



OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Focused on
FLORIDA'S FUTURE





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The **Office of Greenways and Trails** was established to fulfill the Florida Greenways and Trails Act...

To ... “*conserve, develop, and use the natural resources* of this state for healthful and recreational purposes”

[Florida Greenways and Trails Act \(Ch. 260, F.S.\)](#)





OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS - PURPOSE

Coordinate and Advance the Florida Greenways and Trails System to support Florida's:





FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM PLAN GOALS

Goal 1

**Delineate
Regional
Systems**

Goal 2

**Strategic
Investment of
Resources to
Advance
System
Completion**

Goal 3

**Promote and
Market the
Florida
Greenways and
Trails System to
Residents and
Visitors**

Goal 4

**Establish
Partnerships
and Engage
Stakeholders**



Goal 1: Delineate Regional Systems



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2012 LAND TRAILS OPPORTUNITY

FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL OPPORTUNITY

0 5 10 20 Miles

* The different colors of the Land Trails represent the beginning and ending points of individual corridors.

A1	A2	A3	A4
B2	B3	B4	B5
C4	C5		
D4	D5		
E4	E5		



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2012 PADDLING TRAILS OPPORTUNITY

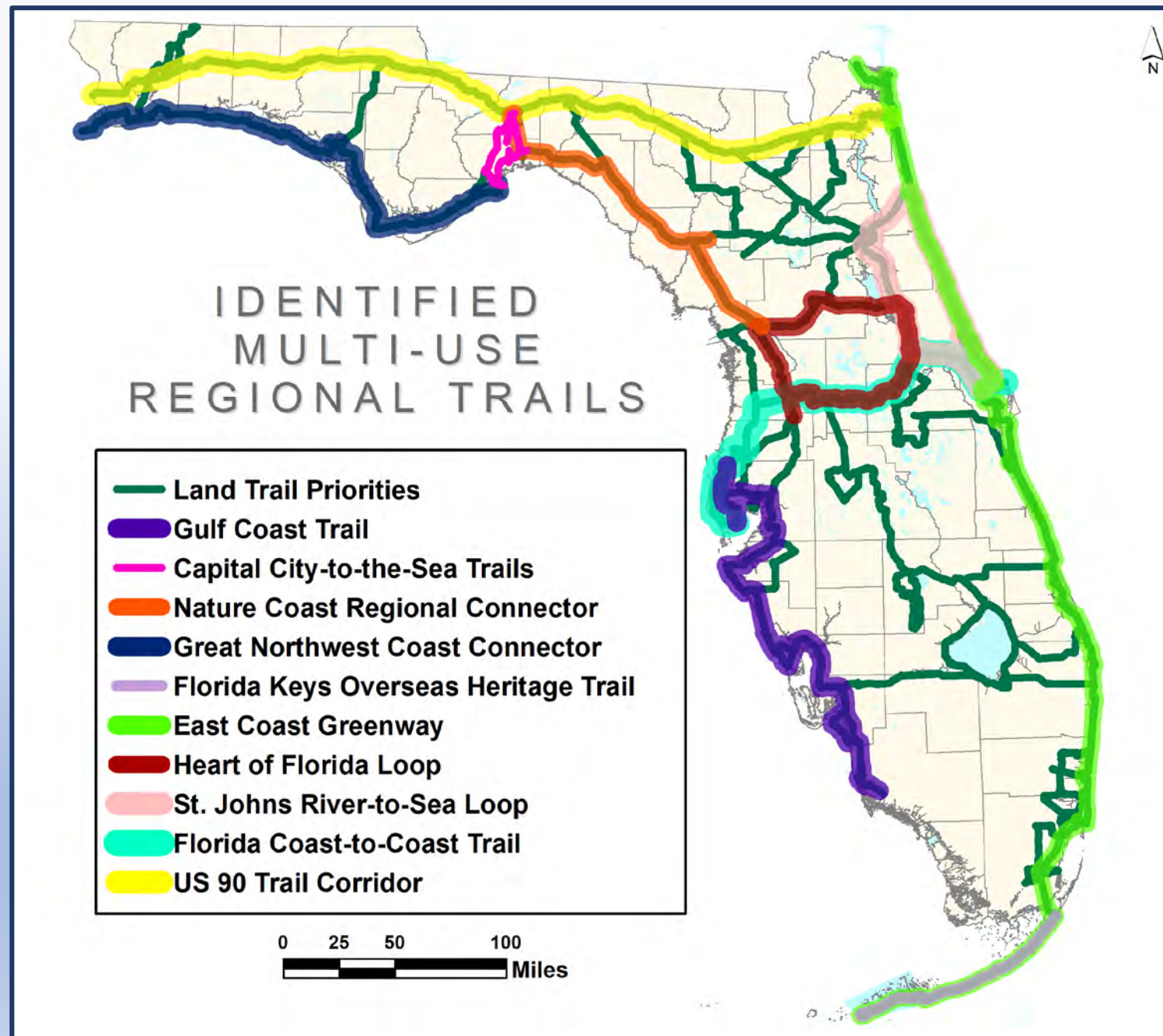
FLORIDA CIRCUMNAVIGATIONAL SALTWATER PADDLING TRAIL

0 5 10 20 Miles

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SHARED USE NON-MOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL NETWORK

CHS 335.065 AND 339.81, FLORIDA STATUTES

- The Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network is established as the paved multi-use trail component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System in chapter 260
- Florida Department of Transportation given the authority to fund the statewide system of interconnected multi-use trails
- Planning, Acquisition, Design and Construction of priority multi-use trails identified within the Florida Greenways and Trails System under chapter 260



