



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Florida Greenways and Trails Council Meeting

March 31, 2016

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Presentation outline

- Florida Greenways and Trails Act, and System Plan
- Council's role & SUN Trail timeline
- Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network
- Regional Trail Systems



Florida Greenways and Trails Act

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

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

[Florida Greenways and Trails Act \(Ch. 260, F.S.\).](#)





Implementing the act



The Greenways and Trails System Plan outlines the vision for implementing the Greenways and Trails Act.



FGTS Plan

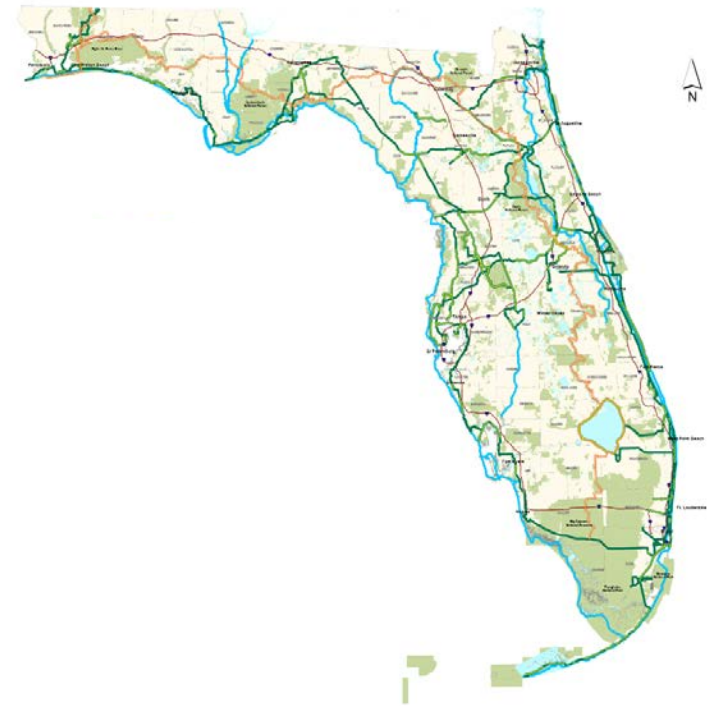
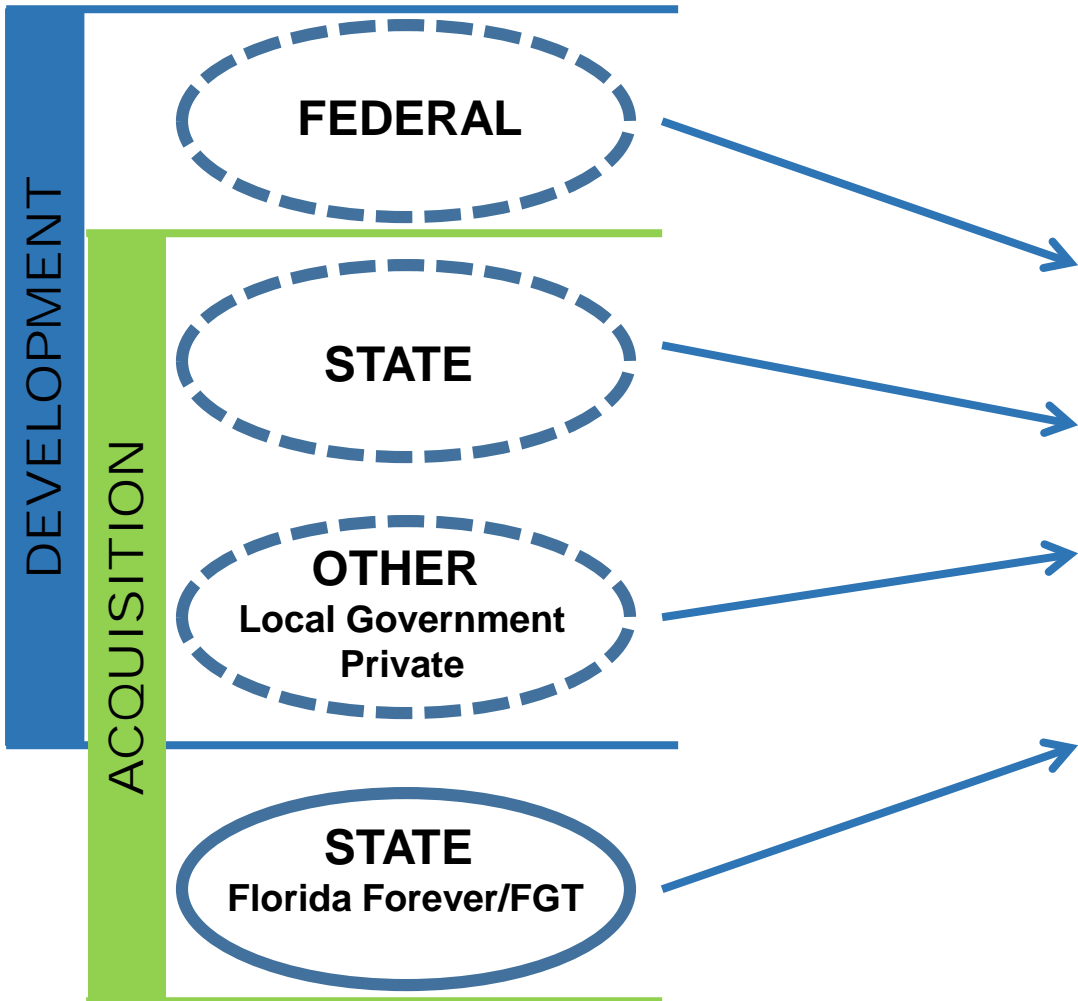
Goal 1: Identify and prioritize greenways and trails





FGTS Plan

Goal 2: Direct resources and programs to establish the FGTS





FGTC Role & Timeline

Regional Trail Systems

December, 2015

Council develops draft regional trail systems criteria for public comment

January, 2016

Council adopts regional trail systems criteria

February, 2016

Council amended and adopted list of regional trails for further evaluation

Today's Goal

Council receives in-depth regional trail systems analysis and recommends regional trail(s) to FDOT



Legislative Mandate

FDOT Trail Legislation Overview

2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4)

- **FDOT was directed to give funding priority to trail projects that:**
 - **Are identified by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council as a priority within the FGTS;**
 - **Support the transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians;**
 - **Have national, statewide, or regional importance;**
 - **Facilitate an interconnected system of trails by completing gaps between existing trails.**
- **Funded projects shall be operated and maintained by an entity other than FDOT upon of construction, and FDOT is not obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance.**



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Source: FDOT Presentation to FGTC, December, 2015.





Legislative Mandate

FDOT Trail Legislation Overview

2015 Trail Legislation: 320.072, FS and 339.81, FS

- \$25 million annually to SUN Trail Network from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues;
- Created as a component of the FGTS which is planned by FDEP;
- Funding for planning, development, operation and maintenance;
- Excludes: sidewalks; loop trails wholly within a single park or natural area; water trails; the Florida National Scenic Trail; and On-road facilities except:
 - Segments less than a ½ mile connecting two or more non-motorized trails; or on-road components of FKOHT.

