

# 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 St., Everglades City, Florida 34136)  
Everglades Visitor Center (1)  
Tour Town Headquarters (1)

**Attractions**  
Clyde Butcher's Gallery - Chokoloskee  
Everglades National Park (1)  
Everglades Observation Tower (1)  
Museum of the Everglades (4)  
Shark Alley Headquarters - Chokoloskee  
Snailboat Head Office - Chokoloskee  
Snailboat Tours & Museum - Chokoloskee (1)

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

**Lodging**  
Laport's Lake Resort (1)  
Chokoloskee Island Park - Chokoloskee (1)  
Everglades City Hotel (1)  
Everglades VR Corp (1)  
Gables House Cabins (14)  
Key House (1)  
Outdoor Resorts Motel & RV - Chokoloskee (1)  
Parkway Motel - Chokoloskee (1)  
River Williams Resort (1)  
Post & Gun Club (1)  
Swamp Cottages - Clyde Butcher's - Chokoloskee  
Trail Lake Campground - Chokoloskee

**Restaurants**  
Lampshire Street Grill (1)  
City Seafood (1)  
Everglades Cafe (1)  
Nelly's Corner at Everglades Fishing Company (1)  
Common Sense Cafe (1)  
Harvey's Cafe - Chokoloskee (1)  
Hole in the Wall Place (1)  
Island Cafe (1)  
Island's Back Cross Cafe - Chokoloskee  
Post & Gun Club (1)  
The Shrimp Pelican/Pelican Bar and Grill (1)  
The Everglades City Outfitters (1)  
Trail Seafood & Cafe (1)

**Services**  
Community Center / Thrift Store (1)  
County Library (1)  
Everglades Museum (1)  
Fire Department / EMS (1)  
Mound Community Park (1)  
Post Offices  
Chokoloskee (1)  
Everglades (1)  
Chokoloskee  
Right Choice Grocery Store (1)  
Sheriff's Office (1)  
Mini-Car Wash (1)

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**Airboat Tours**  
Cape and Sea (1)  
Captain Mitchell's - Seaside Trail  
Captain's Island Adventure - Chokoloskee  
Down South (1)  
Everglades City Airboat (1)  
Jungle King's Small Airboat Tours (1)  
Sandy's Island Airboat Tours (1)  
Wagner's Airboat Tours - Chokoloskee

**Boat & Tackle**  
Everglades Boat & Tackle (1)  
Everglades Fishing Co. - Marathon (1)  
Outdoor Resorts Marine - Chokoloskee (1)

**Bicycles**  
Everglades Repair Shop (1)  
Everglades City Motel / Key House (1)  
Tour the Everglades (1)

**Boat Launches / Marinas**  
Captain's Island Resort - Seaside (1)  
Chokoloskee Island Park Marina - Chokoloskee (1)  
Gables House Marina (1)  
Outdoor Resorts Marine - Chokoloskee (1)  
Parkway Marina - Chokoloskee (1)  
Post & Gun Club (1)

**Churches**  
Chokoloskee Church of God - Chokoloskee (1)  
Cape and Sea Baptist Church - Cape and Sea  
Everglades Community Church (1)  
First Baptist Church (1)  
Holy Family Catholic Church (1)

**Convenience Stores / Fuel**  
Circle K (1)  
Everglades Fishing Co. / Marathon (1)

**Eco Tours / Guide Services / Kayak Rentals**  
1000 Islands Boat Tour at 1000 Islands  
Don Cochran - Chokoloskee  
Everglades Adventure Tours - Chokoloskee  
Everglades Adventure Tours / Holy House (1)  
Everglades Area Tours - Chokoloskee (1)  
Everglades Backcountry Experience - Chokoloskee  
Everglades Fishing Company / Holy House (1)  
Everglades Fishing Company (1)  
Everglades Kayak Fishing  
Post & Gun Club  
Martha's Bay Fishing Guide Service  
Tour the Everglades - Private Wildlife Tours (1)  
Snailboat Store Boat Tour - Chokoloskee (1)  
Wagner's Church  
Wings 10,000 Islands Area Tours (1)

**Real Estate**  
Bob's Real Estate (1)  
Brown's Real Estate - Chokoloskee  
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**

