

Trail Town Palatka



Palatka Trail Town October 2018 It's all about Perseverance and Location



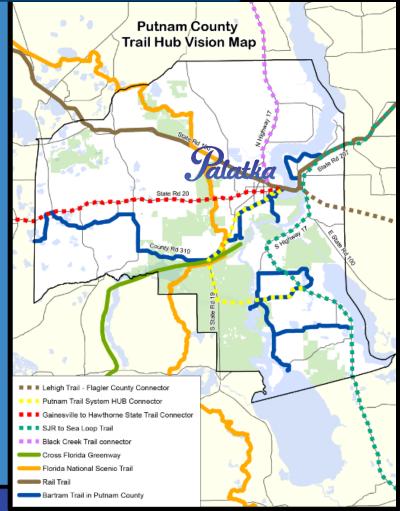
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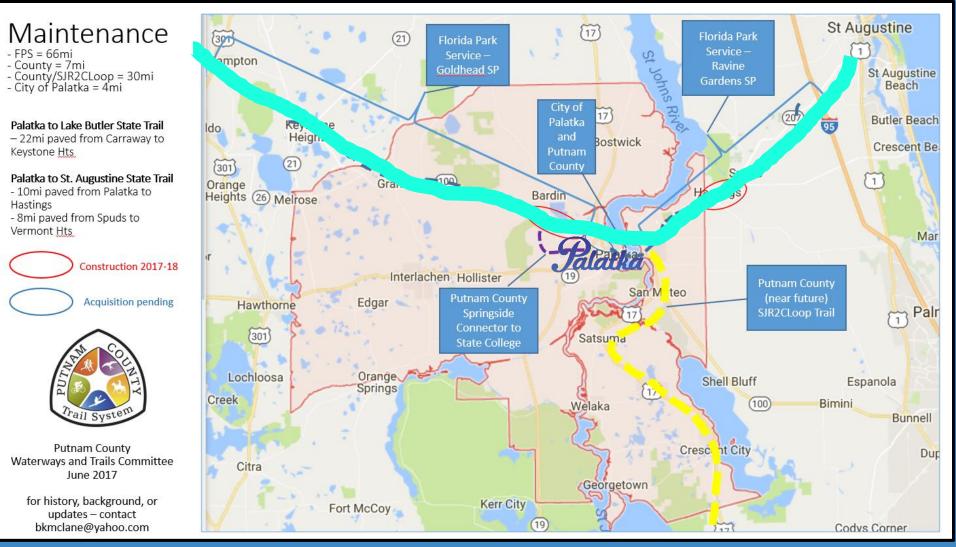


# Trails connecting to Palatka

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### Rail Trail, HUB, and Loop





### Support Trail Users

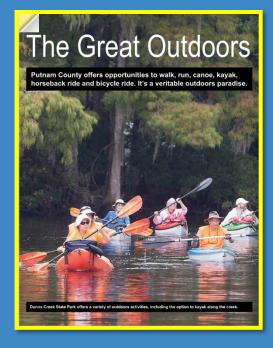








### **Trail Use**











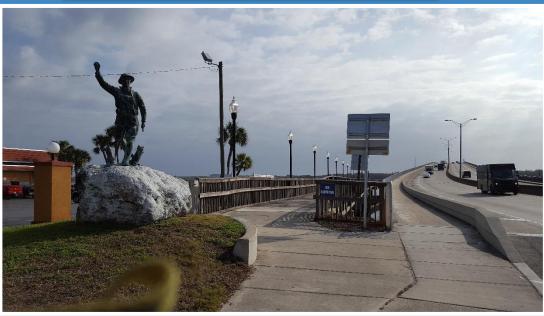








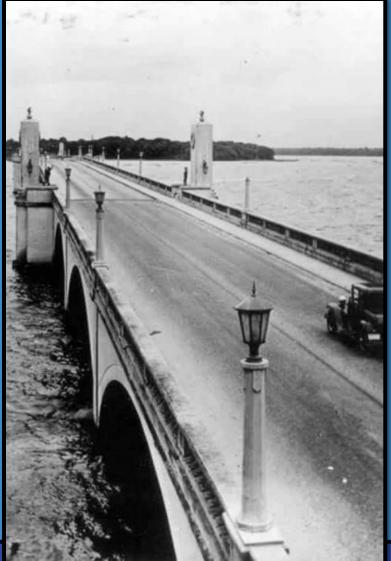
Palatka residents don't have to go far for a kayaking location. The St. Johns River is perfect for watercraft of all kinds.















