

2018 Florida Greenways and Trails Council

The Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC) was established pursuant to 260.0142, Florida Statutes. Among its duties, the Council serves to advise the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on greenway and trail related issues, promote intergovernmental cooperation and private partnerships for developing the greenways and trails system, recommend priorities for critical links in the system, and provide funding recommendations for developing and managing the system.



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Florida Greenways and Trails Council- 260.0142 F.S.

Appointed by the Governor:

(2) Trail Users / (2) Greenway Users / Private Land Owner

Appointed by President of the Senate:

Trail User / (2) Greenway Users

Appointed by Speaker of the House:

(2) Trail Users / Greenway User

The 9 Remaining Council Members Include:

FL Dept. of Environmental Protection
FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
FL Dept. of Transportation
FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services
FL Dept. of State
Water Management District
Federal Land Management Agency
Regional Planning Council
Local Government

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Brian Smith was the Director of Planning for Pinellas County for 30 years. In that same time period he also served as the executive director of the Pinellas County MPO. He worked with the development of the Pinellas Trail in all phases. He retired with the commitment to continue to be involved in planning work.



Brian has established expertise in all aspects of planning with a focus on livable communities, community involvement, environmental initiatives, historic preservation, transportation planning and management, and trails development. He has stayed involved locally, currently serving as Chairman of the Municipal Planning Organization's Bike Pedestrian

Advisory Committee and Vice Chairman of the County's Historic Preservation Board. In addition, he is a Board Member on the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation. He is also Chairman of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

He has a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University and a Bachelor's in Physics. In 2006 he was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. In 2011 he was recognized by the Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) as a National Trails Champion. He is currently the Chairman of the American Planning Association Florida's Sustainability Committee

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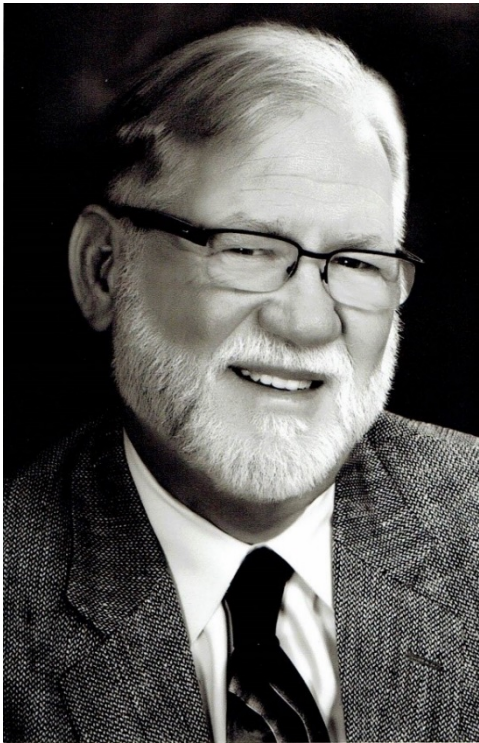
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Sam was born and raised in Headland, AL and moved to San Mateo, FL in 1964.



He lives on the St. Johns River one mile downstream from Dunns Creek in the home he helped his father build. He graduated from Palatka South High School in 1970 and Florida Institute of Technology in 1974.

Sam had a 32 year career with Ford Motor Company, becoming a District Manager for Ford Customer Service Division in their Orlando Regional Office. Currently retired, he serves on the boards of the Bartram Trail Conference (VP), Putnam Blueways and Trails Citizen Support Organization, Palatka Water Works Environmental Education Center and Putnam County Historical Society. He is the president of the Friends of Dunn Creek State Park CSO. He is a Greenway

User Governor's appointee to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

Sam worked for the establishment of the Bartram Trails in Putnam County by chairing the committee that is part of the Putnam County St. Johns River Waterways Committee. A paddling adventure down the entire St. Johns River started his interest in John and William Bartram's 18th century travels in the region. The Bartram Trail in Putnam County has been designated as a National Recreation Trail.

He enjoys kayaking, golf and fishing and has been married to his wife Lorraine for 30 years. He has two children – Sam and Kelly Carr and 2 grandchildren.

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Sarrah was appointed to the Greenways and Trails Council in 2015 because of her love of Florida's trails! Ever since she moved to Tallahassee in 2003, she has loved



running and hiking the trails in Leon County.

Over the years, she has started mountain biking and trying to run as many trail races throughout the state as possible. She's a local triathlete and is committed to introducing people to exercising and showing them Florida's secret treasure: our trails.

