



# Florida News



Kayaking through mangroves in Florida

## Current Projects

### 1. Shingle Creek Trail

Location: Orlando, FL

Congressional District: 8

Project Partners: Orange and Ocoola Counties, Cities of Orlando and Kissimmee, South Florida Water Management District, The Trust for Public Land, Florida Communities trust, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Office of Greenway and Trails  
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

#### Project Goal

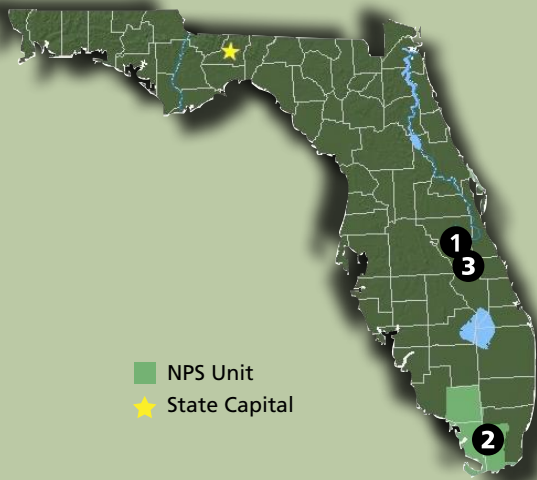
Shingle Creek Trail will be a multi-use recreational trail that will stretch 32 miles through the metro area of Orlando. Shingle Creek Trail will serve as a key north south connector in a larger regional recreation trail system.

#### RTCA Role

RTCA will work with partners on developing a conceptual plan for the trail, possibly including a design of a trail system. RTCA will Conduct community outreach and help with facilitating public meetings.

#### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.



## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

### CURRENT PROJECTS

#### 1. Shingle Creek Trail

Orange and Ocoola Counties

#### 2. River of Grass Greenway

Naples Pathway Coalition

#### 3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

Find out more about each project under current projects.

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## 2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 1,991 Miles of Trail Developed
- 1,925 Miles of River Conserved
- 33,230 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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# Current Projects cont.

## 2. River of Grass Greenway

Location: Everglades City, Collier County to Miami-Dade County  
Congressional District: 25  
Project Partner: Naples Pathway Coalition  
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

### Project Goal

Form a steering committee, hold a series of public workshops, and prepare a conceptual plan/feasibility study based on a high degree of public involvement. The greenway will be approximately 75 miles long, with separate hard surface trail that will parallel U.S. 41, connecting Collier and Miami-Dade Counties

### RTCA Role

RTCA will continue to work with partners on developing a conceptual plan for the greenway, possibly including a design of a trail system. RTCA will conduct community outreach and help with facilitating public meetings.

## 3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

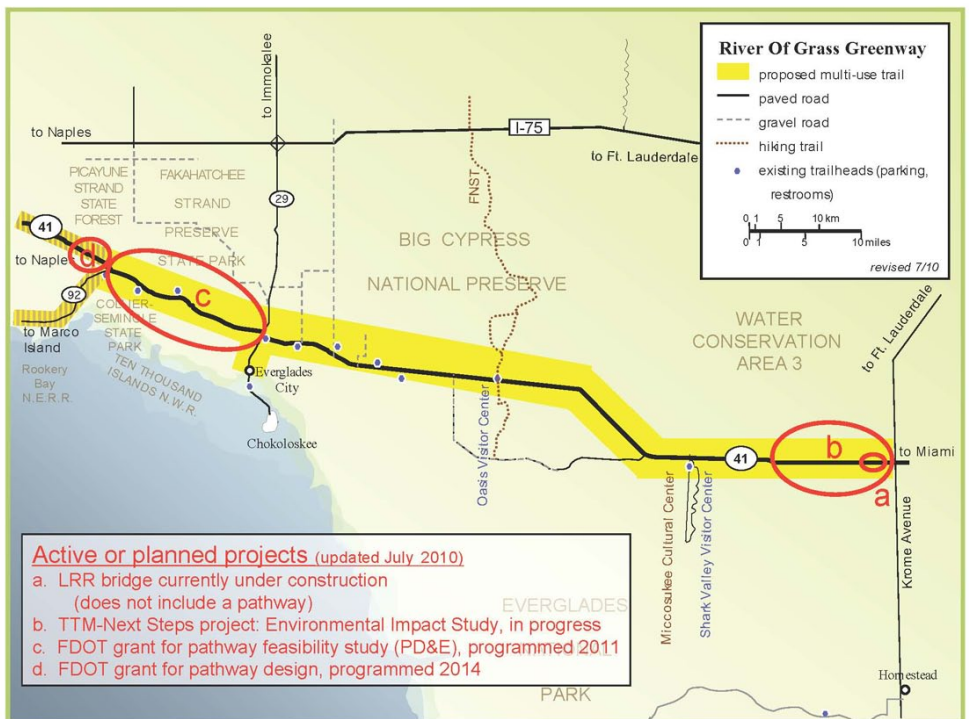
Location: The 42.6 mile Wekiva River System, consisting of the Wekiva River and its tributaries, located northwest of Orlando, Florida within Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties.  
Congressional District: 3  
Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc  
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

### Project Goal

Protect Outstandingly Significant Resources throughout the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System through the development of a plan with consensus and buy in from the multitude of stakeholders and partners who serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for this River System.

### RTCA Role

Assisting in the master plan for the Wekiva River System and helping produce marketing and educational materials regarding the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River to educate the public and governing officials.



A map of planned projects for the River of Grass Greenway