

EVERGLADES CITY - Florida Trail Town

April 2025 Update





April 2019 Celebration

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

DURING YEARS 1-3

ENP Signage

Visitor Center
/ Trail Town
Headquarters

McLeod Park
Improvements

Townwide
Bicycle
Facilities

Kiosk Signage
on CR29

Bike / Ped
Committee

Bike / Ped
Master Plan

Solar Street
Lights

BPAC
Participation

Paddling Signage Improvements



New Logo for Wilderness Water

ENP replaced all signs for the Wilderness Waterway Trail, as well as boundary markers and aids to navigation.





WELCOME TO THE EVERGLADES !

**AREA VISITOR
CENTER**



**TRAIL TOWN
HEADQUARTERS**



Community Landscaping Project



**Lions Club provided new
playground equipment,
planted new trees and
shrubs, refurbished
historic lamps and
added benches.**



McLeod Park Improvements

Bicycle Facility Improvements



**Bike racks
provided to
merchants
throughout
town**



**Bike repair station and
Dolphin Bike Rack made
it through Hurricanes
Ian, Milton, and Helene**



VISITOR INFORMATION

Visitor Information
(387 Broadway W, Everglades City, Florida 34136)
Everglades Visitor Center (2)
Tour Town Headquarters (2)

Attractions
Clyde Butcher's Gallery - Chokolnee
Everglades National Park (2)
Everglades Observation Tower (3)
Museum of the Everglades (4)
Shark Alley Headquarters - Chokolnee
Snailboat Trail Office - Chokolnee
Snailboat Tours & Museum - Chokolnee (2)

Historic Sites
Bank Building (6)
City Hall (1)
J.F. Stone - Chokolnee (1)
Old Railroad Depot (3)
Museum of the Everglades (4)
Post & Gun Club (9)
Snailboat Store & Museum - Chokolnee (2)

Lodging
Laport's Lake Resort (10)
Chokolnee Island Park - Chokolnee (11)
Everglades City Hotel (13)
Everglades VR Corp (13)
Gables House Cabins (14)
Key House (15)
Outdoor Resorts Motel & RV - Chokolnee (16)
Parkway Motel - Chokolnee (17)
River Williams Resort (18)
Post & Gun Club (9)
Swamp Cottages - Clyde Butcher's - Chokolnee
Trail Lake Campground - Chokolnee

Restaurants
Lampshire Street Grill (16)
City Seafood (38)
Everglades Cafe (48)
Nelly's Corner at Everglades Fishing Company (21)
Common Sense Cook (44)
Harvey's Cafe - Chokolnee (33)
Hole in the Wall Pizzeria (21)
Island Cafe (34)
Island's Back Cross Cafe - Chokolnee
Raid & Gun Club (9)
The Shrimp Pelican/Pelican Bar and Grill (47)
The Everglades City Outfitters (48)
Trill Seafood & Cafe (23)

Services
Community Center / Thrift Store (26)
County Library (1)
Everglades Museum (27)
Fire Department / EMS (28)
Mound Community Park (28)
Post Offices
Chokolnee (29)
Everglades (32)
Chokolnee
Night Chase Grocery Store (31)
Sheriff's Office (1)
Mini-Car Northern Store (32)

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Airboat Tours
Cape and Sea (23)
Captain Mitchell's - Sawdust Trail
Captain's Small Adventure - Chokolnee
Down South (22)
Everglades City Airboat (24)
Jungle King's Small Airboat Tours (22)
Sandy's Airboat Tours (24)
Wagner's Airboat Tours - Chokolnee

Boat & Tackle
Everglades Boat & Tackle (31)
Everglades Fishing Co. - Marathon (27)
Outdoor Resorts Marine - Chokolnee (16)

Bicycles
Everglades Repair Shop (27)
Everglades City Motel / Key House (24)
Tour the Glades (24)

Boat Launches / Marinas
Captain's Boat Repair / Boat Alarms (10)
Chokolnee Island Park Marina - Chokolnee (48)
Gables House Marine (14)
Outdoor Resorts Marine - Chokolnee (16)
Parkway Marina - Chokolnee (18)
Post & Gun Club (9)

Churches
Chokolnee Church of God - Chokolnee (42)
Cape and Sea Baptist Church - Cape and Sea
Everglades Community Church (42)
First Baptist Church (42)
Holy Family Catholic Church (42)

Convenience Stores / Fuel
Circle K (46)
Everglades Fishing Co. / Marathon (27)

Eco Tours / Guide Services / Kayak Rentals
1000 Islands Boat Tour at 1000 Islands
Don Cochran - Chokolnee
Everglades Adventure Tours - Chokolnee
Everglades Adventure Tours / Holy House (11)
Everglades Area Tours - Chokolnee (2)
Everglades Backcountry Experience - Chokolnee
Everglades Fishing Company / Holy House (24)
Everglades Fishing Company (21)
Everglades Kayak Fishing
Fish Boat Charters
Marlin Be Fishing Guide Services
Star the Glades - Private Wildlife Tours (31)
Snailboat Store Boat Tour - Chokolnee (2)
Wagner's Charters
Wings 10,000 Islands Area Tours (27)

