ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL GAP Project Development and Environment Study From Lake Beresford Park to Grand Avenue in DeLand, Volusia County

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has completed a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail Gap in Volusia County from Lake Beresford Park to Grand Avenue.

The St. Johns River to Sea Loop is a 260-mile multi-use trail system that will link together several communities including St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, DeLand, and Palatka.



The PD&E study evaluated options for a multi-use trail that will close the 3.6-mile gap between the existing trails within Lake Beresford Park and the existing trail along Grand Avenue.

The trail alternatives developed during this PD&E Study, and the associated social, economic and environmental analyses, were evaluated according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FDOT's PD&E Manual. Input received from local governments, residents and various stakeholders was included in the evaluation of viable alternative routes and recommended alternatives.

Alternatives were presented at a public meeting held in December 2018. The proposed route would start at the existing trail system located within Lake Beresford Park and continue north adjacent to the east side of the CSX railroad, following publicly owned property to Alexander Drive. The proposed route continues north along Alexander Drive, South Beresford Road and South Grand Avenue. Crossing State Route 44, the proposed route would continue north along Grand Avenue and then turn west at West Minnesota Avenue, continuing until it reaches the existing paved trail along Grand Avenue. Evaluation and recommendations for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail Gap has been completed by the FDOT. Volusia County will be leading the design phase that is scheduled to start in the fall of 2020.

Additional information regarding the PD&E Study, including engineering and environmental documents, is available on the project website at <u>cflroads.com/project/439874-1</u>.

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