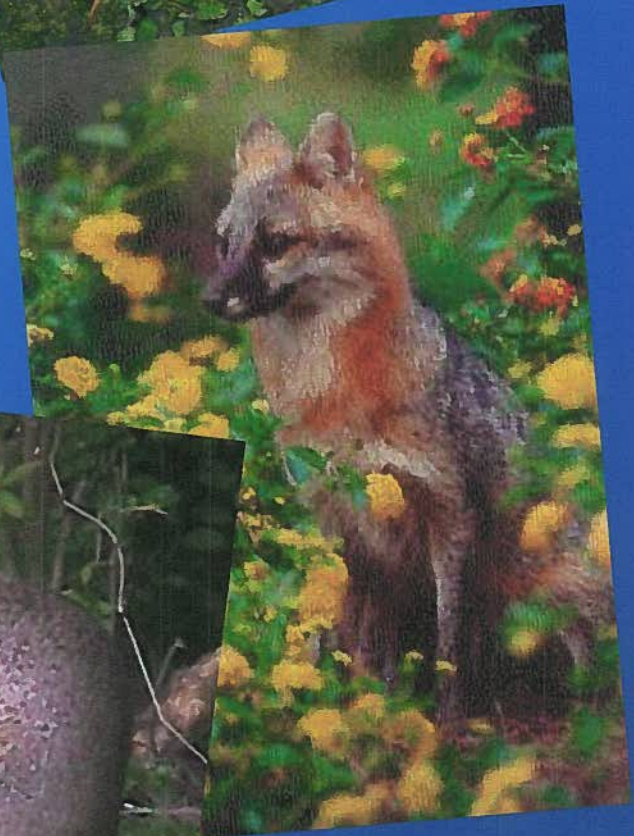


Photos courtesy of Bikes Belong

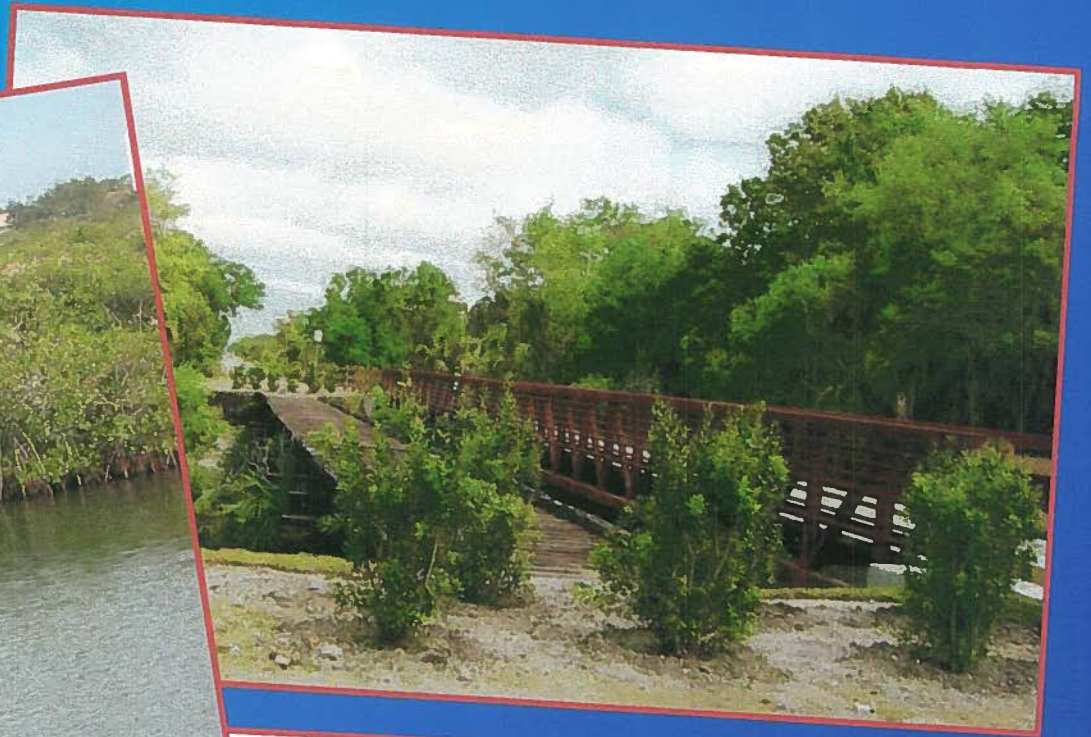


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