PARKS AND COMMUNITY TRAILS

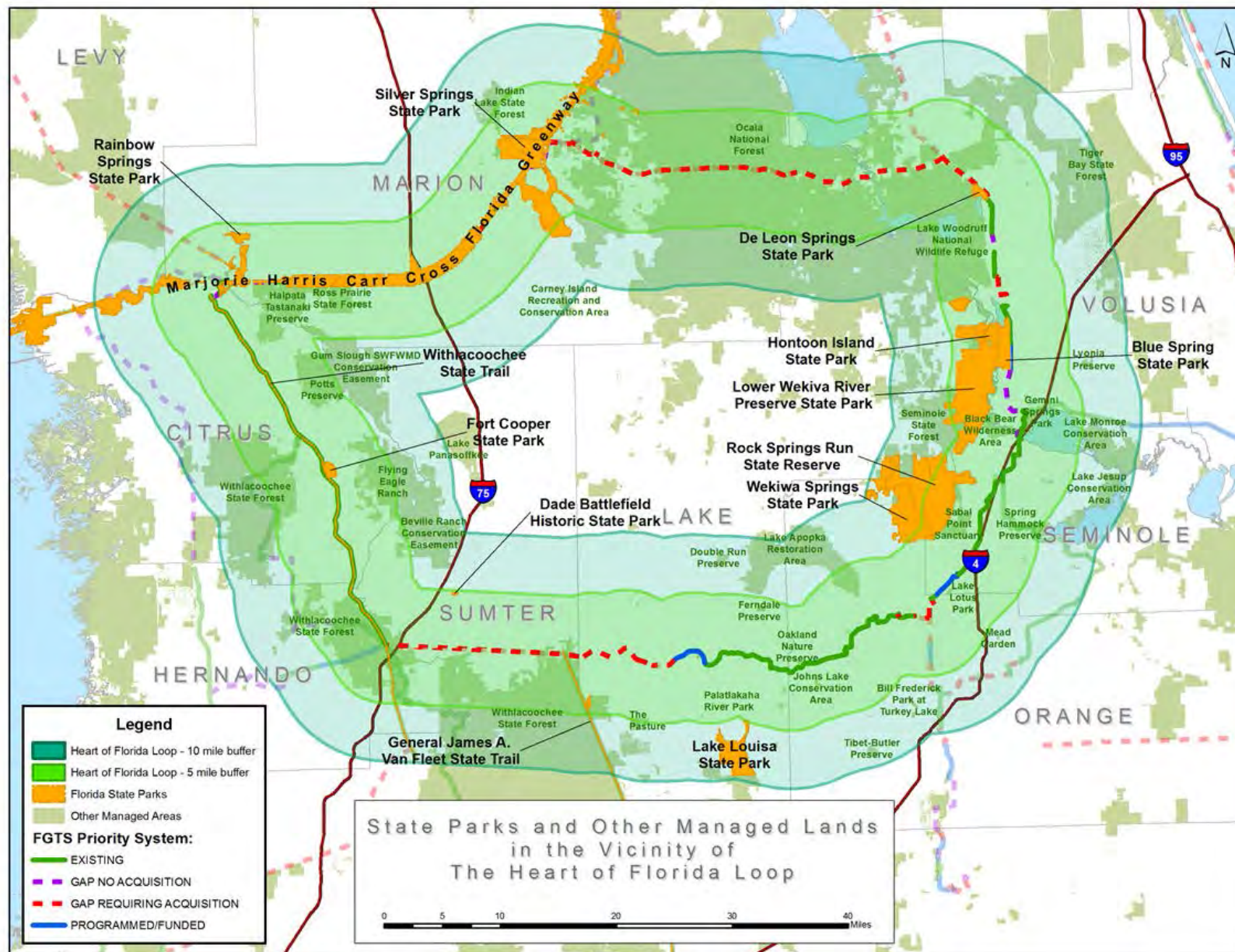


Goal: Connect community parks and state parks to the Florida Greenways and Trails Priority System

Efforts are being made to connect state parks to the Florida Priority Greenways and Trails system



PARKS AND COMMUNITY TRAILS



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**Outdoor Recreation
in Florida**

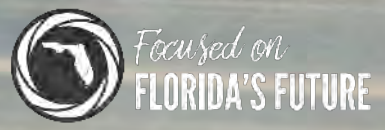
THE BIG PICTURE

\$58.6 Billion in Annual Consumer Spending

- **485,00 DIRECT JOBS**
- **\$3.5 BILLION IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**
- **\$17.9 BILLION IN WAGES**



FLORIDA'S 175 STATE PARKS AND TRAILS



Fiscal Year
16 / 17

\$3 BILLION Direct Economic Impact



Attendance:
32 Million



Sales Tax Revenue
\$205 million

JOBS SUPPORTED
48,622

Cross Florida Greenway and Florida Keys Overseas
Heritage Trail has greatest direct economic impact