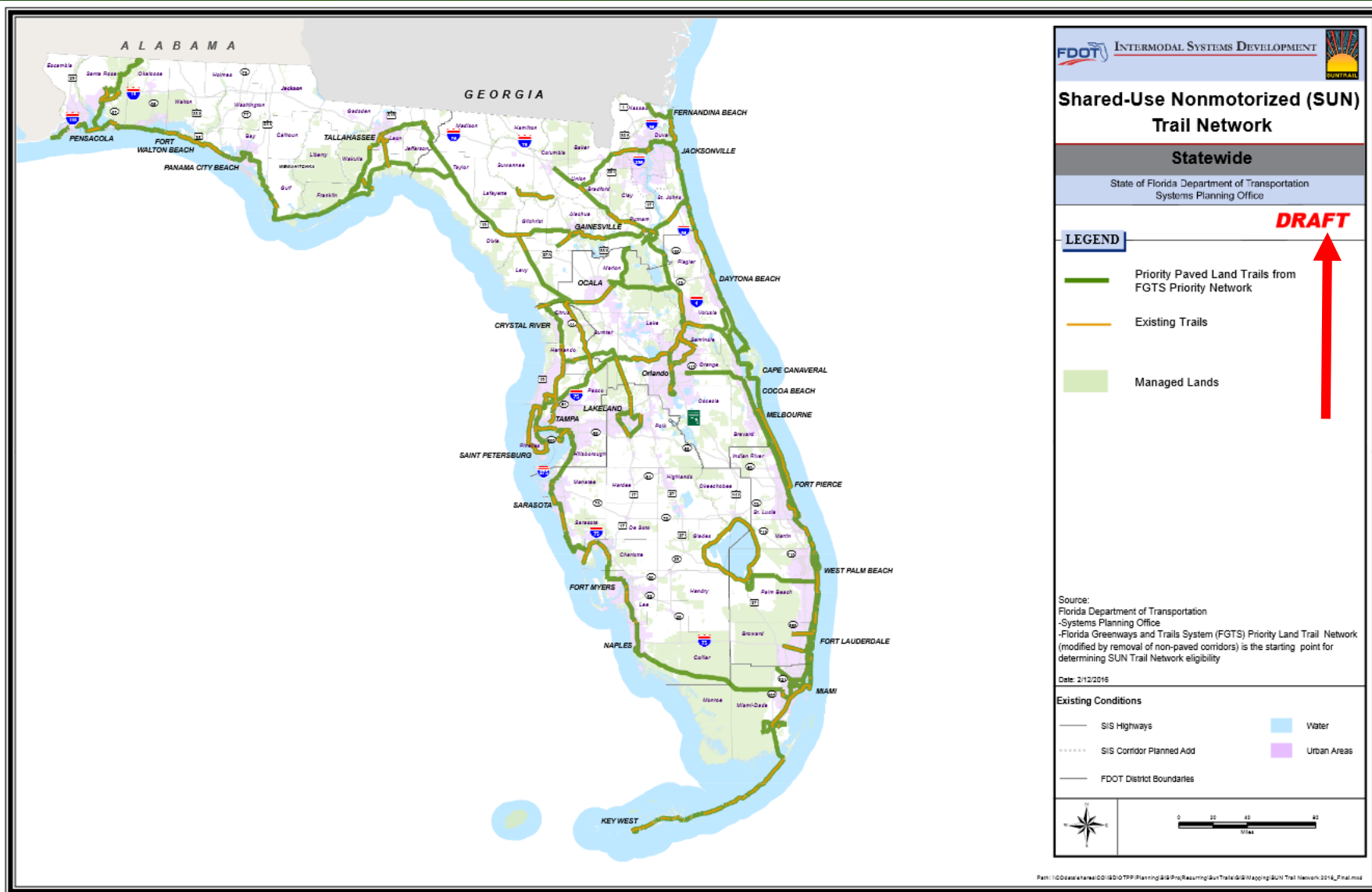


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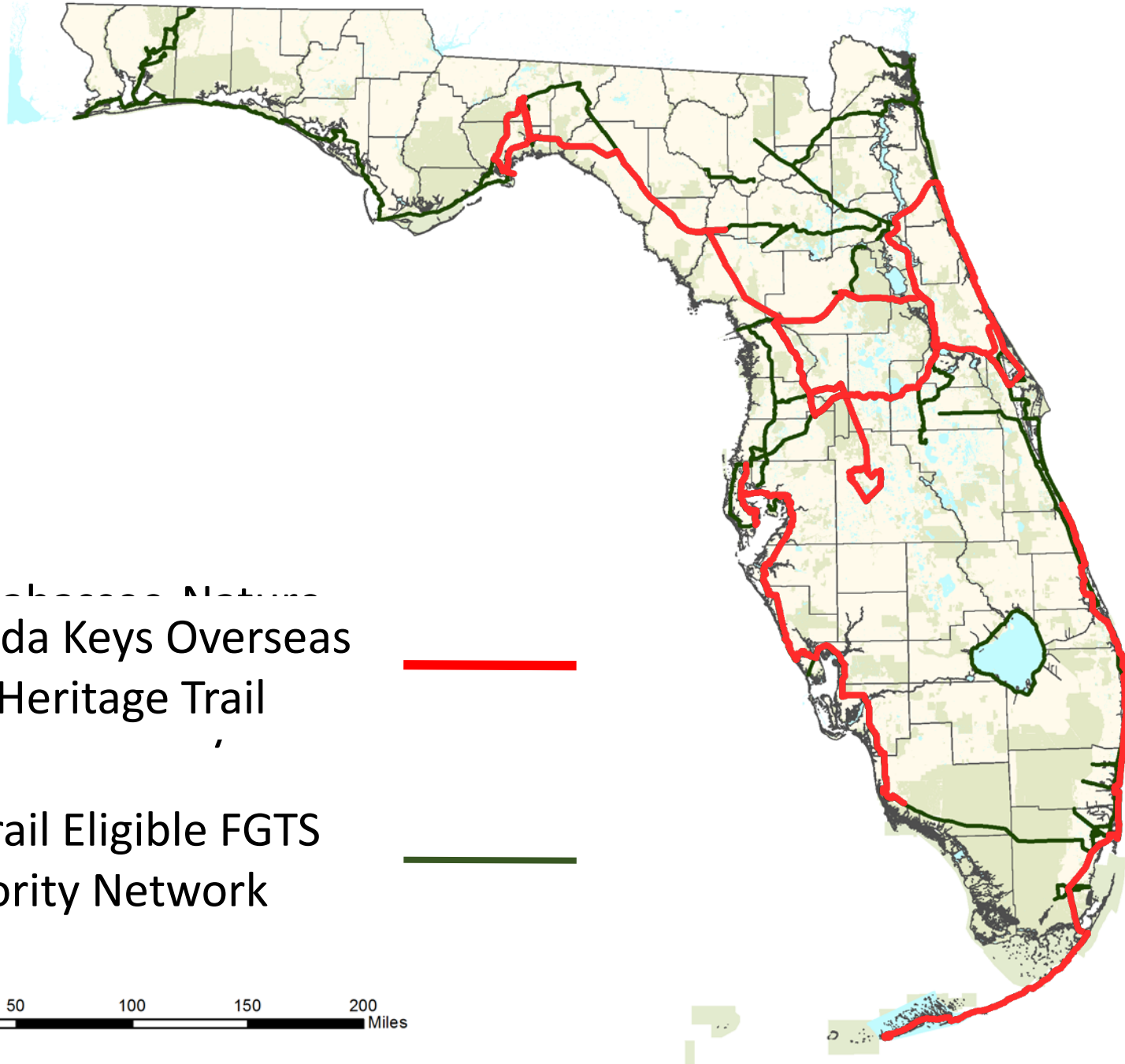
Regional Trail System Criteria