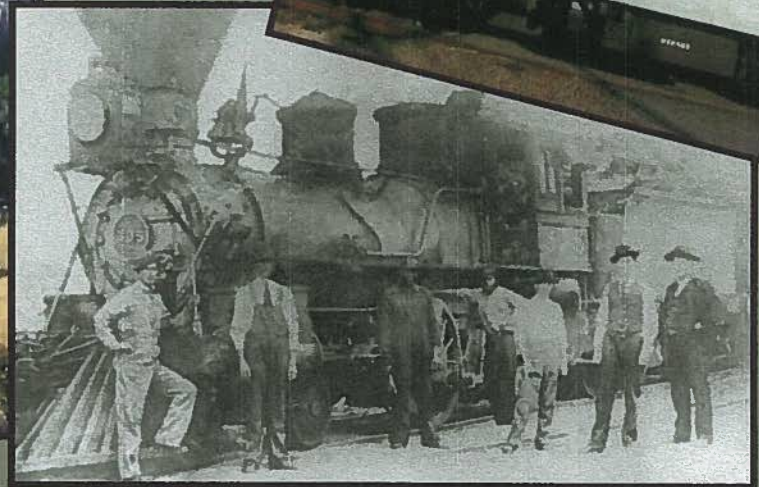
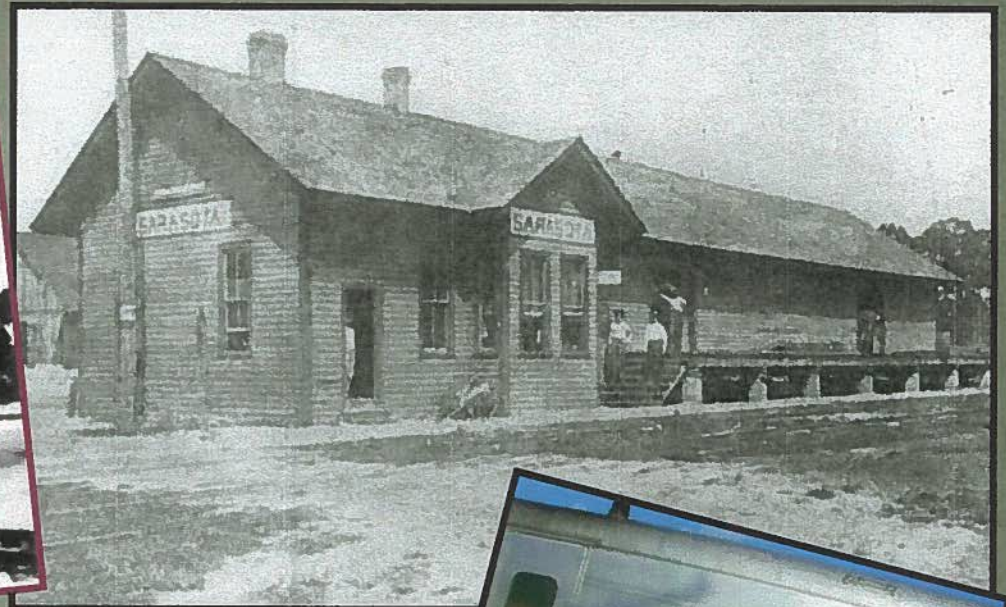
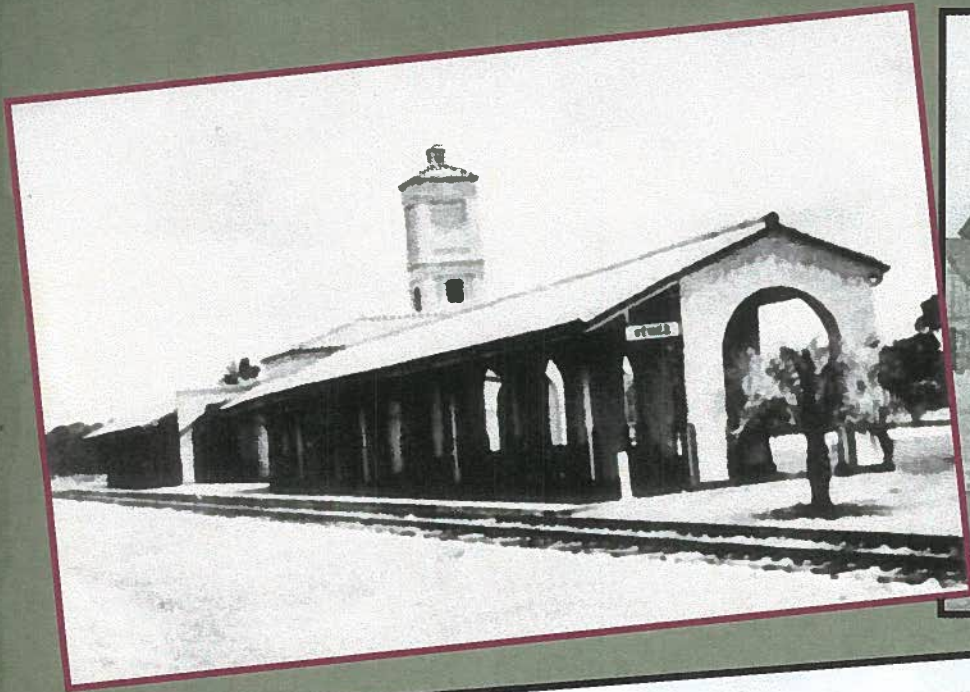
A place to view wildlife.



