

EVERGLADES CITY TRAIL TOWN – Three Year Update – August 2022



Everglades City was designated a Florida Trail Town in January 2019, and in January 2020 a new Visitor Information Center and **Trail Town Headquarters** opened for just two months before closing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In February 2021 it re-opened, again greeting visitors from around the world. Since the last Trail Town update in January 2021, Everglades City has continued to make progress.

In March 2021, the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc., (ESHP) received as a donation the 1927 historic Bank of Everglades building that was in disrepair from the 2017 Hurricane Irma. ESHP has begun the ambitious task of renovating the building to become the **new Area Visitor Center and Trail Town Headquarters** (www.save-boe.org) which will be an outstanding site for tourists coming to the Everglades to paddle, bike, and hike!

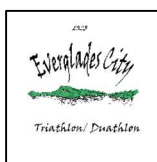


Everglades City Council accepted an award from the Florida Bicycle Association (FBA) for the 2021 Bicycle Friendly Community of the Year.



Bicycle tours in the Everglades are once again being offered during the fall/winter/spring season with both on- and off-road options. This photo was taken while cycling along Loop Road in the Big Cypress National Preserve. These free tours are sponsored by the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway (FROGG) (www.evergladesrogg.org).

Everglades City representative Patty Huff was invited to speak in April at the 2022 Florida Trails Summit, hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation in DeBary, Florida.



On January 28, 2023, Everglades City will host the 2nd Annual Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon to encourage more physical exercise. The event will include paddling, biking, and running with proceeds benefiting the local community.