Real Estate
Bill Stok, Real Estate (40)
Brown's Real Estate - Chokolnee
Gables Realty (1)

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New Map and Information Kiosk at CR29



**New LED Solar Lamp posts
replaced the historic lamp fixtures**



**Historical Society installed signs
in designated areas around town**

New Lighting and Historic Signs

Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan

Completed projects:

Phase 2 – Sidewalk along Copeland Ave. South

Phase 3 - CR 29 Lane Re-purposing
Provides a continuous protected bike lane from the north bridge to the Chokoloskee Causeway

Approved and Funded by MPO:

Phase 4 – Camellia St, Datura St, School Dr

Future Design:

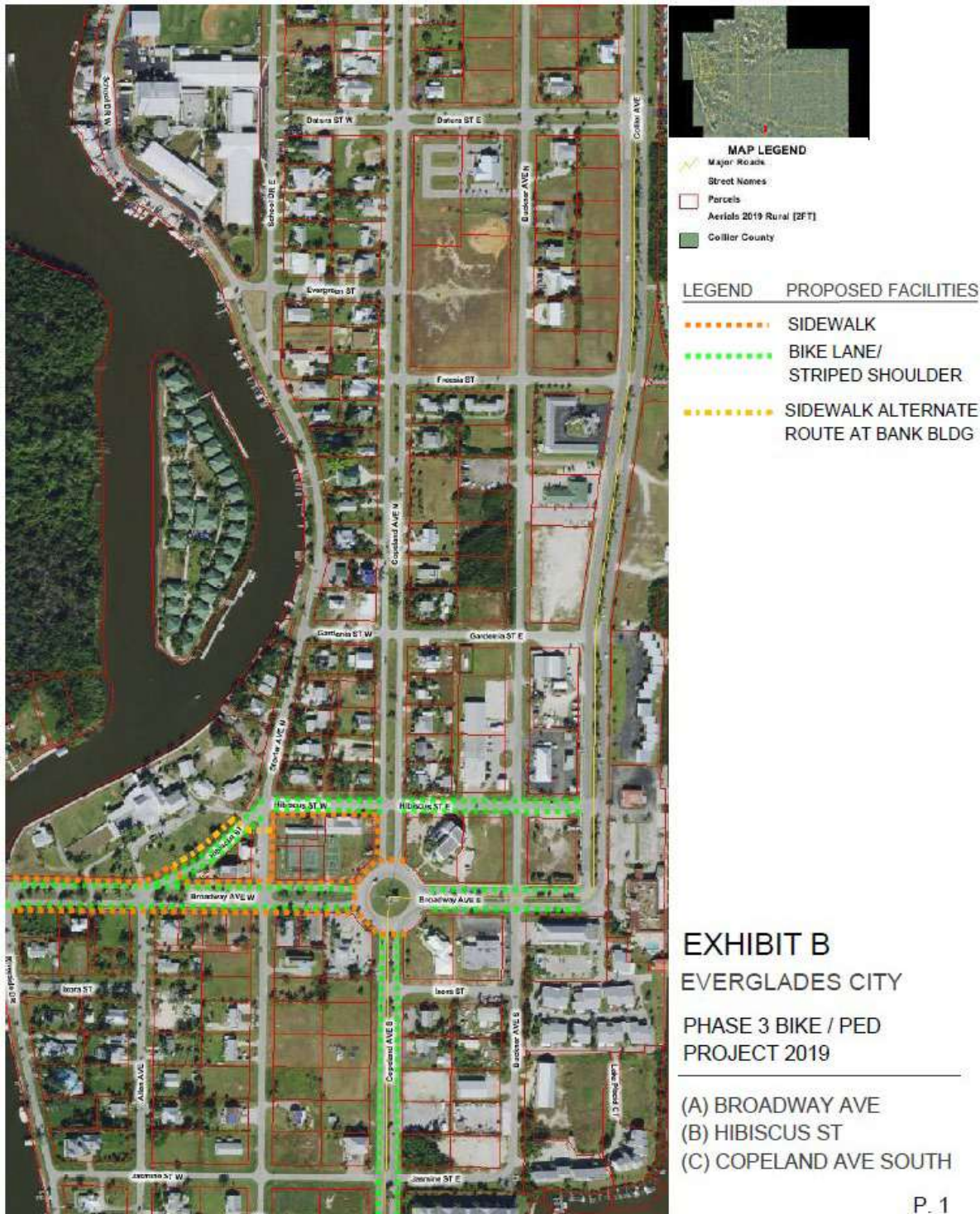
Phase 5 – Chokoloskee Causeway Linear Park