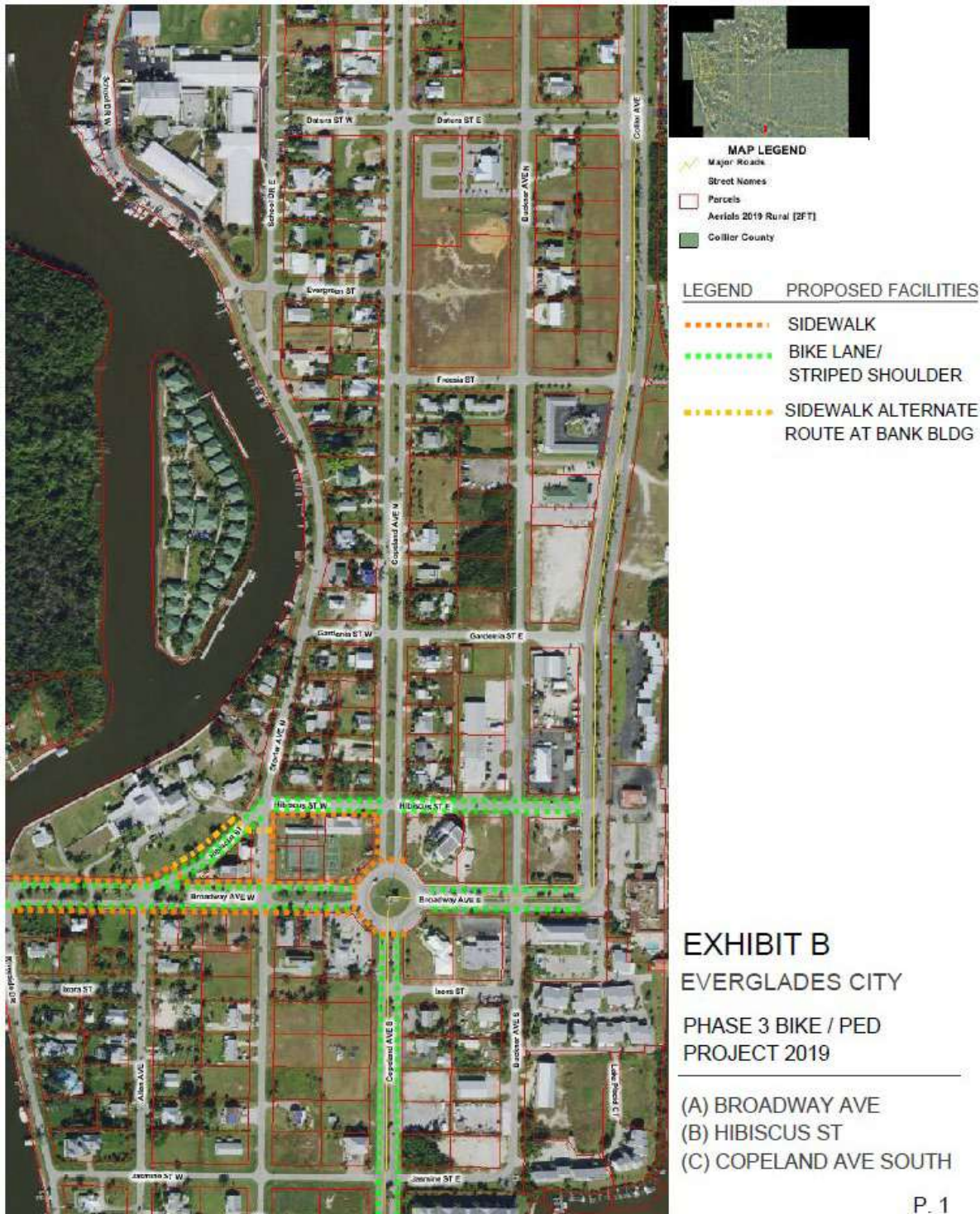




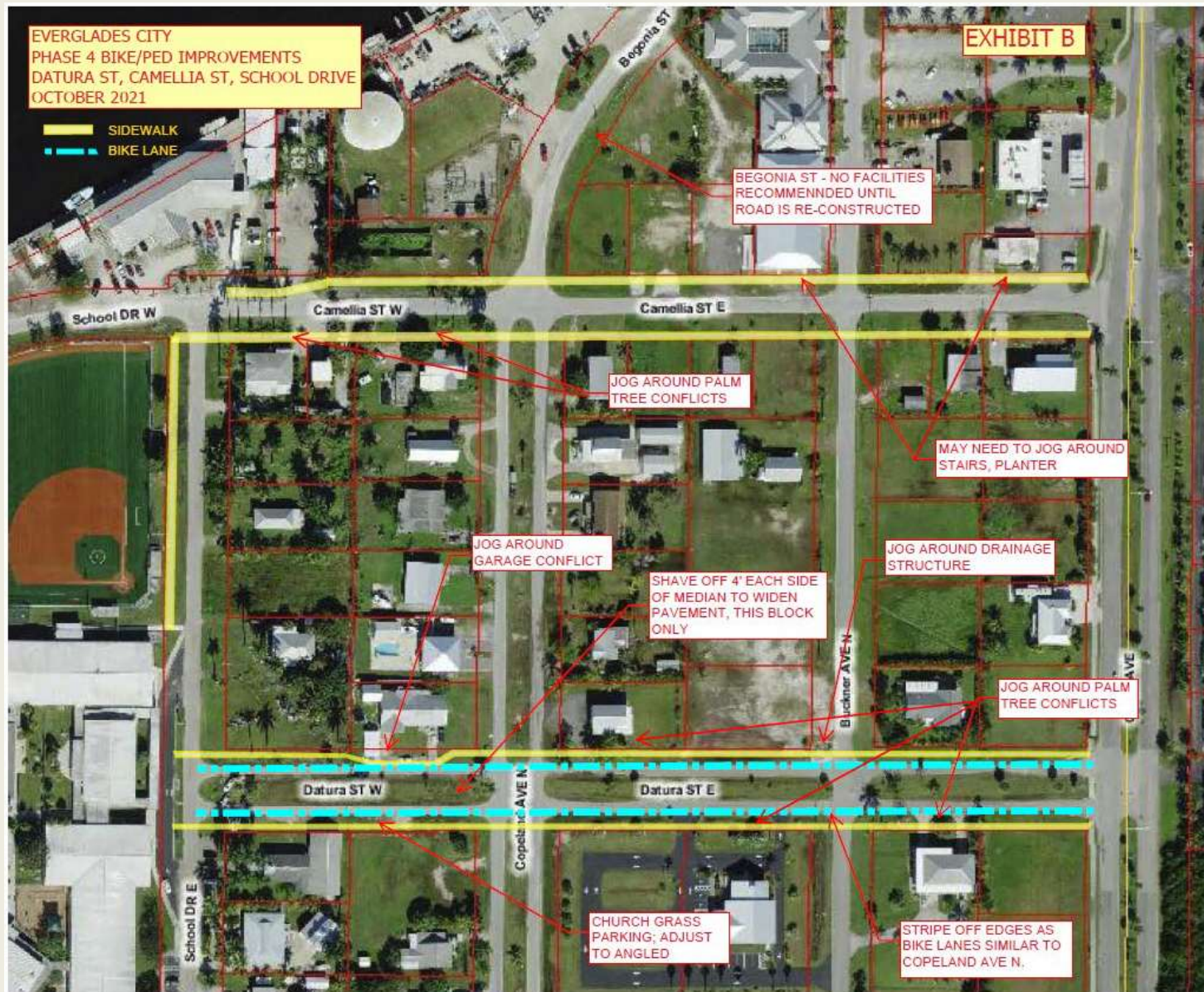
# Bike/Pedestrian Improvements

**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