2017 ECONOMIC STUDY OF FLORIDA RECREATIONAL PURSUITS

**BICYCLING ON PAVED
ROADS AND TRAILS**

\$6 BILLION

**BICYCLING ON UNPAVED
TRAILS**

\$2 BILLION

**FITNESS WALKING AND
JOGGING**

\$13.5 BILLION

PADDLING

\$3 BILLION





**EVERY DOLLAR
SPENT ON WALKING
PATHS SAVES \$3 IN
MEDICAL EXPENSES**

American Heart Association





TRAILS ARE AMONG THE TOP 4 COMMUNITY AMENITIES SOUGHT BY HOMEOWNERS OF ALL AGES

National Association of Homebuilders, 2016





West Orange, Little Econ and Cady Way Trails in Orange County

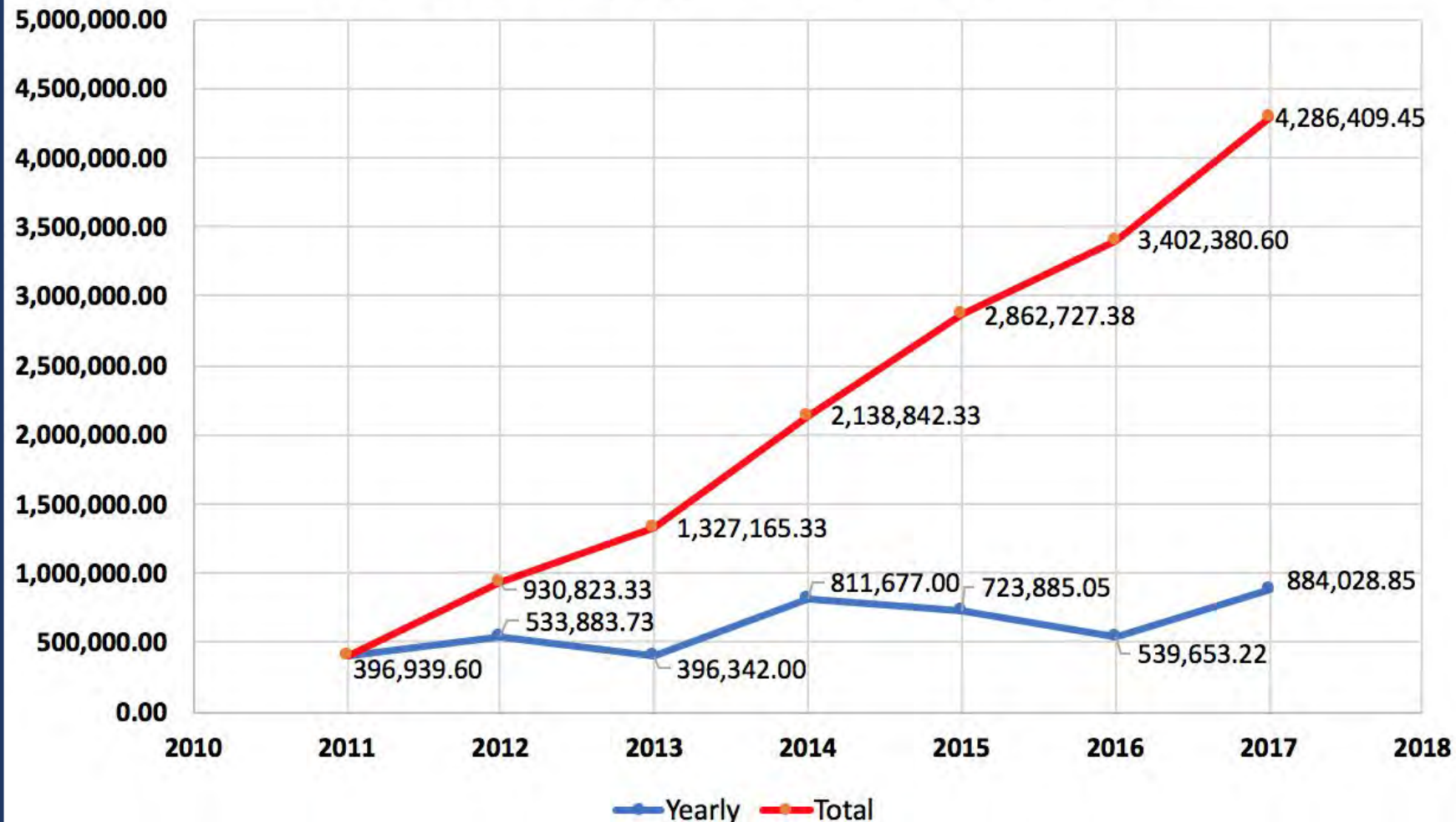
REGIONAL TRAIL STUDY

- **516 JOBS**
- **ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$42.6 MILLION**
- **SUPPORTED 61 JOBS IN DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN**