A place to be in nature.



A place to discover local history.



South Creek Trestle

In early 1900 Seaboard Air Line Railroad (SAL) controlled 2,600 miles of track stretching from Virginia to Florida. In 1911 SAL constructed a 16.5-mile extension from Sarasota (Fruitville Junction) to Venice. The bridge over South Creek is one of the remaining trestles built in 1911. The trestle is located at mile-marker 897.6. Approximately 125 feet long, it is an open deck, timber trestle. The current length of the new bridge is 175 feet and supports The Legacy Trail. As you traverse The Legacy Trail, note the mile markers present to reflect the original railroad mile markers starting from north to south. Mile marker 0 is located in Richmond, Virginia.



Oscar Scherer History

In her will, Elsa Scherer Burrows (1884-1955) left the family's 460-acre South Creek Ranch to the state in memory of her father Oscar Scherer (who invented a process for dyeing leather in 1872). After a year of preparation, Oscar Scherer State Park opened to the public in 1956.

Three decades later, a realtor/environmentalist and future commissioner began campaigning for the state to purchase and protect adjoining Florida scrub habitat. With help from The Nature Conservancy, Sarasota County and wide public support, the state purchased an additional 922 acres from Palmer Ranch in 1991.

The park now preserves more than 2 square miles of natural land in a rapidly developing region and provides resource-based recreation for over 112,000 visitors annually.