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KC Ingram Traylor is the host of The KC Ingram Show that airs every Tuesday night on WSTU AM 1450 at 5:00 p.m. The focus of the show is to help keep listeners informed on issues that matter to our community.



KC grew up in Michigan and has always had a love for the outdoors. She spent many years horseback riding on the trails in her community. Since moving to Florida without horses, KC now enjoys biking and walking the trails of beautiful South Florida. KC advocates to preserve the beauty of the environment while incorporating the benefit of growth and industry. Both are vitally important to a healthy and sustainable Florida. She focuses on making each one a positive attribute in her community. Furthermore, KC is active with advocating for solutions to problems that stem from the Lake Okeechobee discharges and pollute our waters

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Becky is a native Floridian from the Tampa Bay area and has favored bicycle commuting since her grade school days in Clearwater. Her interest in road and off road riding evolved in the late 1990s, after graduating with a degree in Mass Communications from Loyola University in New Orleans, specializing in



television news directing. The intense skills of time-management and multi-tasking have proved beneficial over the last 18 years in the cycling community, taking on various jobs in project management, route logistics, marketing and most recently as Ride Director of Bike Florida and her current position as Executive Director of the Florida Bicycle Association.

Becky understands the importance of building a trail network throughout Florida and the many benefits it will provide to both the state of Florida through economic impact and to users of the trail for health, adventure and the pure joy that comes from riding a bicycle.

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David Rathke is the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Rathke began his career at the District in 2001 and has held the positions of director of the Community & Legislative Affairs Department and assistant director



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Rathke holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Central Florida.

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Growing up in St. Augustine, Faron developed a love of the outdoors while hiking, camping, and paddling in northeast Florida and the Panhandle. Whether it was trips



with his family or the Boy Scouts, he spent countless weekends enjoying and witnessing the "real" Florida. As a student at FSU and a resident of Tallahassee, Faron took up biking and mountain biking which furthered his appreciation of our natural resources and the importance of our trail system. "Being on the Florida Greenways and Trails Council will allow me to play an active role in protecting and expanding our trail system and ensuring it's use by my children and all future Floridians," he said.

Ralph Lair

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Ralph Lair is the Government Affairs Officer for Pasco County, Florida. He communicates information about programs and services provided by Pasco County



government to the county's citizens, members of the U.S. Congress, the Florida Legislature, and other local elected and appointed officials. The Government Affairs Officer also develops and coordinates State and Federal Legislative Programs on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator, and represents the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator to the Governor, the Cabinet, the Florida Legislature, and the United States Congress.

With over 22 years in state and local government, Ralph previously was the Chief Legislative

Assistant to Florida Speaker Will Weatherford. Mr. Lair was also the Chief Legislative Assistant to Representative Ken Littlefield, Speaker pro tempore Sandra Murman, and Senior Legislative Assistant to Representative Carl Littlefield. Ralph has also worked for the Southwest Florida Water Management District as a Senior Community Affairs Coordinator, the Florida Public Service Commission as a Senior Analyst and Chief Advisor to a Commissioner, and Florida-Stop Lawsuit Abuse as the Executive Director.

Ralph is a native Floridian, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Florida State University. He enjoys geocaching, hiking, biking and experiencing the real Florida the state park system has to offer.

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Commission's Office of Recreation Services where she is responsible for developing wildlife viewing-related recreation opportunities on Florida's wildlife management area system and facilitating wildlife-viewing tourism on public lands statewide. During her career, Ms. Lindsey has worked in environmental education and recreation programs for the Legislature, Florida Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Recreation and Park Association. Her professional interests focus on developing recreational learning experiences that lead participants to take positive actions for fish and wildlife habitat. She is an avid paddler and enjoys hiking and birding.

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Robin joined the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) team in August 2015 as the Trail Program Manager for the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail



Program. In this capacity, she is working with stakeholders to implement the SUN Trail Program and further FDOT's mission. SUN Trail projects will improve the intermodal connectors by closing gaps in the statewide paved trail system to increase the reliability of Florida's transportation system.

Previously, Robin worked for 11 years as a Regional Trail Coordinator with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Office of Greenways and Trails. For approximately a year, she worked as Florida's Recreational Trails Program Coordinator in DEP's Office of Operations. Prior to joining the FDEP she worked

with the Florida Department of State. She has extensive experience in team collaboration and advocacy. She moved to Tallahassee from Virginia to attend Florida State University. In her spare time, Robin enjoys exploring cultural and historical sites, bicycling and hiking, and relaxing at the beach with her husband.

