

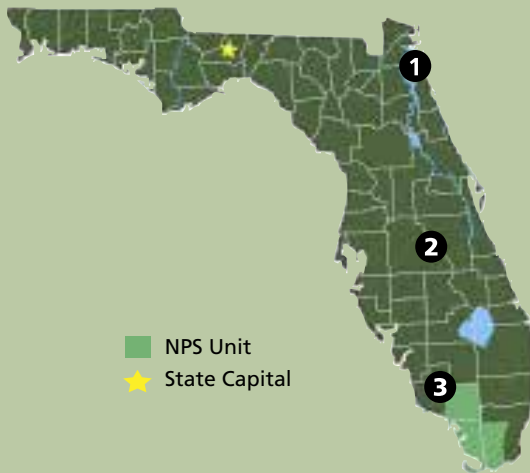


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Lower Wekiva River, Florida. Photo: Friends of the Wekiva River

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Groundwork Jacksonville**
Groundwork USA
- 2. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River Project**
Naples Pathway Coalition
- 3. River of Grass Greenway**
Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

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Current Projects

1. Groundwork Jacksonville

Project Partner: City of Jacksonville
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine
Location: Jacksonville
Congressional Districts: FL - 3, 4

Project Goal

Help further the mission of Groundwork USA and their efforts to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment. Through the development of community-based partnerships Groundwork Jacksonville will empower people, businesses, and organizations to promote environmental, economic, and social well-being.

NPS Role

Establish a citizen-based Groundwork organization to address the environmental, social, recreational, and economic needs of the Historic Springfield neighborhood and the City of Jacksonville. The organization will help improve the resources and beauty of the area by developing a McCoy Creek master

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program 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.

We're Here For You!

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

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2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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Current Projects cont.

plan, implementing community planning at existing parks, and working with existing community groups and business to enhance economic opportunities.

2. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Location: The 42.6-mile Wekiva River System, consisting of the Wekiva River and its tributaries, located northwest of Orlando within Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties

Congressional District: FL - 24

Project Goal

Protect outstandingly significant resources throughout the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System through the development of a plan that has consensus and support from the multitude of stakeholders and partners who serve on the federal advisory committee for this river system.

NPS Role

Continue to provide technical assistance for the project and help with oversight and coordination of the

Wekiva River Advisory Management Committee.

3. River of Grass Greenway

Project Partner: Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department

NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Location: Everglades City, Collier, Miami-Dade Counties

Congressional District: FL - 25

Project Goal

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

NPS Role

Continue to work with partners on developing a conceptual plan for the greenway, possibly including a design of the trail system. Conduct community outreach and help with facilitating public meetings for the project throughout the year.



Kayaking down the Wekiva River. Photo: NPS