Florida East Coast Railway Bridge, at Palatka.



### Trail Connection to Downtown





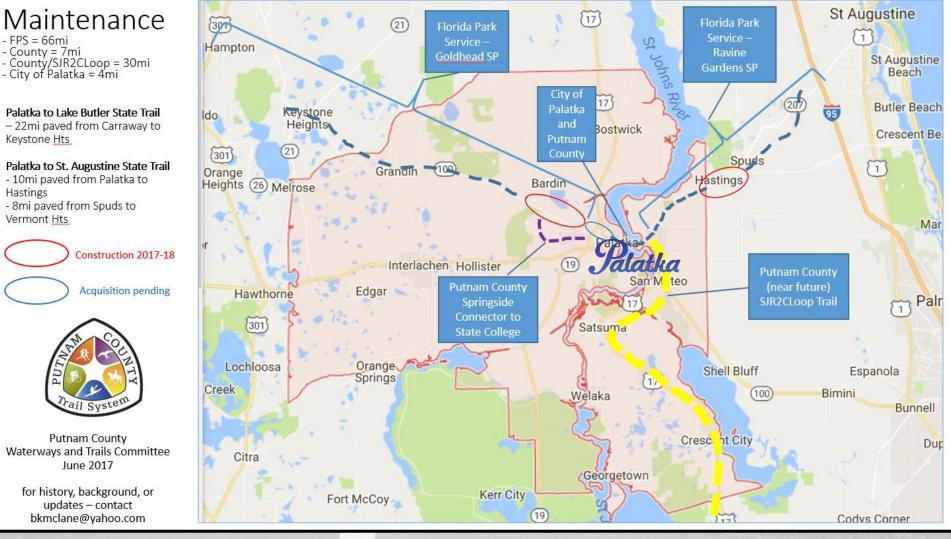
# Palatka's Strategy

Perseverance on trails
Enhanced Festivals
Initiative to encourage private investment





# Maintenance Yes, there are blue skies ahead...



– Leadership

- SJR2CLoop

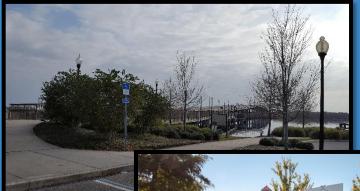
– Agreement FDOT

- Rural Funding Initiative

### Amenities – we have it covered













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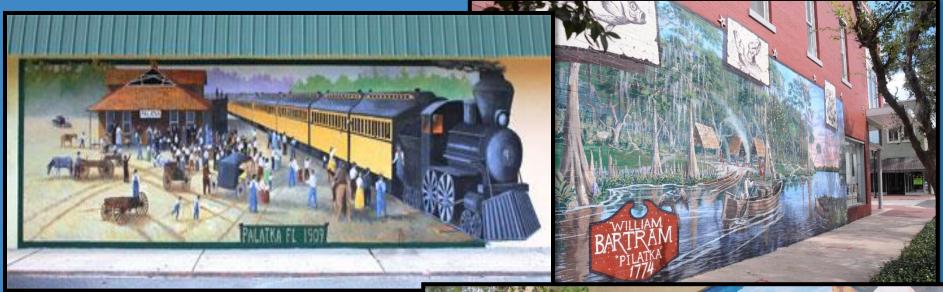


### Arts Businesses Volunteers





### Murals, a blend of history and art



And, they support one of our trail routes

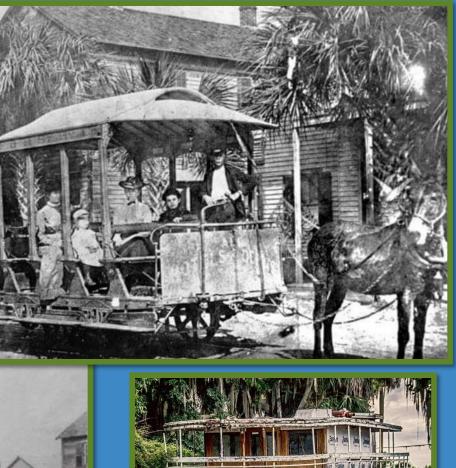


















### **Opportunities**

### Businesses - love this...









### Businesses







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### **Businesses**





### **Additional Business Support**











### **Trail Support Organizations**









### **Support in Action**















### Support in Action



### Events in Action

### Palatka Trail Festival "Let the Trails Begin"

August 17, 2013 10:00 – 2:00 Celebrate the opening of the 4 Mile Rail Trail through the City of Palatka