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Marti Miller is a fourth generation Floridian that has combined family heritage and education to develop a career in Natural Resource Management. Currently employed as a Recreation Specialist for the Florida Forest Service, Marti has 20 plus years of experience in Nature Based Recreation and recently completed the University of Florida's Graduate Certification in Natural Resource Policy and Administration. Past employment has included ten years with the Florida Park Service and ten plus years with the Florida Forest Service. An additional responsibility includes Deputy Finance Section Chief on the FFS Wildfire/All Hazard Incident Management Gold Team.

Outdoor adventures are a priority in her personal life also. Camping, horseback riding, water sports, hiking and biking are all a part of family and friend activities balanced with a goal of being a lifelong learner.

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Dr. Timothy Parsons is a cultural resources management professional and archaeologist who has worked in the field since 2003. He completed his Ph.D. and M.A. in Anthropology at Florida State University, and received an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Anthropology at Millsaps College. Dr. Parsons is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and a member of the Society for American Archaeology and the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Before his appointment as Division Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, he served as the Division's Deputy SHPO and Supervisor of Federal and State Compliance and Review. Prior

to joining the Division, he spent six years with the National Park Service Southeast Archaeological Center, and previously worked as the cultural and historical programs manager for the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in northern Virginia.

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A native of New Haven, Connecticut, Colleen graduated from North Haven High School, and attended the University of New Haven in pursuit of a degree in Computer Science. She relocated to Brooksville, Florida in 1984 and attended the University of South Florida. In 1985 she obtained her Florida Real Estate Salesman's License. She successfully completed courses for Legal Aspects of Land Acquisition, Negotiation, Appraisals, Environmental Assessments, Risk Management, Property Management, Easements, Leases and Licenses.

Colleen is currently the Lead Land Use Specialist in the Operations Division of the Southwest Florida

Water Management District. During her career at the District, she has acquired vast experience with evaluating and developing strategies and solutions for land acquisition and management issues. She has extensive knowledge in statewide Conservation Land Acquisition and Management Programs and negotiating partnerships to further greenway initiatives and local and regional objectives. She has participated on numerous committees with state and local governments and private entities to identify greenway priorities in support of a statewide recreation vision.

During her career at the District, she was the lead for the development of the District's award-winning Recreation Guide and web page, assisted with adopting a Public Land Use Rule and developing a Volunteer Program. She has managed partnerships for projects that include Bayport Park Renovation, Nature's Classroom Renovation, Suncoast Parkway Scenic Paved Multi-use Trail, Upper Tampa Bay Trail, Clam Bayou Trail and the Veteran's Park Renovation,

Colleen feels her experience working at the District provides her the skills to effectively contribute to the Committee's duties and mission to further a statewide recreation vision for the betterment of all citizens and guests of the state.

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Shawn Thomas manages the congressionally designated Florida National Scenic Trail which spans 1,300 miles from Big Cypress National Preserve in the Everglades to Gulf Islands National Seashore in Pensacola. Shawn has a degree in Natural Resource Management from Ohio State University and served 3 ½ years as a Protected Areas Resource Specialist in the U.S. Peace Corps. Prior to joining the National Forests in Florida, Shawn was a Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Air Force, managing a Fish and Wildlife Program in Central Florida. An avid hiker and outdoor enthusiast, he enjoys spending his free time exploring Florida's natural areas with his wife, daughter and son.

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Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla and Jefferson along with 27 municipalities. Chris has lived in Tallahassee since 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology (1997) and a Master of Science in Planning from Florida State University (2000). He began at the ARPC as an economic development/growth management planner before transitioning to emergency management planning. He currently serves on the Board of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) and the National Association of Development

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Jim Couillard serves as Director of the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department and the county's landscape architect overseeing the management of 50



unique parks and trailheads. Marion County covers 1,652 square miles with 36-percent of the county classified as Conservation (380,621 acres) and is home of the Cross Florida Greenway, state forests, water management lands and the largest portion of the Ocala National Forest. Jim has a robust vision for outdoor recreation with a goal of making Marion County the ecotourism hub of the southeast through partnerships with federal, state and local land managing agencies and the private sector. Jim

works closely with FDEP and FDOT in a joint effort to close gaps and find ideal alignments for shared-use trails in Marion County as part of the state-wide paved trail vision. Jim's experience with these agencies and his park design expertise will be beneficial to the Greenways and Trails Council. When he is not working, Jim enjoys spending time with his family, long distance backpacking, camping, fishing and watching his son play baseball.