Regional Systems

- Capital City to Sea Trails
- Tallahassee-Nature Coast-Peace River Greenway
- St. Johns River to Sea Loop
- Heart of Florida Loop
- Southwest Coastal Regional Trail
- East Coast Greenway - Southeast
- Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



Tallahassee National
Florida Keys Overseas
Heritage Trail



SUNTrail Eligible FGTS
Priority Network



0 25 50 100 150 200
Miles



Staff Evaluation

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Heritage Trail

Documented regional alliance w/ broad community support

Multiple counties

Serves as/serves destination(s)

Supports economic development/tourism

Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses

Prior/future public/private investment/commitment

Committed operations and maintenance

Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation

Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing

Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years



Criteria Sheet

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Y

Multiple counties

2

Serves as/serves destination(s)

Y

Supports economic development/tourism

Y

Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses

Y

Prior/future public/private investment/commitment

Y

Committed operations and maintenance

Y

Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation

Y

Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing

Y

Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years

Y



Capital City to the Sea Trails

Monticello



Midway



Tallahassee

LEON

JEFFERSON

WAKULLA


LIBERTY

St. Marks


Sopchoppy

Legend

Gap Status:

 EXISTING PAVED

 GAP

 PROGRAMMED/FUNDED

0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Miles



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Documented regional alliance w/ broad community support

N

Multiple counties

12

Serves as/serves destination(s)

Y*

Supports economic development/tourism

Y

Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses

Y

Prior/future public/private investment/commitment

Y*

Committed operations and maintenance

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Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation

N*

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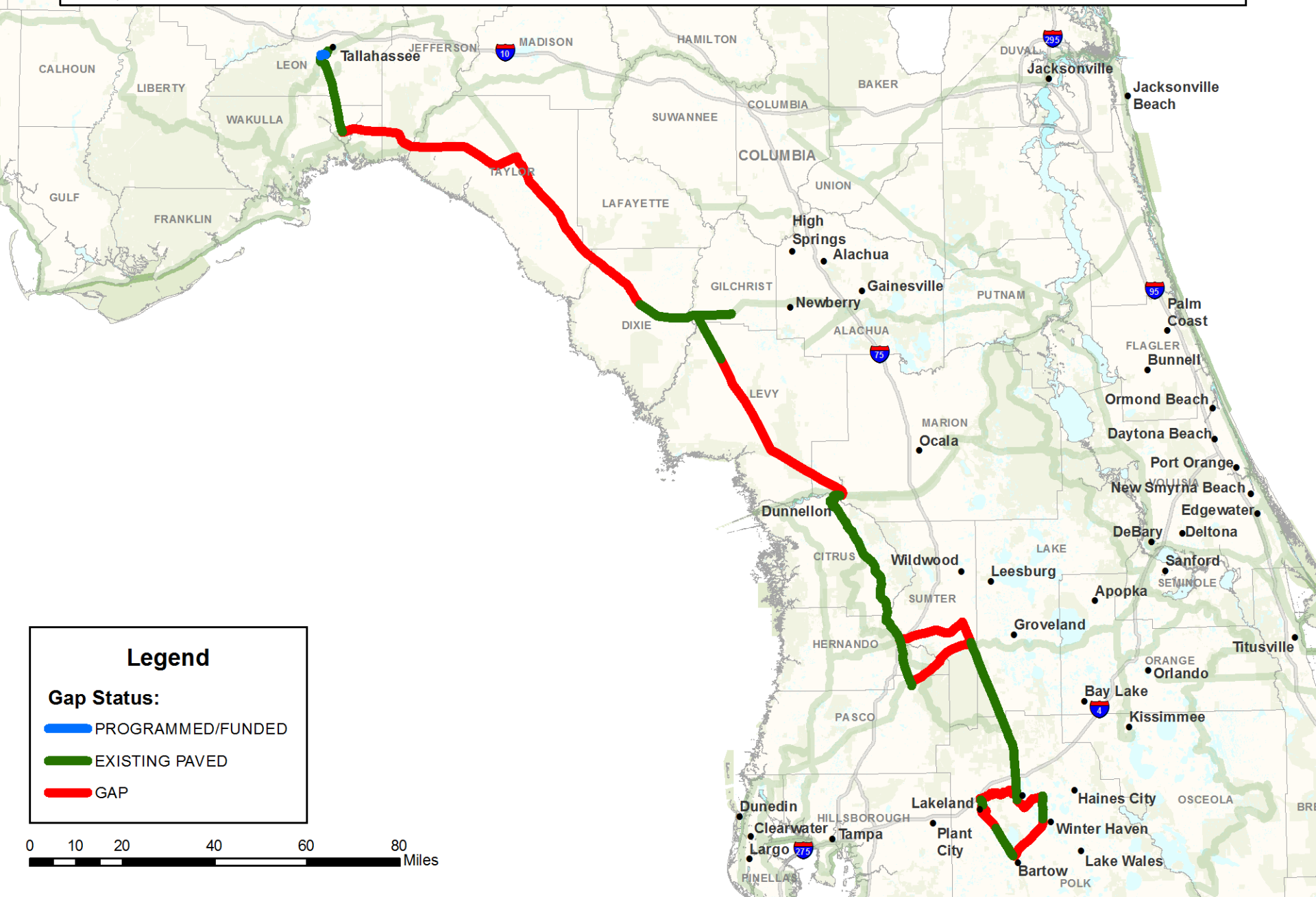
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Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years

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Tallahassee-Nature Coast-Peace River Greenway