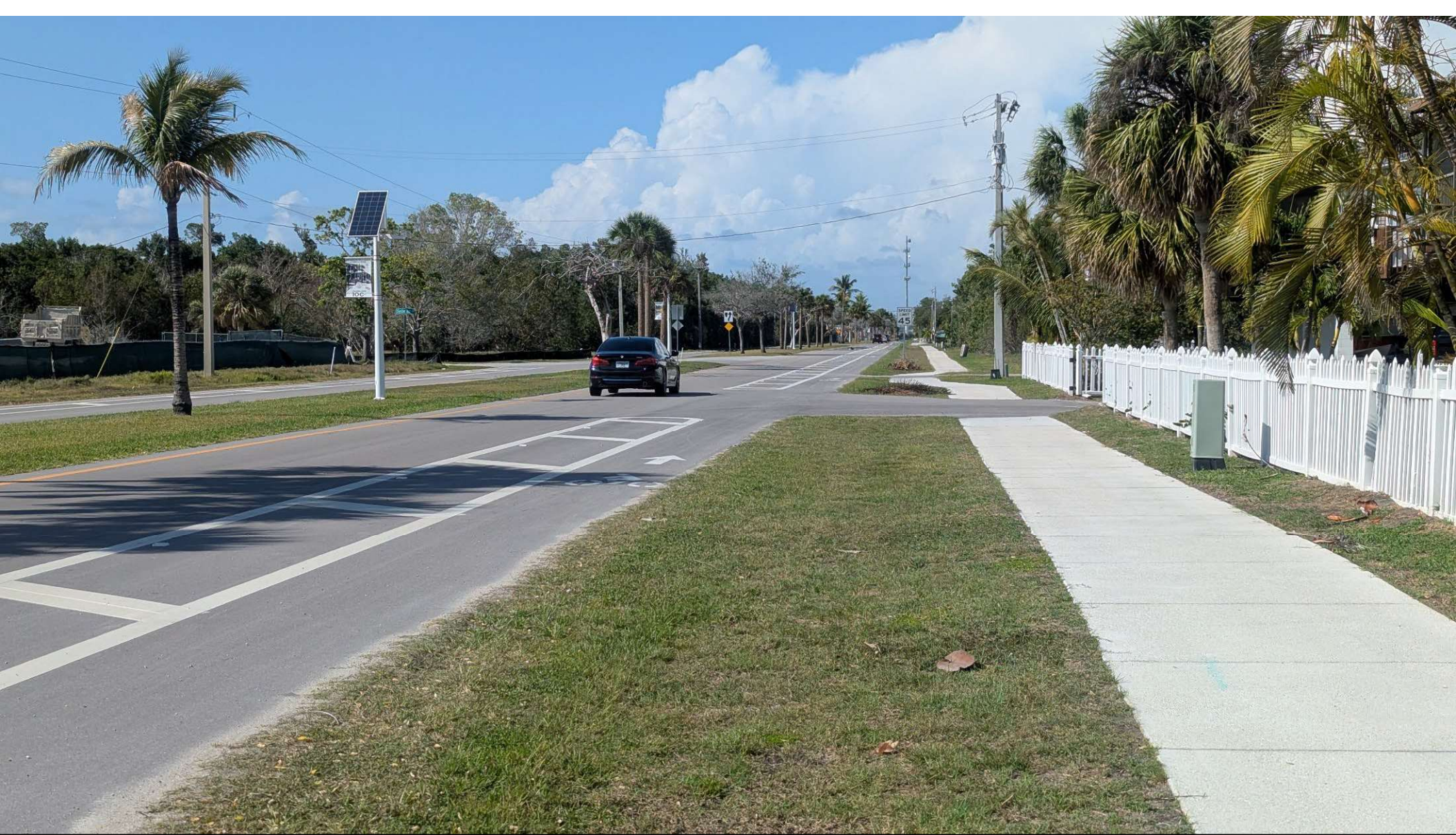
Community  
Center Design

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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