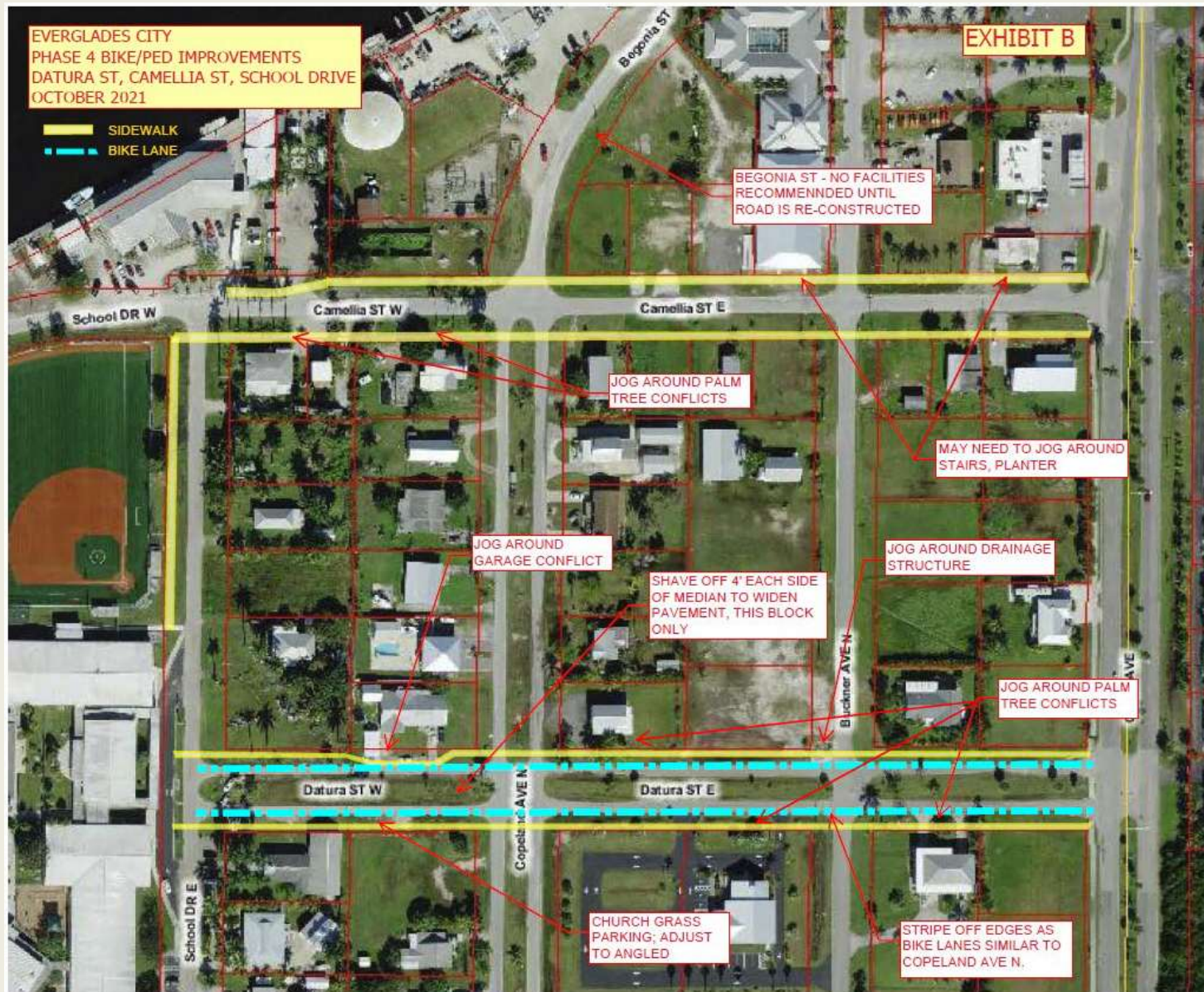


Bike/Pedestrian Improvements

Phase 3: Approved and funded through Collier MPO

Portions of Phase 3 to be coordinated with the Historic Bank Building





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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