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5

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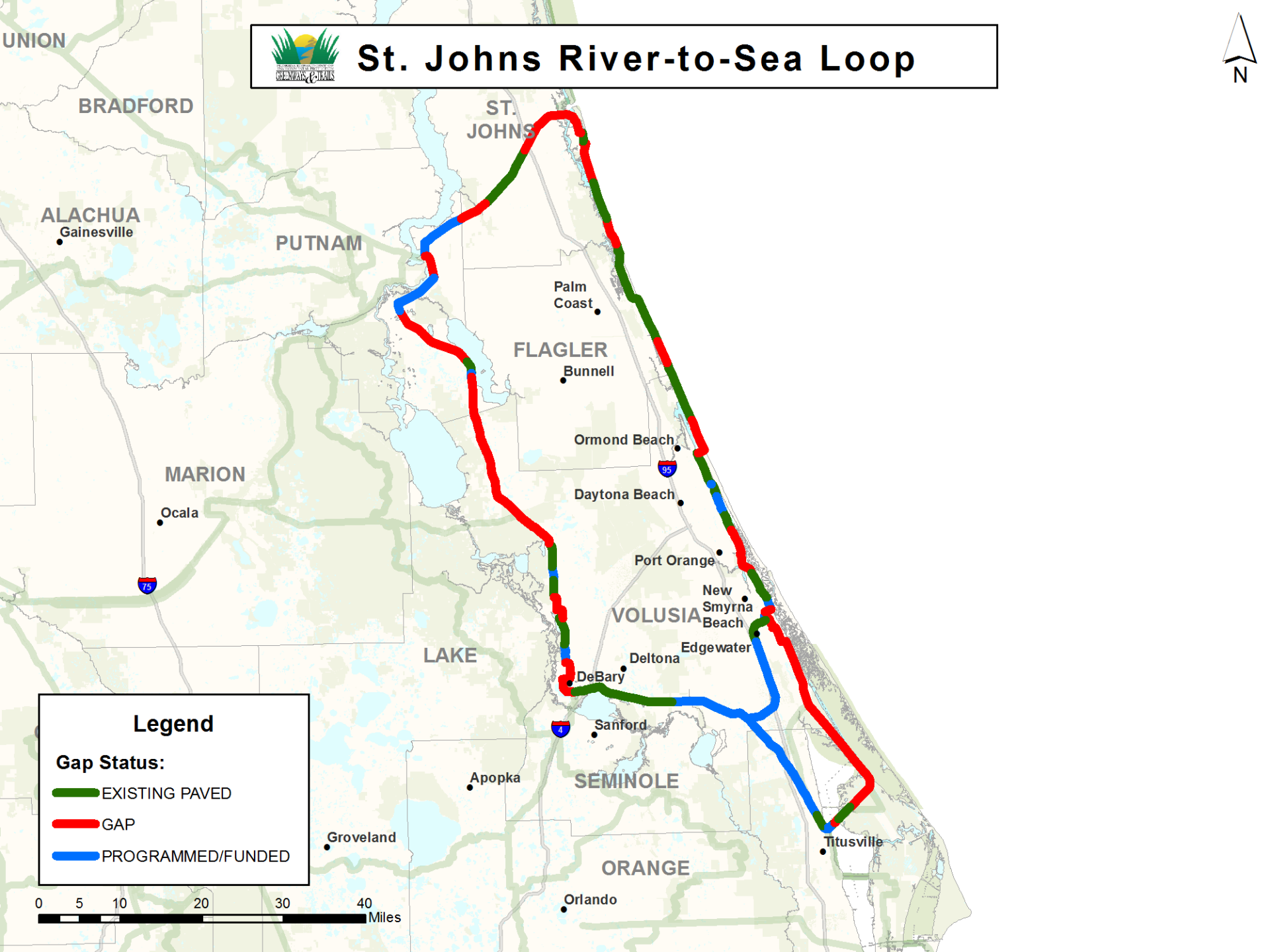
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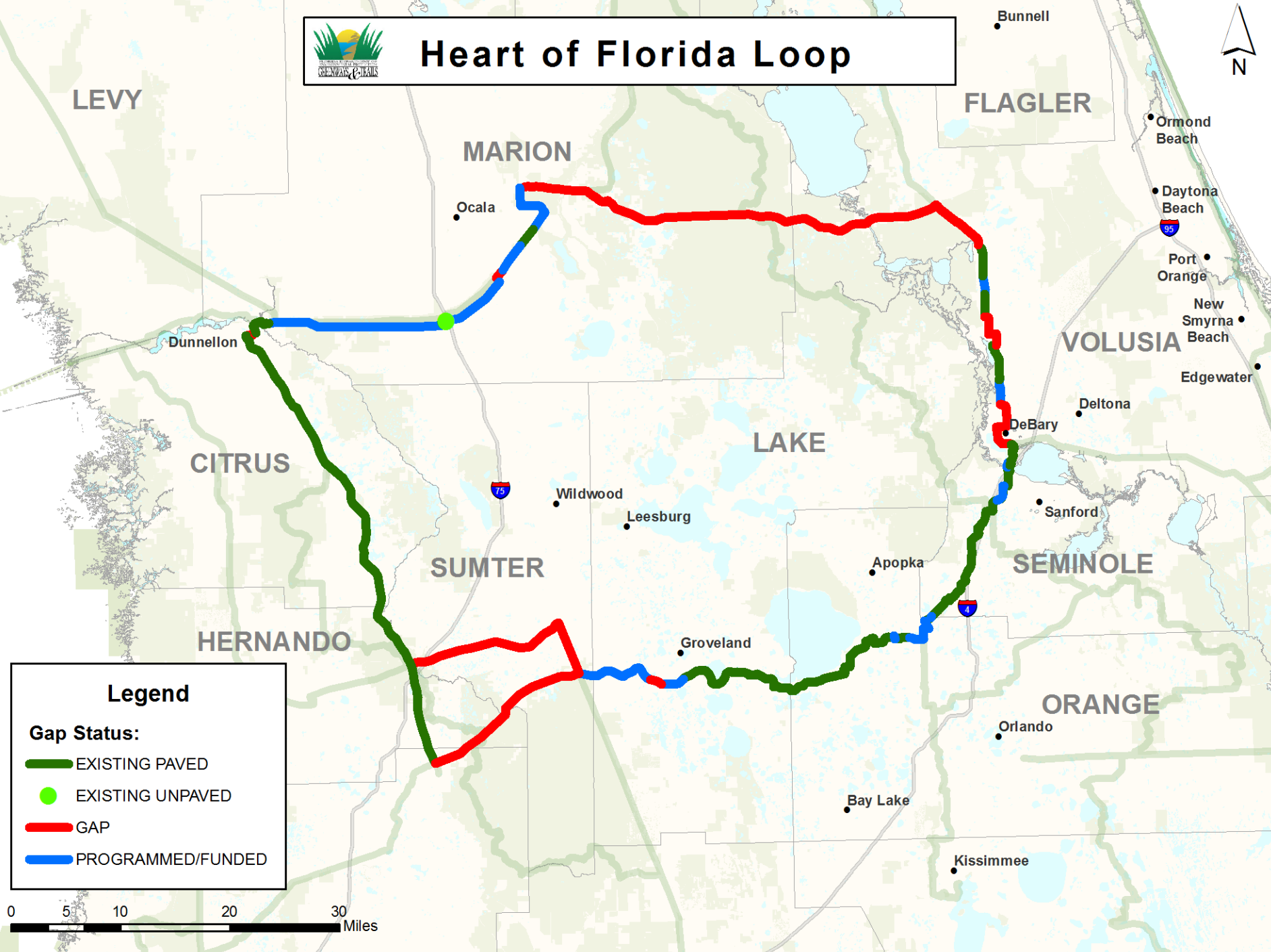
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Heritage Trail

