

## Celebrate Greenways and Trails Month: Florida Gulf Coast Trail Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 10 A.M.



Charles Hines  
*Program Director*  
Florida Gulf Coast Trail

In March of 2022, Trust for Public Land welcomed Charles Hines, Esq. as the Florida Gulf Coast Trail Program Director. After serving 8 years on the Sarasota County Commission, Hines is passionate about building healthier, more equitable communities across the state. He will lead Trust for Public Land's vision to create a 420-mile long corridor traversing seven coastal counties from Pinellas to Collier. These spaces will help close the park equity gap and connect more Floridians to the splendor of the outdoors.

Charles D. Hines, Esq., has been practicing law in Sarasota County since 1990, with extensive work with land development, commercial property issues and business law matters. In addition to his legal background, he has owned a regional medical supply company in Southwest Florida and has served on the Sarasota County Commission from 2012 to 2000, (twice as its Chairman). Charles has also served on the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a four-county special taxing district, (twice as its Chairman). Since 2012, he has been an active member of the Florida Association of Counties, (a State-wide organization), serving in various leadership roles, on its Board of Directors and on multiple advisory committees.

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