During years 3-5

New Sewer
Plant

Beautification

ENP
Visitor Center

CR 29 Lane
Road Diet

Water Tower
Artwork

Historic Bank
Restoration

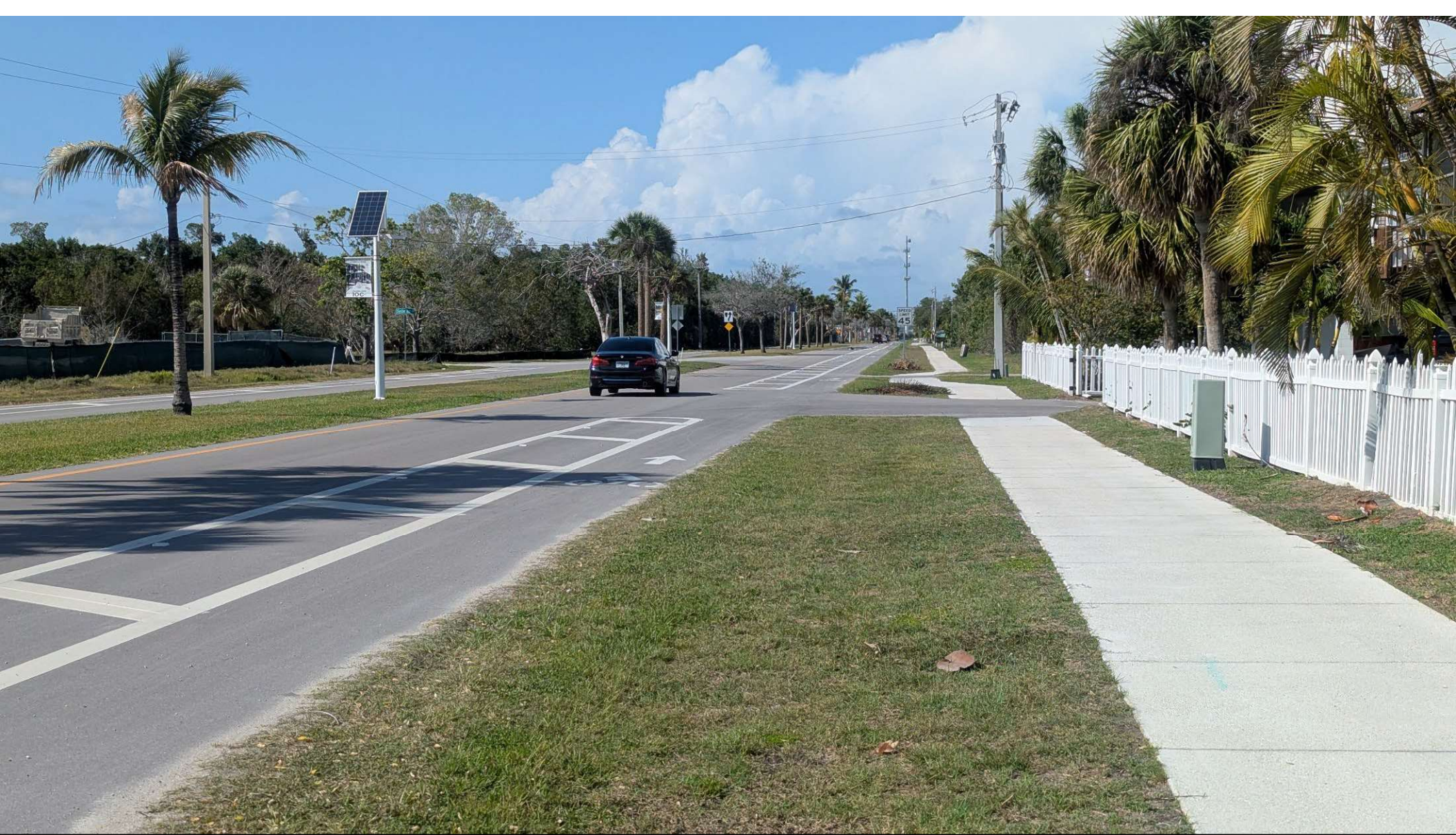
Copeland Ave
Sidewalk

Community
Center Design

Banners on
Light Poles



**CR 29 Lane re-purposing
created a protected bike lane the length of town**



Copeland Avenue South (CR 29)

Sidewalk and Buffered Bike Lane

Beautification

Water Tower artwork provided by local residents



Local Merchant Improvements Including one with Bike Rentals



Local Volunteers planted trees donated by Naples Botanical Gardens



New Banners installed on Lamp Posts on Collier Avenue



New Sewer Plant

Provides for economic development and environmental protection



Big Cypress Preserve Celebrated its 50th Anniversary



New Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center at ENP Opening 2025



EVERGLADES CITY IS THE HUB

Florida National Panther Refuge (24 miles)

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve

Janes Scenic Drive - Copeland (7 miles)

Picayune Strand SP
(18 miles)

Big Cypress Preserve
(6.5 miles)

Collier-Seminole SP (20 mi)
Port of the Islands (14 mi)
10,000 Islands NWR (8 mi)

Ochopee (8 mi)

Everglades City

Everglades National Park
Gulf Coast Visitor Center

Plantation Island

Chokoloskee (3.5 mi)