Documented regional alliance w/ broad community support				Y		
Multiple counties				7		
Serves as/serves destination(s)				Y		
Supports economic development/tourism				Y		
Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses				Y		
Prior/future public/private investment/commitment				Y		
Committed operations and maintenance				Y*		
Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation				Y		
Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing				Y		
Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years				Y		



Heart of Florida Loop



Legend

Gap Status:

— EXISTING PAVED

● EXISTING UNPAVED

— GAP

— PROGRAMMED/FUNDED

0 5 10 20 30 Miles



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Y

7

Y

Y

Y

Y

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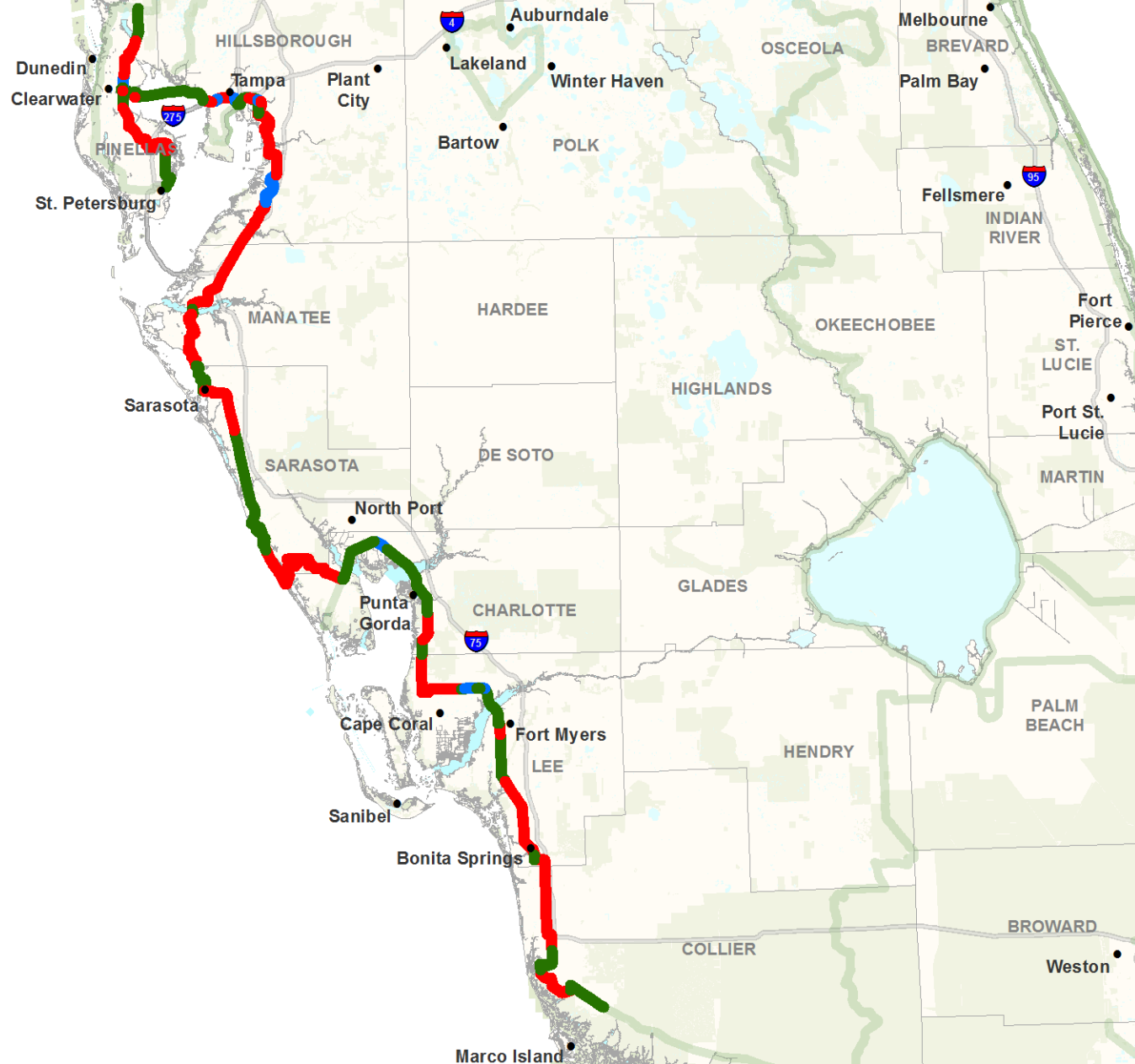
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Southwest Coastal Regional Trail



Legend

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- GAP
- PROGRAMMED/FUNDED

0 5 10 20 30 40
Miles



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Prior/future public/private investment/commitment