Fred Green Park Main Street between 4th and 5th Streets

Food, Information and Entertainment

Ribbon cutting ceremony

Scavenger Hunt & Reward Ride with prizes for kids

Drawings for larger prizes for kids (including BIKES) donated by local and area merchants

Free Give-a-Ways

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 8:30: Pre-festival 22 mile, with 28 mile option, supported bicycle ride with a rest stop in Hastings

10:00: Helmet give-away and fitting

11:00: Trail opening and ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a Reward Ride & Walk along the Trail

11:30: School backpack coupon exchange at Fred Green Park

#### TRAILS







### **Trail Events**



We currently have 67 individual and 68 family memberships.

#### **Our Next Few Events**

Monday - August 7 - Iron Horse Committee Meeting Monday - August 7 - Board Meeting Saturday - August 12 - Sunset Paddle - Jewel Tri-Lakes Monday - August 21 - Ky-Hike-A-Bike Committee Meeting

**Iron Horse Committee Meeting** 

Location: Edgar Johnson Senior Center Time: Monday, August 7, 5pm – 6pm

Date of Event: February 10, 2018 - February 11, 2018

Planning for Iron Horse has begun. Everyone is invited to



**IRON HORSE** 

#### St Johns River-to-Sea Loop SUMMIT AND TRAIL CELEBRATION



St. Johns River. Bartram Frolic Frolie on the Riverfront! loin us as we celebrate our St. Johns River and the 245rd anniversary of William Bartram's 177+ travels through Palatka. Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2017 fliatorical Regnactors ne meet William Bartram and the Seminoles he traveled among Children's Activities oin us on a trip through history with the Pasaport to the Past, where activities oughout the featival guide youth through our River's storied pas Trail Activities die, bike, and hike along trails and riverways wit pectacular natural backdrop Plus Artisan Vendors, Live Music, Art exhibits, and morel re information, visi UTNAM us on the web at bartram.putnam-fl.com or call (386) 326-2704



Iron Horse 2018: February 10-11 100 mile, 100 km, 50 mile Florahome, Florida

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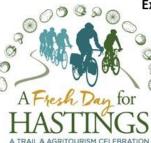
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### Celebrating Successes

#### DON'T MISS THIS EVENT! Dedication & Trail Celebration |10:00AM-2:00PM| NOV 17



Experience the beauty, the reality and the opportunity of the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop as it reaches Hastings

> CELEBRATE THE POSSIBILITIES HELP EMPOWER THE REGION LEARN | PARTICIPATE BE PART OF THE FUTURE

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### **OUTDOOR RECREATION Progress being** made as work on Rails to Trails path continues

BY NICK BLANK Palatka Daily News nblank@palatkadailynews.com

Construction near the State Road 100 entrance of Rice Creek Conservation Area is making headway toward extending the Palatka to Lake Butler trail

Kraig McLane, the vice chairman of the county's Waterways and Trails Committee, said construction on the multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path started in October and is expected to end this summer

"They're making really good progress," McLane said.

The construction extends the trail from Roberts Lane in Carraway to across from St. Johns Water Management District headquarters near County Road 216. McLane said this construction will bring the trail on the west side of the St. Johns River to 28 miles in length. The project cost about \$3.8 million.

"It's extending what is referred to as the Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail 6 miles." McLane said. "That trail is part of a larger system called the Lake City to St. Augustine Rail 'Trail."

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#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think about the construction



on the Rails to Trails path and the plan to span numerous counties? Email Letters to the Editor to publicforum@ palatkadailynews.com. Letter

### News and appreciation...

Bob Mahoney – 3/27/18 - I absolutely love what has been accomplished with the area trails. I ride the trails frequently which will eventually combine to form "Lake City to St Augustine Rail Trail". Florida roads have the unfortunate distinction of being among the most dangerous places for cycling in the US. ... have done so much to provide fantastic and safe places to ride. This is a great story to tell and it needs a national audience. As a cyclist

who rides trails all over area has is really awes pannier bags loaded, a Diego ride. While the area fit into one of the they are also part of th