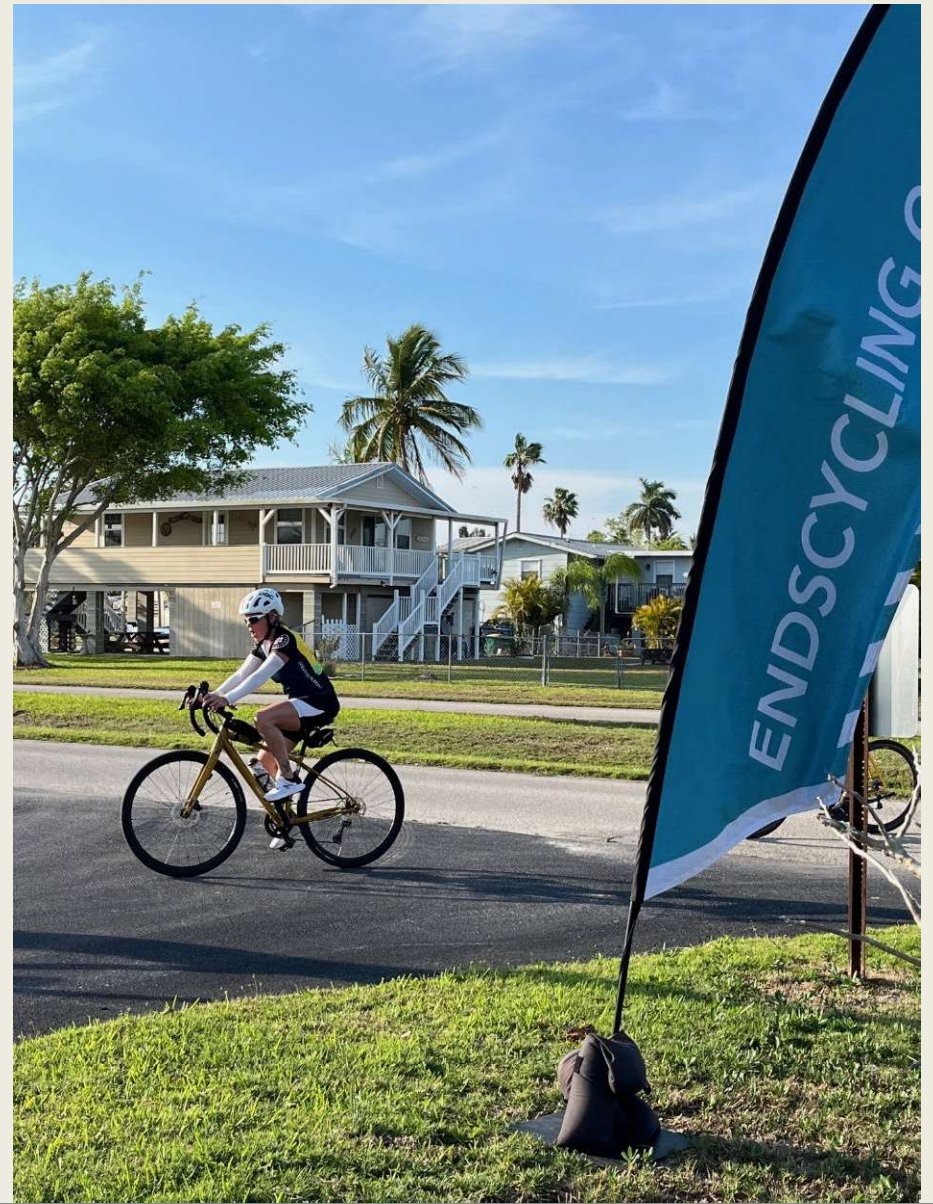






Visitors from around the world  
come to kayak and bike in the Everglades





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





# Bicycle Adventure Club Cycle Tour

## Ft Myers to Key West

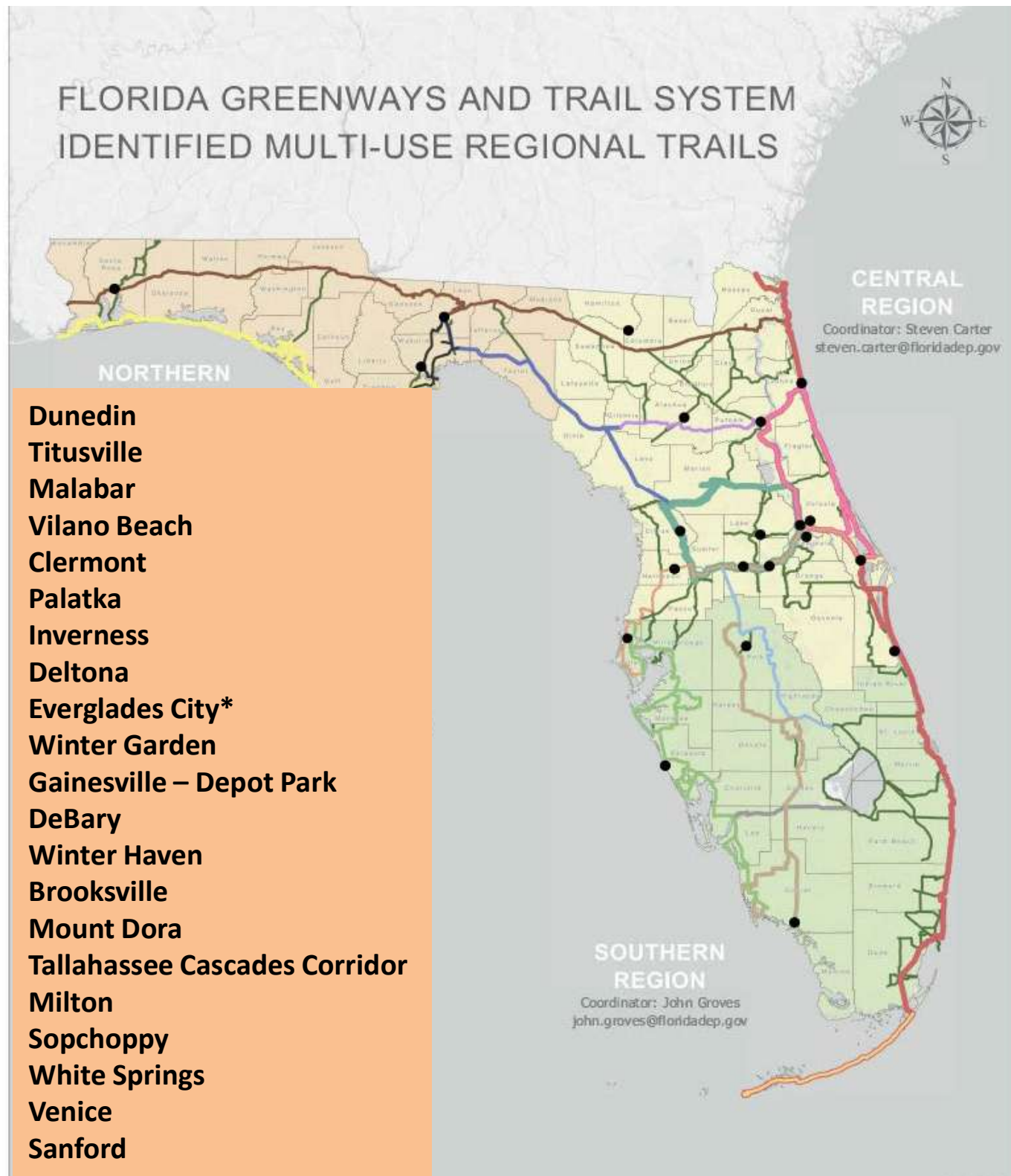