Committed operations and maintenance

Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation

Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing

Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years

Y

6

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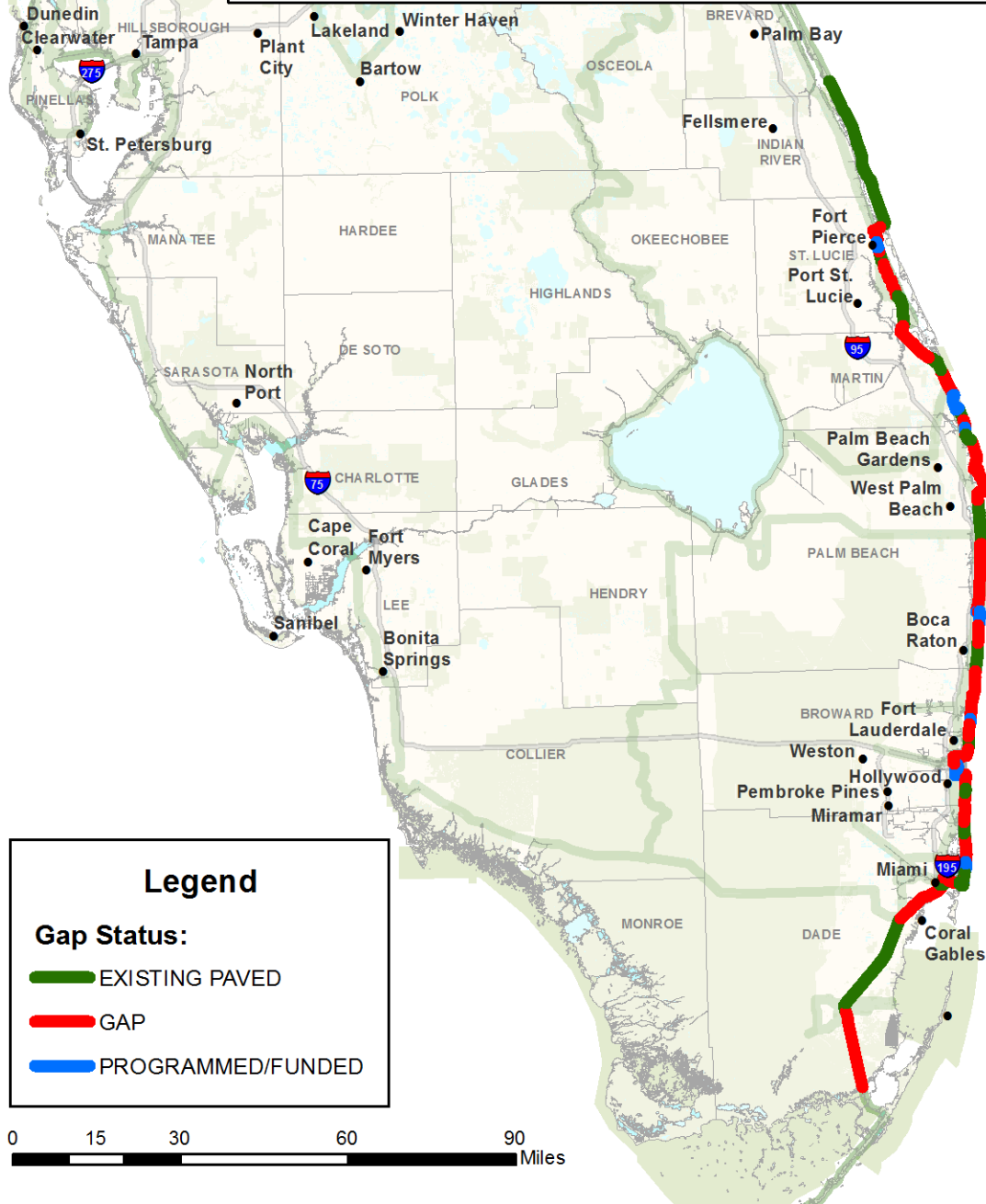
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East Coast Greenway (Southeast)





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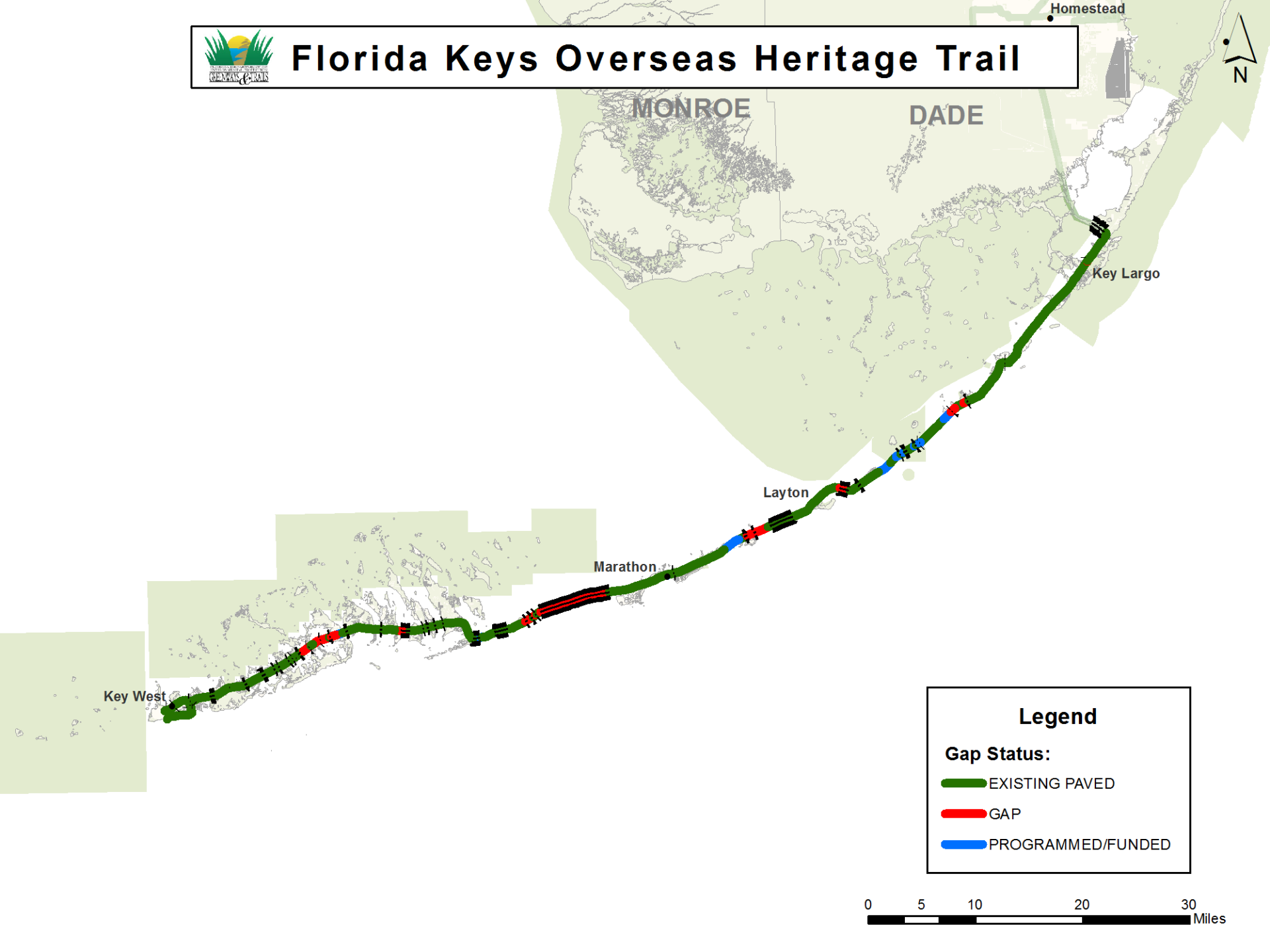
East Coast Greenway
Southeast Florida

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Documented regional alliance w/ broad community support							N
Multiple counties							1*
Serves as/serves destination(s)							Y
Supports economic development/tourism							Y
Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses							Y
Prior/future public/private investment/commitment							Y
Committed operations and maintenance							N*
Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation							Y
Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing							Y
Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years							Y*



Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



Legend

Gap Status:

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PROGRAMMED/FUNDED

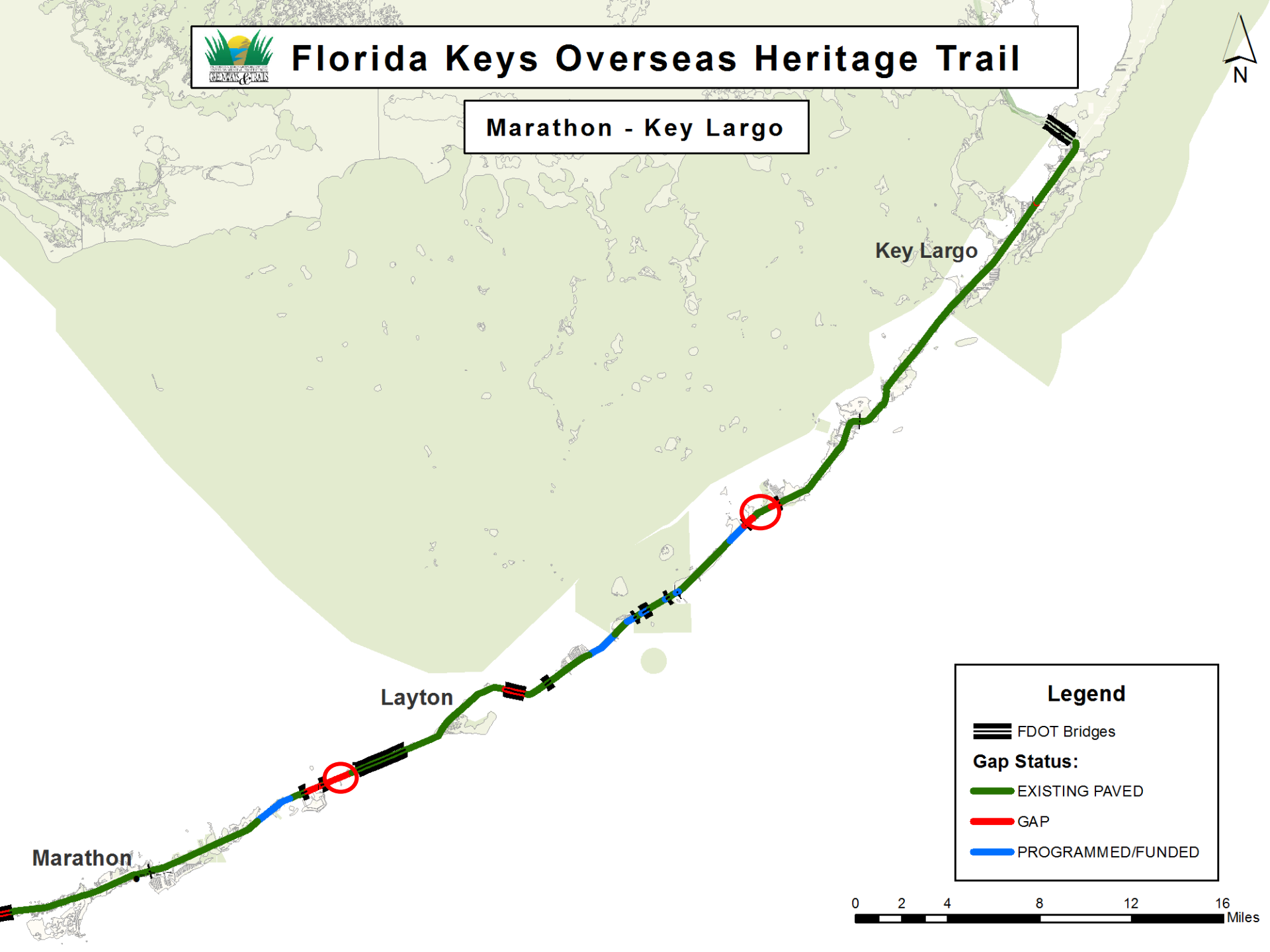
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Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



Marathon - Key Largo




Key Largo


Layton

Marathon


Legend

 FDOT Bridges

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 GAP

 PROGRAMMED/FUNDED

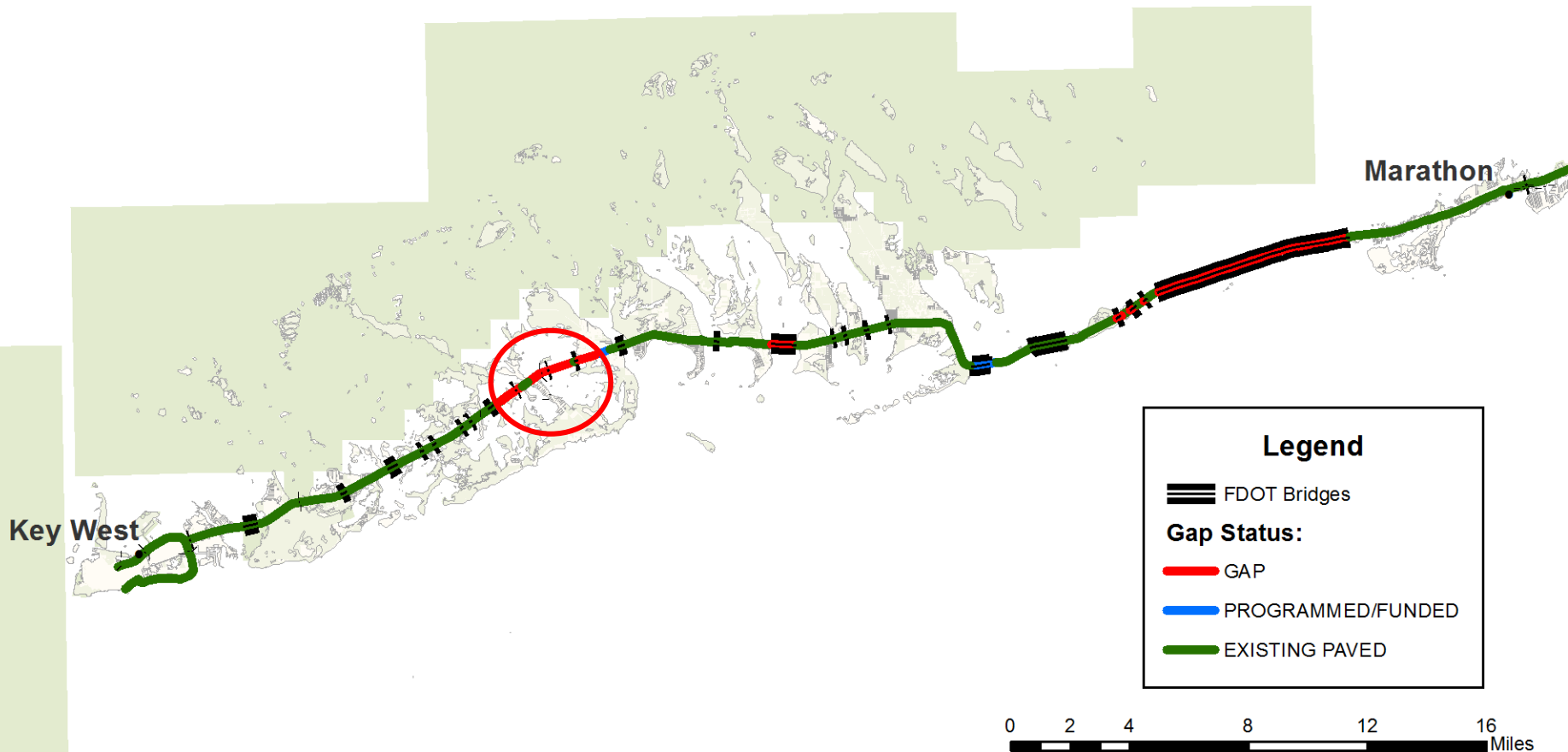
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Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