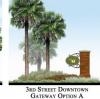
### Immediate Enhancements





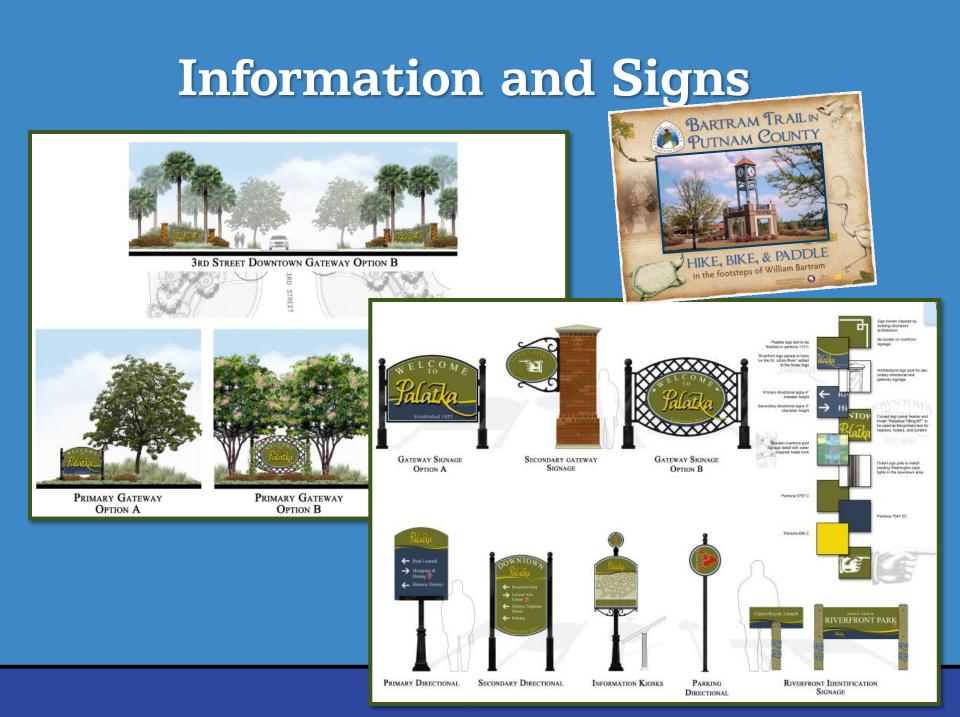












### Website, Phone app, Hardcopy map.





### Our webkrew. . .





### Wayfinding Signs and Kiosks





### Brochures, maps, etc.



### **Interpretive Signs**



# BARTRAM TRAIL

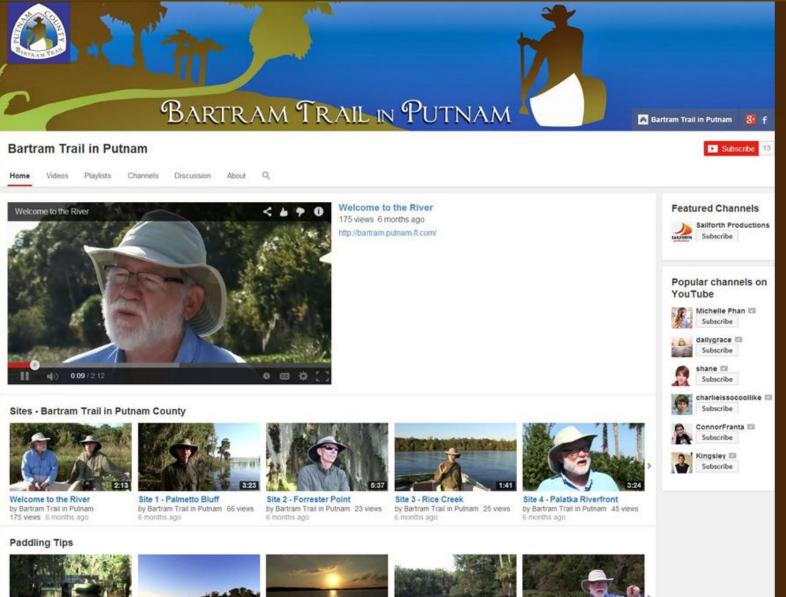
# BARTRAM TRAIL IN PUTN WELAKA, FLOR

#### Satsuma Spring

Special permission is required to visit this spring, which is on private property off the Bartram Water Trail. For more info, visit bartram.putnam-fl.com. Rice Creek K Hiking Trailhea

Morning Glory

### **Social Media**



Site 1 - Paddling Tips - Palmetto Site 3 - Paddling Tips - Rice

Site - 11 - Paddling Tips -

Site 12 - Paddling Tips - 7

Site 19 - Paddling Tips - Bear





### Safety – we have it covered. . .









### **Special Place Trails**

### **Donald Ross Golf Trail**





### ... Trails rock in Palatka