**Historic Bank of Everglades Building under construction - the new Everglades Area Visitor Center & Trail Town Headquarters**



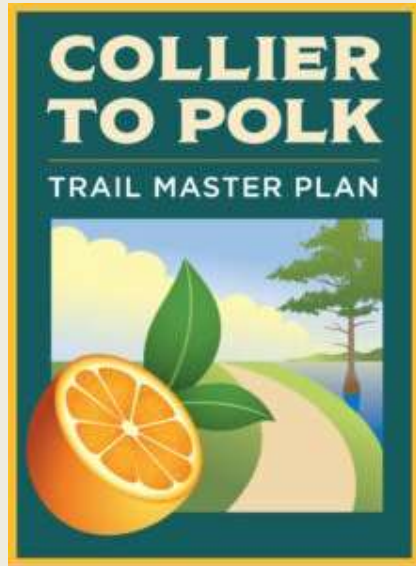
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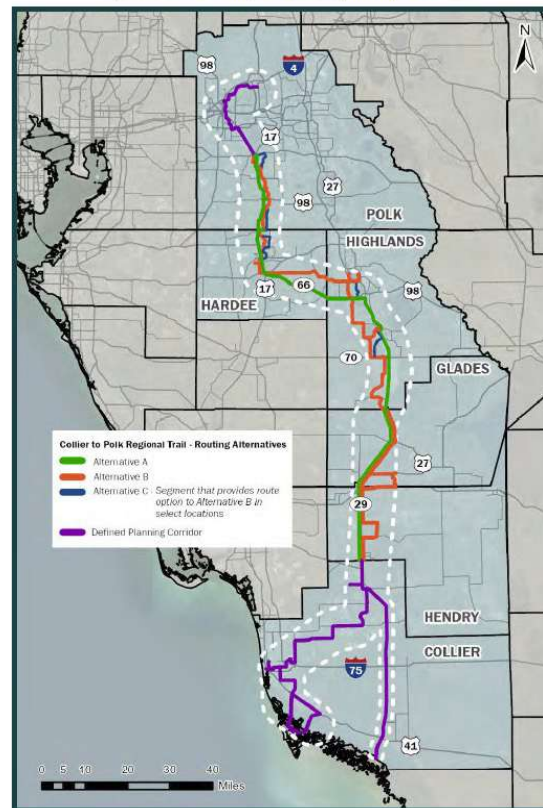
# Local/ Regional Connections

## Collier to Polk Regional Trail



### COLLIER TO POLK TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Figure 11. Overview Map of Preliminary Routing Alternatives



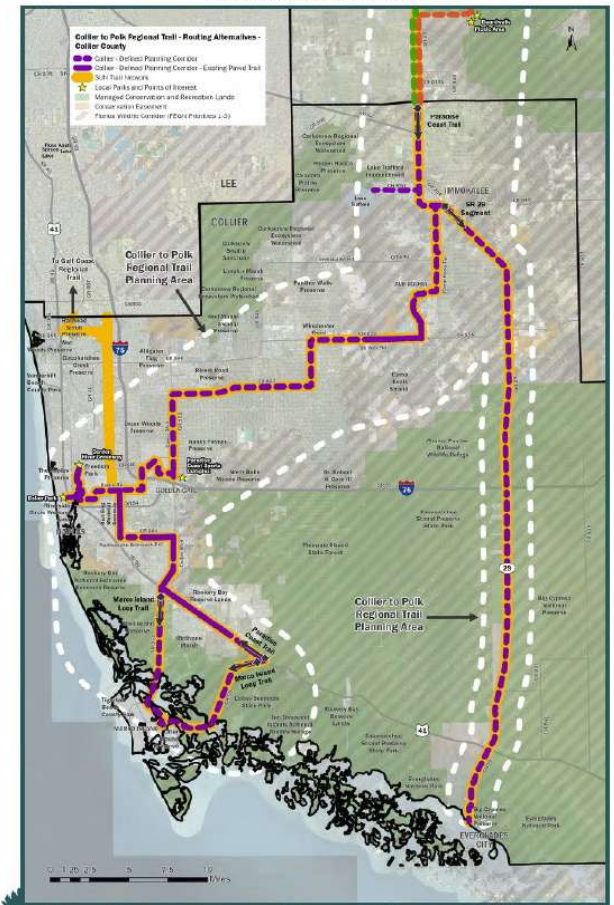
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### COLLIER TO POLK TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Figure 12. Collier County - Defined Planning Boundary