Key West - Marathon





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Documented regional alliance w/ broad community support	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Multiple counties	2	12	5	7	7	6	1*
Serves as/serves destination(s)	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supports economic development/tourism	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Off-hwy and enhances safety for non-motorized uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Prior/future public/private investment/commitment	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Committed operations and maintenance	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*
Connects to/facilitates use of multimodal transportation	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Readiness status available w/definable segments and project phasing	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Substantially complete or fully programmed w/in 5 years	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*



Additional Indicators

- Total trail miles and % complete
- Public lands, historic sites, cities
- Economically distressed communities



Percent Complete

APPROXIMATE TRAIL SYSTEMS % COMPLETION

FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL (109)



HEART OF FLORIDA LOOP (270)



CAPITAL CITY TO SEA TRAILS (90)



ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP (255)



EAST COAST GREENWAY (SOUTH FLORIDA - 220)



Figures based upon alignment and gap status provided by Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

SOUTHWEST COASTAL TRAIL (276)



Figures based upon alignment and gap status provided by Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority

TALLAHASSEE-NATURE COAST-PEACE RIVER GWAY (347)



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

■ % Existing ■ % Programmed/Funded ■ % Gap



Managed Lands

Regional Trail System SUN Trail - Destinations	Capital City to Sea Trails	Tallahassee-Nature Coast-Peace River Gway	St. Johns River to Sea Loop	Heart of Florida Loop	Southwest Coastal Trail ¹	East Coast Greenway (South Florida) ²	Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail
Acreage of conservation lands* within a 0.5 mi of corridor centerline	649,469	1,317,415	320,209	711,652	182,976	1,646,981	1,850,732
Total Mileage	90	347	255	270	274	220	109



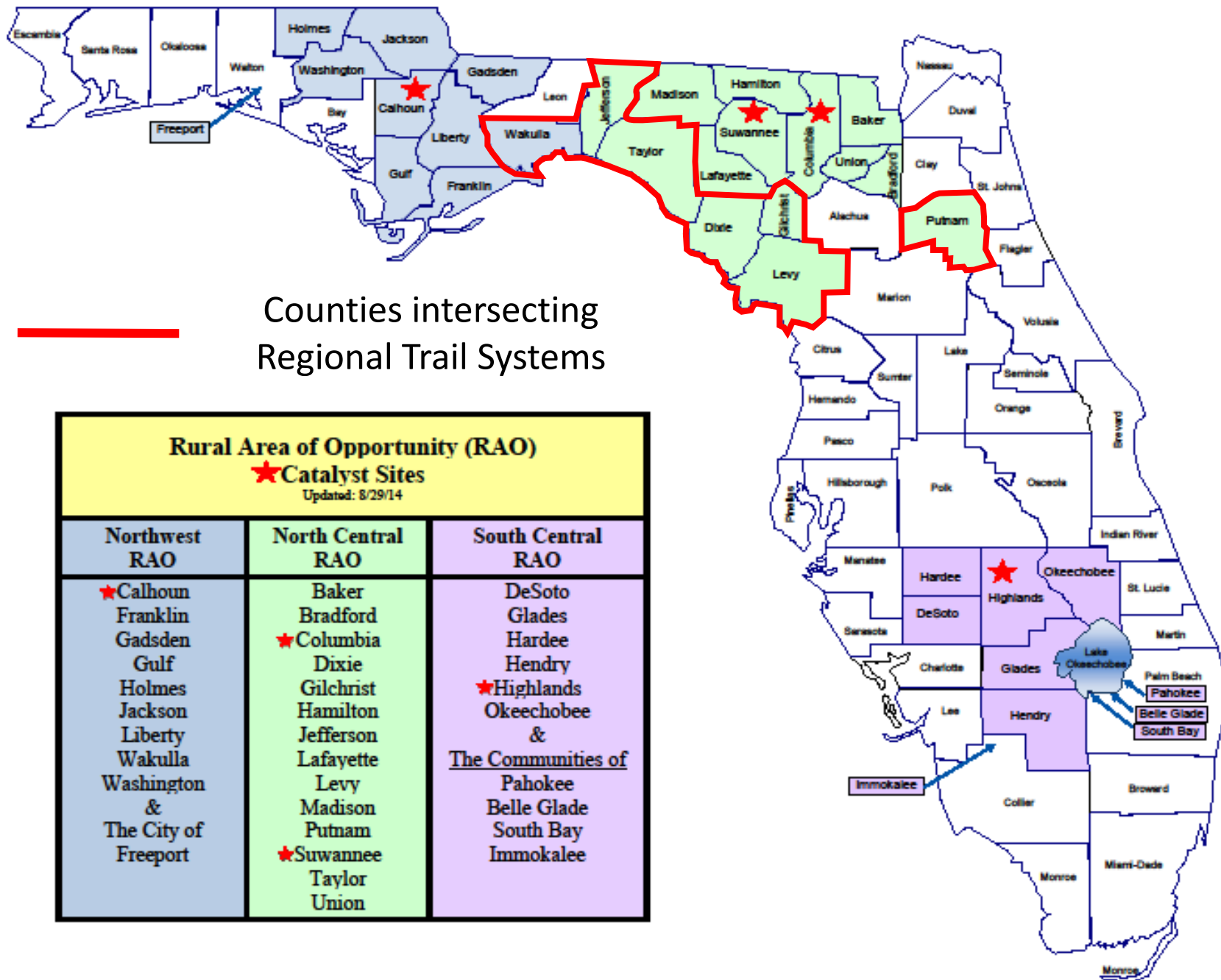
Cities and Historic Sites

Regional Trail System SUN Trail - Destinations							
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Number of historic sites** within 0.5 mi of corridor centerline	28	45	101	17	135	118	12
Number of cities within 0.5 mi of corridor centerline	3	16	17	18	16	27	4
Total Mileage	90	347	255	270	274	220	109



Distressed Communities

- REDI Program - F.S. 288.0656 (7)(a)
- Regional presenters may discuss other, non-REDI communities





Regional Trail Presenters

- Capital City to Sea Trails
- Heart of Florida Loop
- St. Johns River to Sea Loop
- Southwest Coastal Regional Trail
- East Coast Greenway Southeast
- Tallahassee-Nature Coast-Peace River Greenway
- Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



Remaining Agenda Items

Council
questions and
discussion

Public
comment and
related
discussion

Council
prioritization
and vote