

improve coordination among land use and environment planning and management programs of all units of government and private enterprise..." As a joint effort between Winter Garden and Orange County, and as a link in a larger system involving other local governments, the project will foster joint management among all participants. Winter Garden and Orange County will work out an agreement on joint maintenance and operation of the site.

Cycling and horseback riding are identified on page 183 in the Relative Need Index in Outdoor Recreation in Florida – 1989 as priority needs in this planning region.

The Orange County Capital Improvements Program identifies the West Orange Trail specifically through fiscal year 95-96.

PART II

1. The benefits expected from this park are several; the creation of a safe starting or stopping point along a major regional trail which is expected to generate heavy use; adequate parking for that use; the provision of a community park and recreation area; and an opportunity for non-motorized commuter traffic to be enjoyed.
2. Negative impacts are not expected as a result, although site development will bring outside visitors to the area. Visits are not expected to peak during Monday through Friday rush hours, however.
3. Trail users will be the projected main users to this site. Other park users, however, will include nearby residents who will visit just to take advantage of picnic areas and playgrounds, and active recreation facilities on the Winter Garden site.

A joint agreement for operation and maintenance is anticipated to be worked out with Winter Garden. If not, Orange County Parks and Recreation Department will be fully responsible for operation and maintenance of the trailhead.

4. The trailhead will be operated year-round from sunrise to sunset.
5. Fees will not be charged for entrance or use.

PART III

1. If budget allows, we expect to develop all work shown in the concept plan in the initial phase of construction. Funding for construction will be by Orange County capital improvements fund.

At a minimum, the first phase would include the trail segment and a portion of the parking.

2. Public participation processes could prolong the design of the project, although no concerns with the project have been expressed to this point. Other delays could come through bid protests, which are impossible to predict beforehand. They are usually resolved within a couple of months.
3. The design is at concept level only, but we anticipate active participation and support from community groups.
4. The development will be funded by capital improvements money and advertised for bids locally. The schedule for development is based on County procedures funded through CIP.
5. Orange County has employed Glatting, Jackson, Kercher, Anglin, Lopez, and Rinehart, Inc. as its prime consultant on the West Orange Trail and associated trailhead sites. The firm will assist in development of the site plan and construction documents. Orange County Departments involved in the project are Parks & Recreation, Construction Administration, Real Estate Management, and Highway Construction.

Additionally, Central Florida Friends of Trails, a new non-profit organization, will become involved in developing public support and fundraising for specific trail-related projects (although a project on this site has not yet been proposed for them). The Trust for Public Lands has assisted in negotiating with property owners for this and other trail parcels.

6. The project was proposed to the Parks Advisory Board in September, 1993 at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Advisory Board is composed of citizens of the County of the County not in the employment of the County. The advisory Board supported the project.
7. As stated previously, trail development is the priority need in this region, as identified by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

The County Comprehensive Plan currently establishes Level of Service requirements of 6 acres per 1,000 residents for resource-based parks. The Comprehensive Plan indicates that Orange County currently exceeds the requirement by 1,820.8 acres. This total however includes conservation lands (Flag Ranch).

Development with the adjacent Winter Garden site will provide activity-based recreation, in which the County has a deficiency.

8. This project has not been acquired or developed with LWCF assistance.