Biking Loop Road



Hiking the Fakahatchee



Paddling through the Big Cypress



Birding

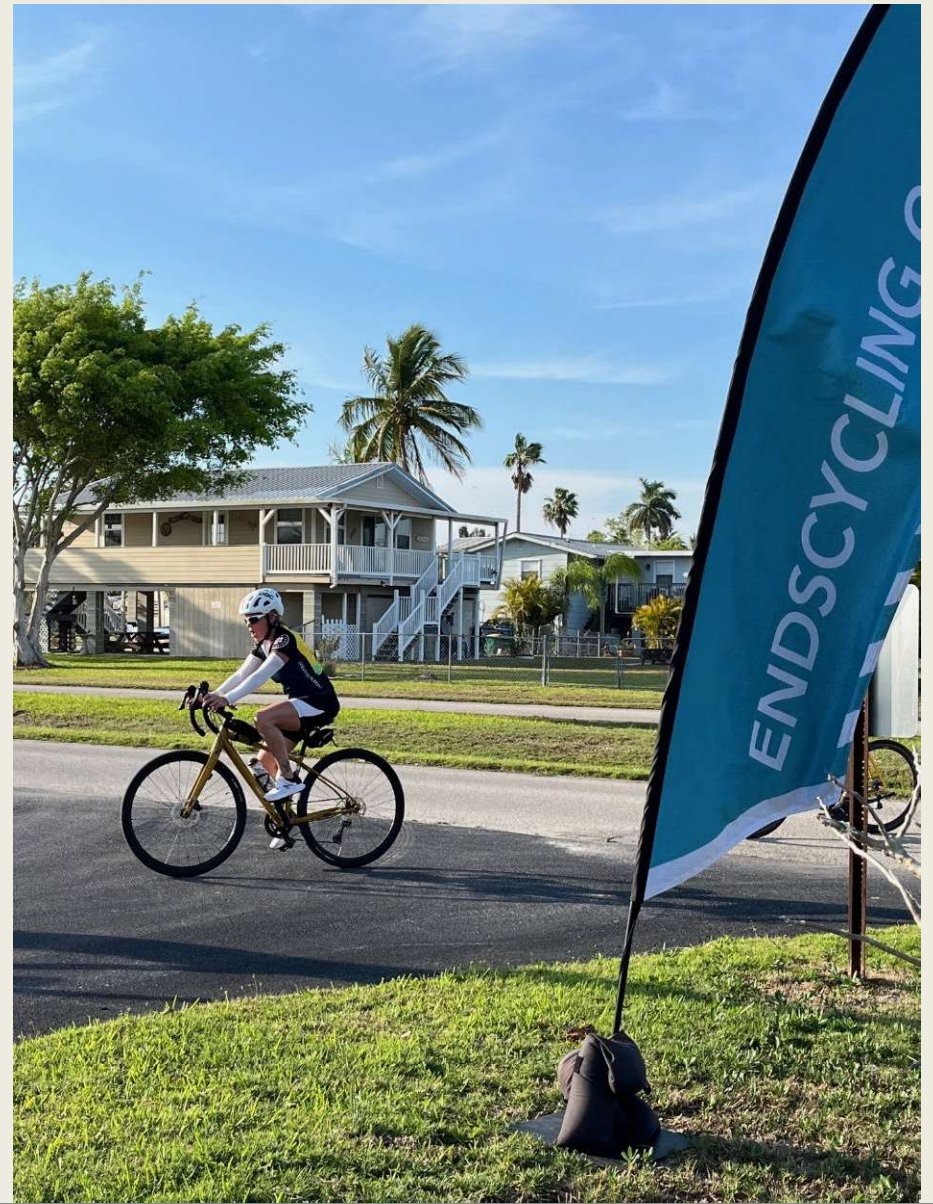


Wildlife





Visitors from around the world
come to kayak and bike in the Everglades



Bike Group staying overnight in Everglades City
14th Annual Tour from Ft Myers to Key West