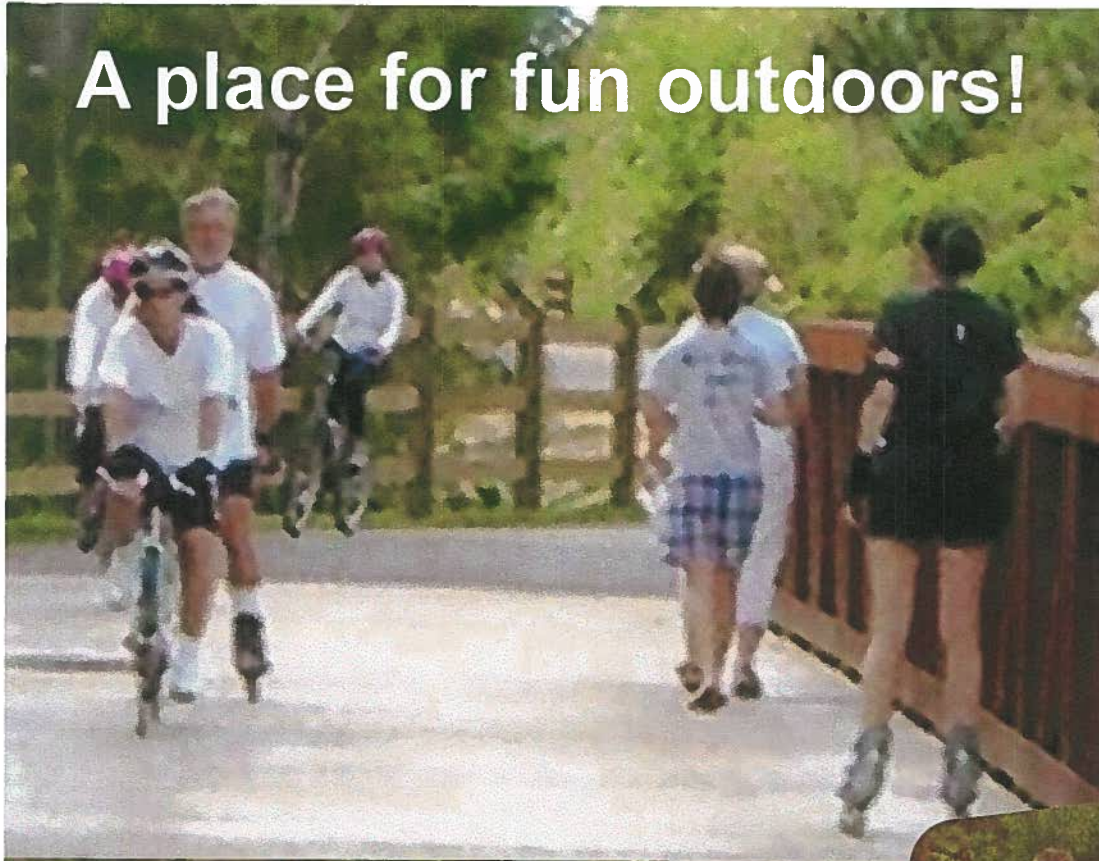


Pine flatwoods

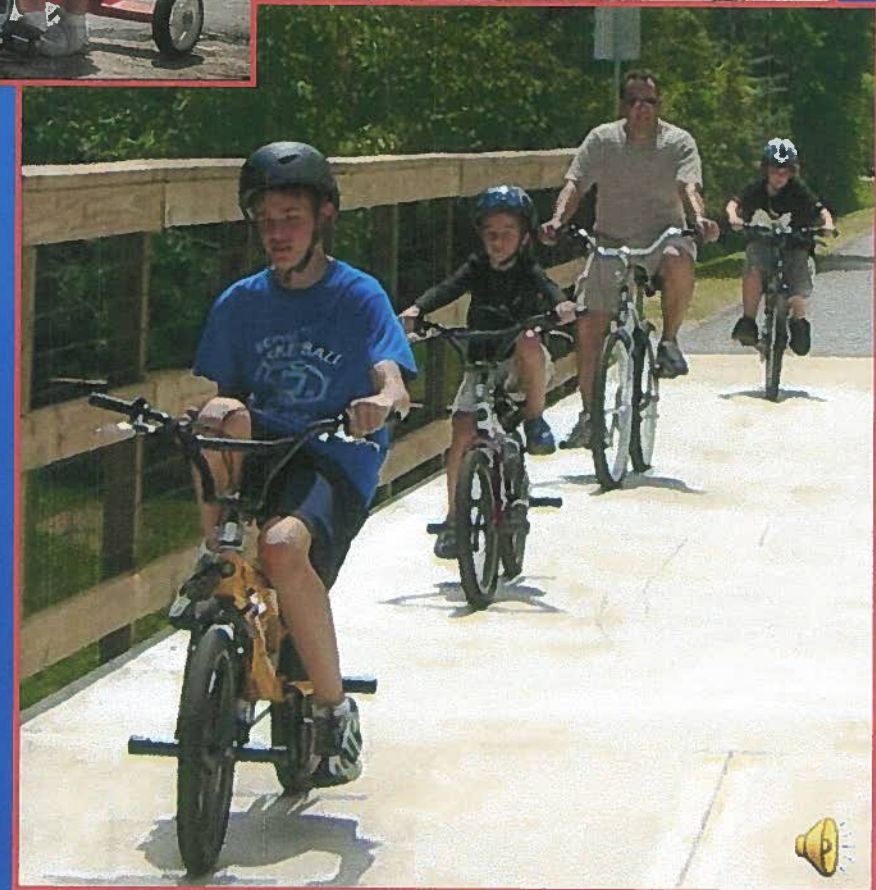
There are seventeen historical and nature interpretative signs along the Legacy Trail.