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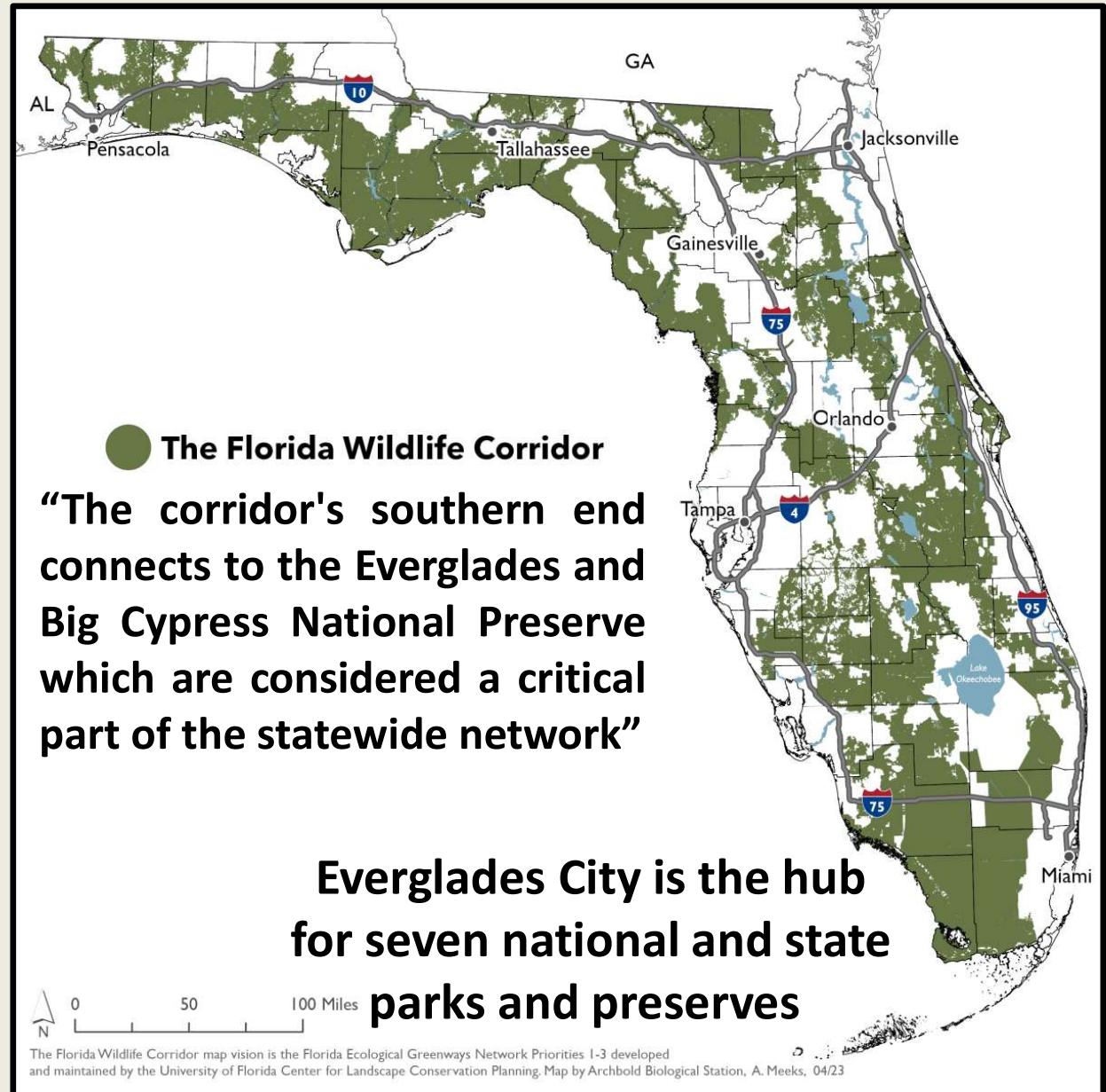