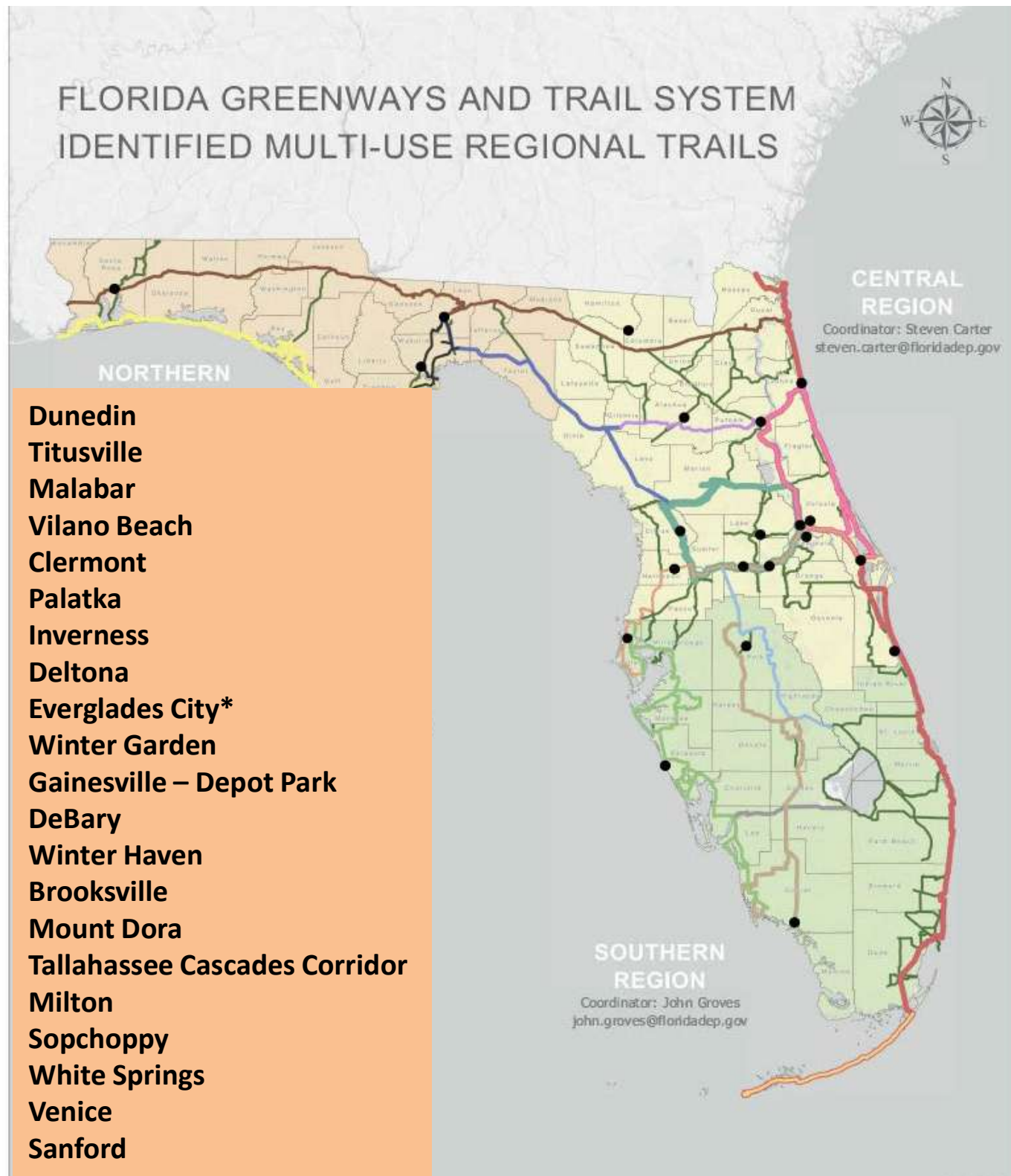
Bicycle Adventure Club Cycle Tour

Ft Myers to Key West



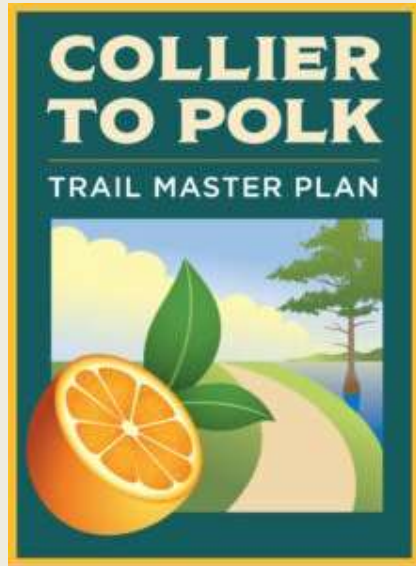
Historic Bank of Everglades Building under construction - the new Everglades Area Visitor Center & Trail Town Headquarters

21 Trail Towns in Florida



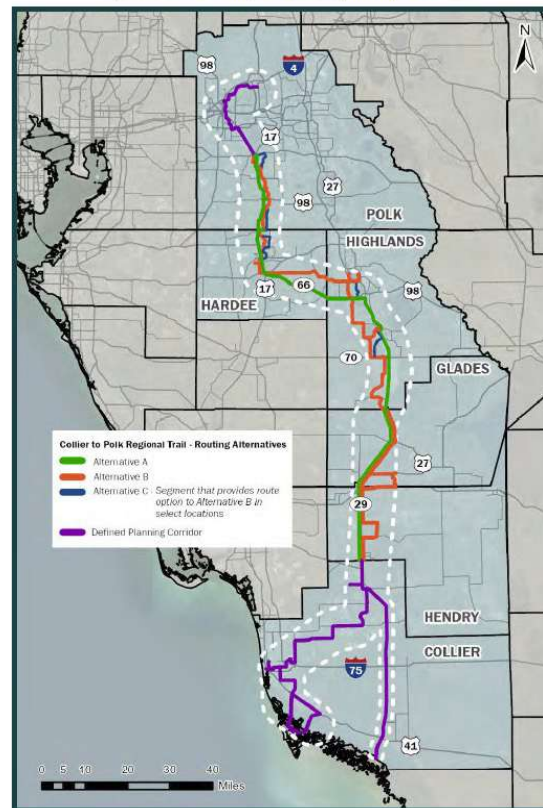
Local/ Regional Connections

Collier to Polk Regional Trail



COLLIER TO POLK TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Figure 11. Overview Map of Preliminary Routing Alternatives