A place for fun outdoors!



A link between Sarasota and Venice, promoting family and community.

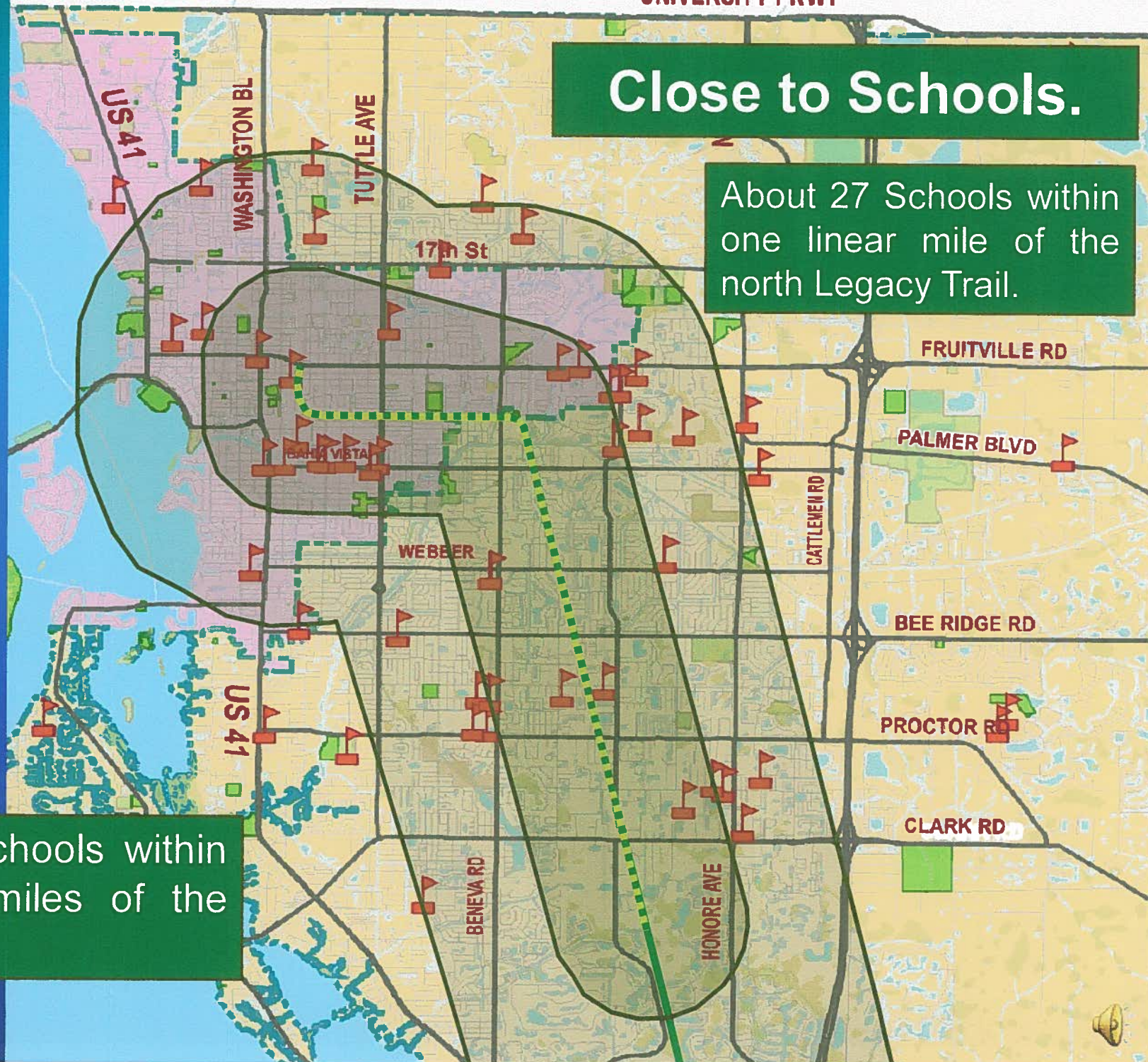


UNIVERSITY PKWY

Close to Schools.

About 27 Schools within one linear mile of the north Legacy Trail.

About 45 Schools within two linear miles of the Trail.



Safe Routes to School

A 2007 analysis of California schools showed that Safe Routes to School infrastructure improvements increased biking and walking to school by up to 200%.

— CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

In just one generation, the percentage of children who walk or bike to school has dropped 75% while the number of overweight children has tripled.

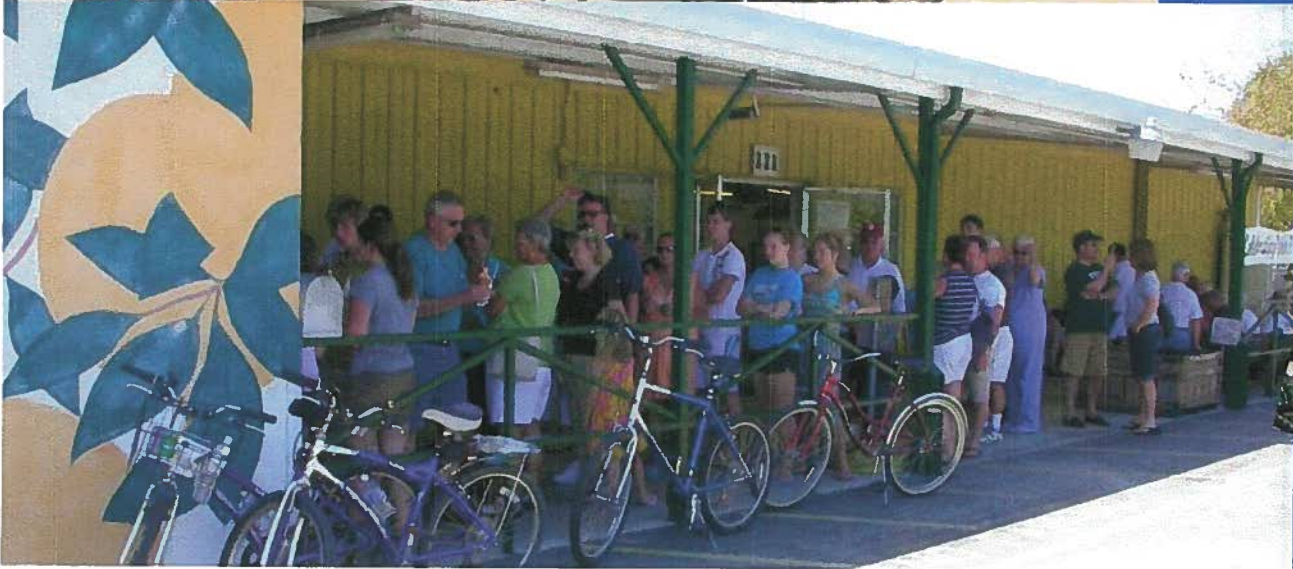
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Photo Courtesy of *Bikes Belong*.

The Legacy Trail Is...

Good for Business.