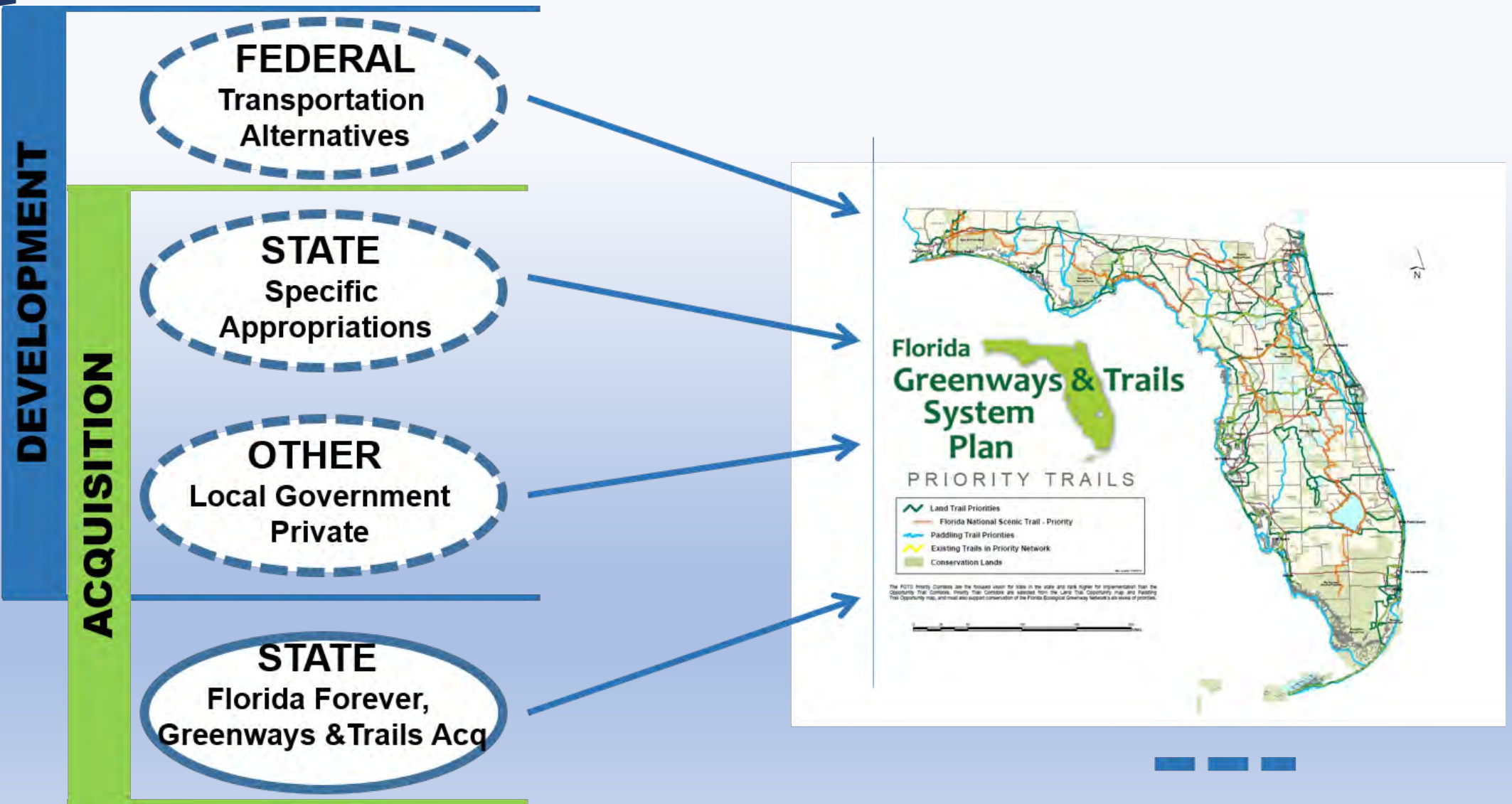
TRAIL EVENTS BOOST LOCAL AREAS

Bike Florida's Total Economic Impact





GOAL 2: STRATEGIC INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES TO ADVANCE SYSTEM COMPLETION

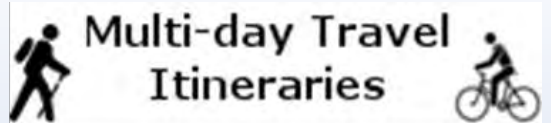
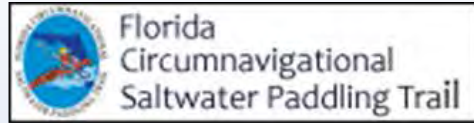




GOAL 3: PROMOTE AND MARKET THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS



Greenways and Trails
Online Trail Guide



Working with national, state and local partners to promote local trails and stimulate tourism



TrailLink.com
Your Ultimate Free Trail Guide



Florida Greenways
& Trails Foundation
FLORIDA GREENWAYS & TRAILS FOUNDATION, INC.



Florida East Coast
Greenway



**DESIGNATED TRAIL
TOWNS RECEIVE
SIGNS, STICKERS
FOR PARTICIPATING
BUSINESSES,
WEBSITE PRESENCE
AND PUBLICITY**



TRAIL TOWN PROGRAM GOALS



- Enhance the quality of the trail experience
- Promote tourism and growth of Florida's trails
- Increase the amount and frequency of trail users
- Boost economy via purchases from trail users
- Engage citizens through community participation



A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH THE TOWNS AND TRAIL USERS





DUNEDIN: FLORIDA'S INAUGURAL TRAIL TOWN

“We couldn’t be more proud. Our downtown has thrived around the trail and attracted folks of all ages and abilities. We like to think of the trail as the main artery of our community.”

Dunedin Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski





GOAL 4: ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS

The FGTS plan complements other statewide planning efforts and programs