# Local/ Regional / State Connections

## Florida Wildlife Corridor



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



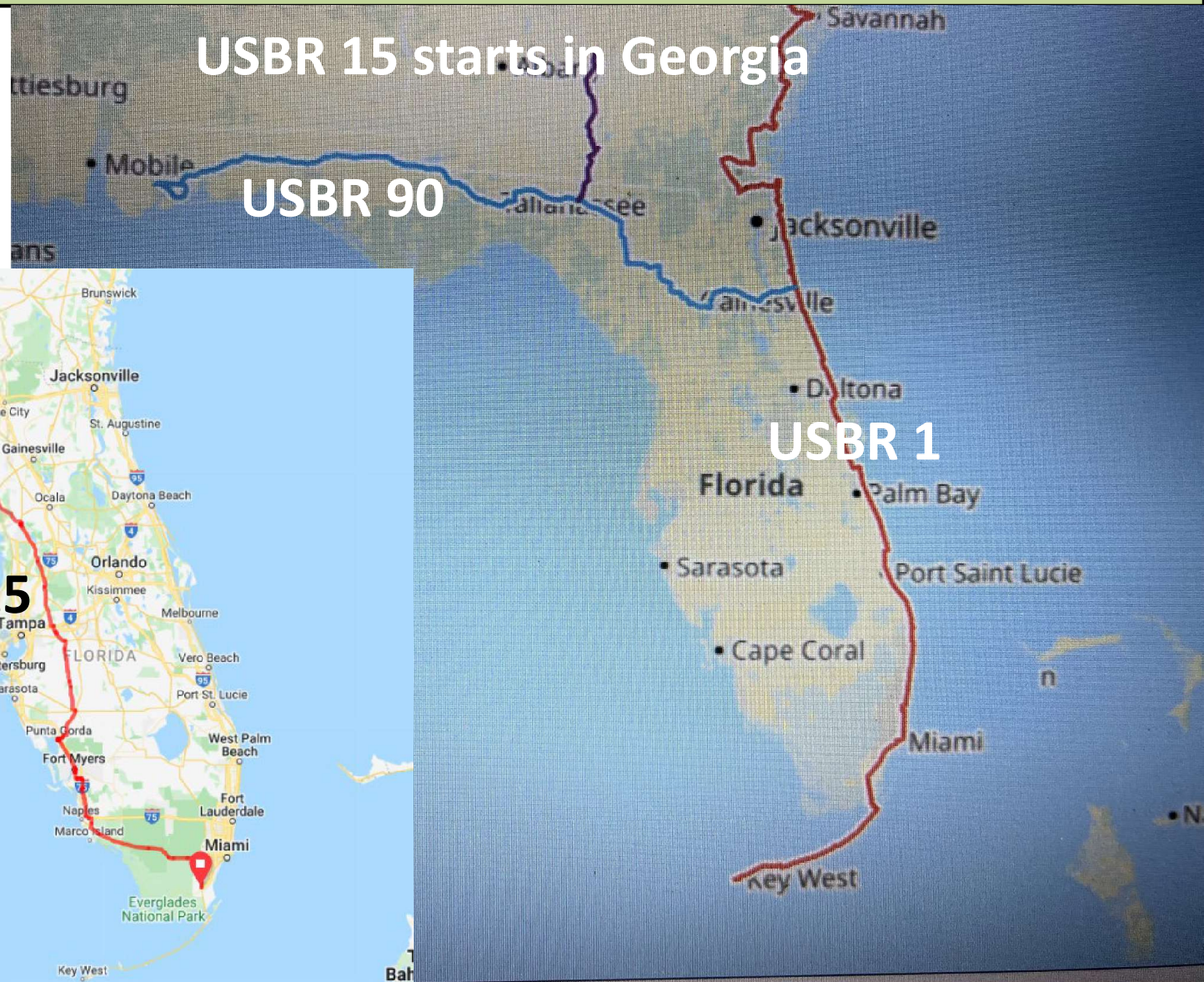
**Everglades City is the hub  
for seven national and state  
parks and preserves**



# National Connection

## Adventure Cycling USBR 15

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



<https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/maps-and-route-resources/>



Sunset Photo taken from Chokoloskee Bridge Pathway