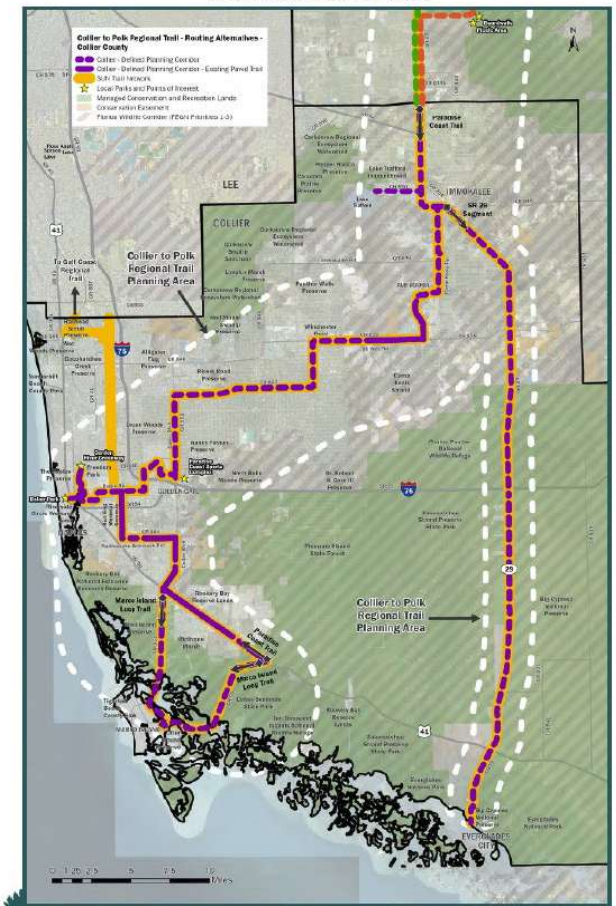
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COLLIER TO POLK TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Figure 12. Collier County - Defined Planning Boundary



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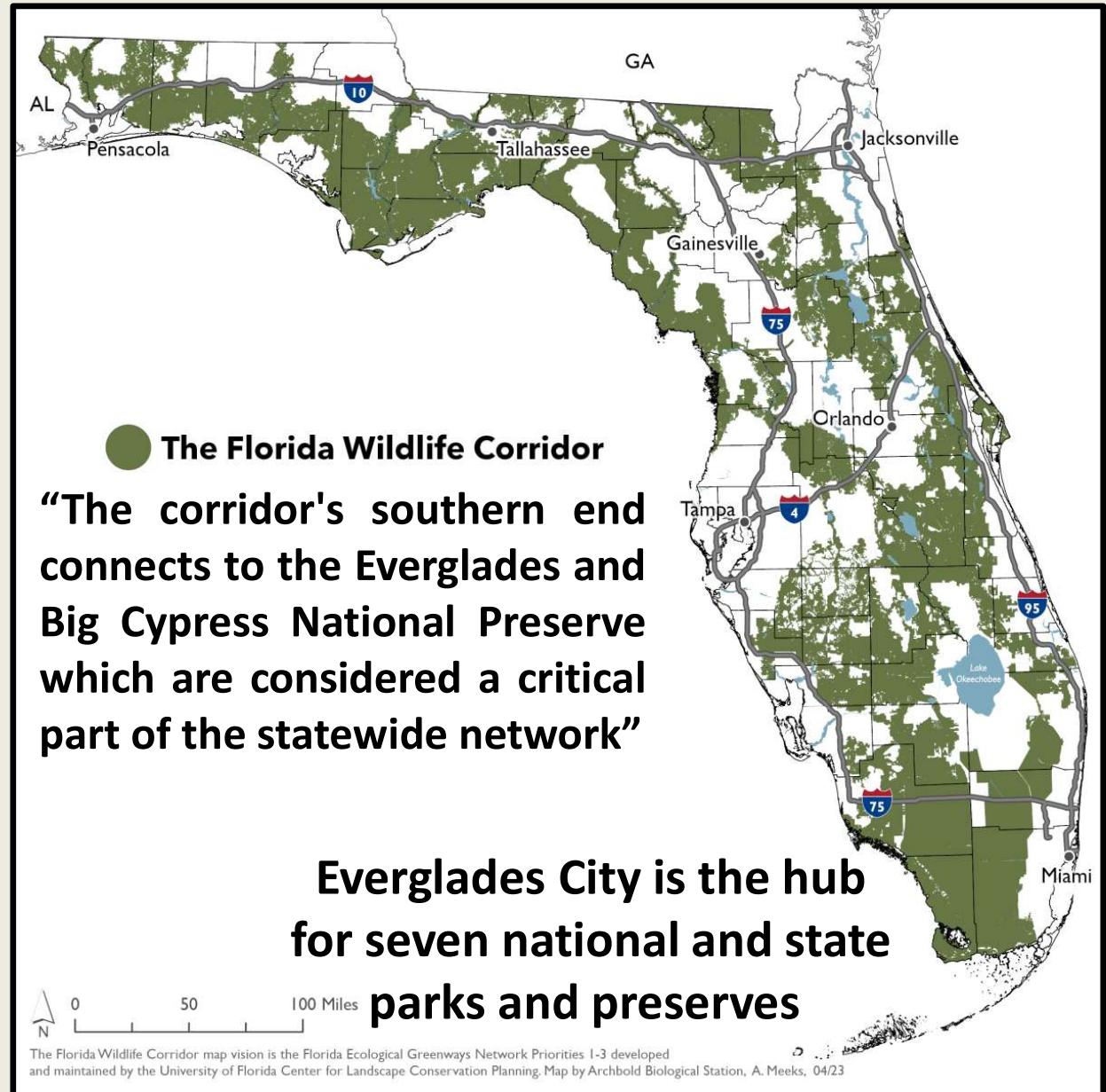
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Local/ Regional / State Connections