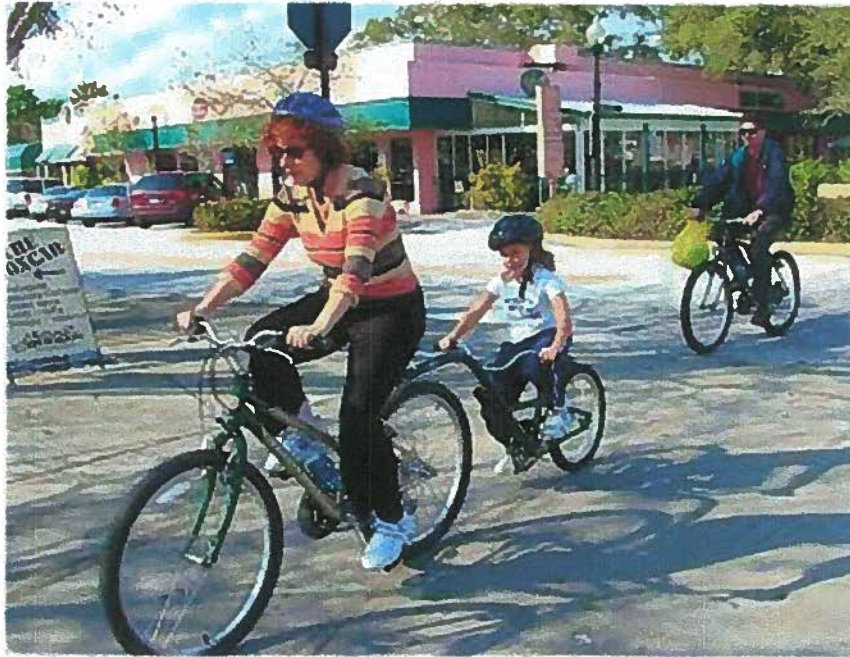


Study by East Central Florida RPC

- Orange County Trails (similar overall size, but 3 unconnected trails)
 - Spent in 2010 by trail users: \$32.5 million
 - Supports 516 jobs
 - Overall economic impact: \$42.6 million
- Downtown Winter Garden:
 - Over 90% occupancy rate
 - 25% of gross revenue due to trail users
 - Supports 61 jobs
 - \$5 million economic impact
- Where Trail Users Live:
 - Within the county: 61%
 - Nearby counties: 27%
 - Outside region or state: 12%



Pinellas Trail – Dunedin, FL



The Pinellas Trail
is an
“economic engine.”
Bob Ironsmith
*Dunedin Economic
Development Director*

Downtown Business Occupancy:
Before the Trail (1990):
After the Trail:

30% Vacancy Rate
Waiting List



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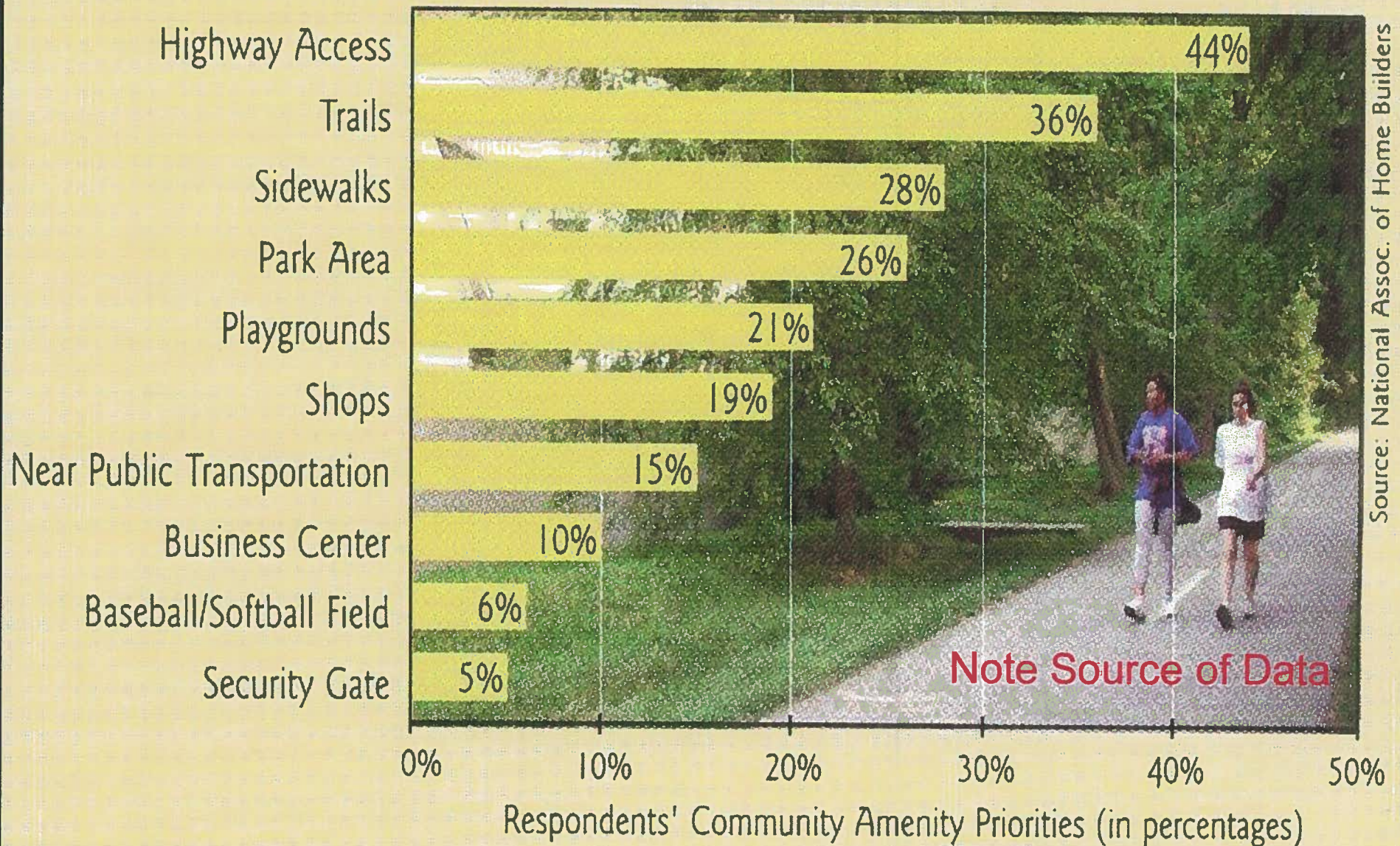


Over 90% of Realtors say trail
has a positive impact on
homebuyer interest and sales.

Survey, Pinellas County MPO



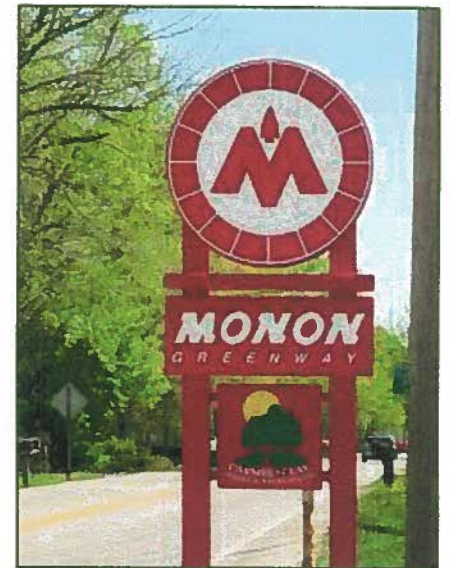
IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY AMENITIES



Trails Increase Home Values

Monon Trail, Indianapolis

Home within ½ mile of trail



Worth **11% more**
than an identical home
farther away.



Build It and They Will Come!



What You Can Do

- As an Individual:
 - Write or email your government representatives in support of the trail extension
- As a Group:
 - Pass a resolution supporting the trail extension
 - Send a letter of support to your government reps
 - Appoint an interested member as liaison to FLT
- Keep in Touch: *LegacyTrailFriends.org*



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