Florida Wildlife Corridor



Senator Kathleen Passidomo unveils a FL Wildlife Corridor Marker in the Fakahatchee Strand in November 2024

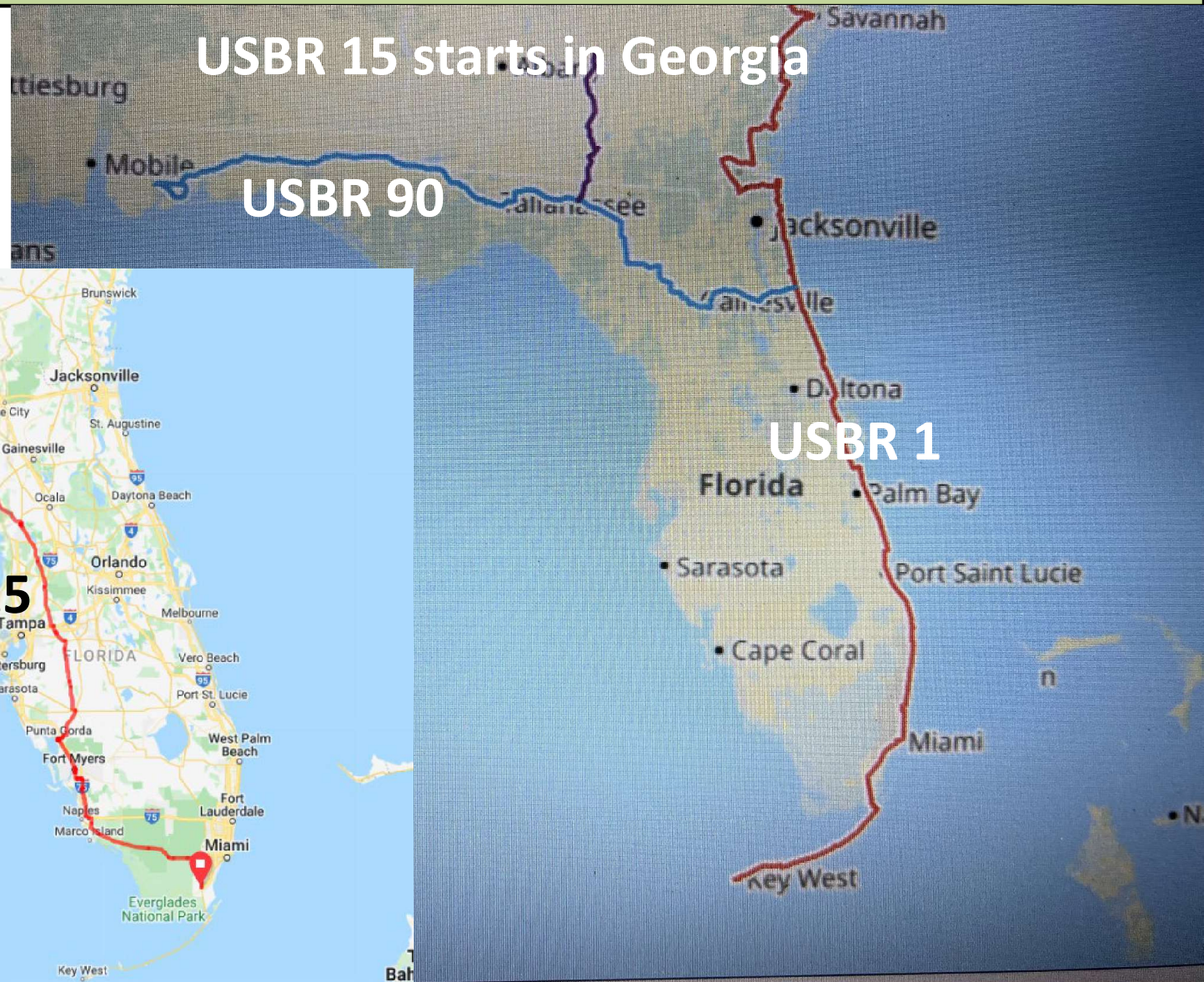


Everglades City is the hub for seven national and state parks and preserves

National Connection

Adventure Cycling USBR 15

**USBR15 now extends
from Madison, FL, to
Miami
(496 additional miles)**



Sunset Photo taken from Chokoloskee Bridge Pathway

