



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

OUTREACH & ACTIVITIES

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PONCE PRESERVES THE PLANET FOR EARTH DAY

On April 18, families, nature lovers, and trail users gathered to celebrate Earth Day by wandering through ancient dunes, shaded hammocks, and wetlands at Ponce Preserves the Planet. This interactive, walk-and-learn Earth Day event blended environmental stewardship with outdoor fun. Ponce Preserve includes 41 acres, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Halifax River. Within the Preserve stands a live oak estimated to be over 350 years old.

This event invited participants to explore the Preserve in a fun way. Being provided maps, visitors walked the trails to find vendor tables where they answered questions or completed activities to earn stickers for their maps, which, once filled, they received a prize. One of the stops was the Volusia-Flagler TPO's table, where the conversations ranged from trails to bikes. Safety swag and items drew people in, but it was the e-bike discussions that kept them engaged.

E-bikes were a hot topic throughout the day. Questions about where e-bikes are allowed, how fast is too fast, and how riders and pedestrians can coexist safely were posed. TPO staff shared up-to-date information on e-bike laws, trail etiquette, and practical safety tips.

One of the most engaging moments came from a simple question posed to participants to earn a sticker for their maps: What's your favorite trail in Volusia or Flagler County? Responses were written on a paper banner, which showed a collective love for local trails and the personal connections people have to them.

By the end of the day, the trails were busy, the maps were full, and the conversations were rich. Ponce Preserves the Planet wasn't just an Earth Day celebration—it was a reminder that protecting our environment and using it safely go hand in hand.





Celebrate Trails Day at Waterfront Park

On Saturday, April 25th the TPO joined with Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches, the City of Palm Coast, and many others to celebrate trails at Waterfront Park. This day is organized nationally by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. The celebration featured a butterfly release, guided nature walk, hands-on activities, games, food trucks and more—to celebrate 130+ miles of scenic trails. The TPO engaged in meaningful conversations with attendees to share trail etiquette and safety tips, bicycle and pedestrian safety information, and provide updates on current projects in Palm Coast and Flagler County.

Ongoing Activities

- Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program Implementation in Flagler County
- Traffic Operations/Safety and Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Studies Implementation
- Vision Zero Action Plan Implementation
- List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Development
- Volusia-Flagler TPO Website Update
- TPO Budget Development
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update
- FY 2026/27 to 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development
- TPO Slate of Officers Selection
- TPO Apportionment Agreement Distribution for Execution by Cities/Counties

Upcoming Events

May 9 – New Smyrna Beach Library Safety Presentation & Helmet Fitting

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
New Smyrna Beach Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach

June 6 – Trails Day at DeBary Hall Helmet Fitting

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
DeBary Hall, 198 Sunrise Blvd, DeBary

June 13 – Summer Resource Fair

11:00 am – 2:00 pm
The Salvation Army, 1555 LPGA Blvd, Daytona Beach

June 18 – DeBary Library Helmet Fitting

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
DeBary Public Library, 200 N Charles Richard Beall Blvd, DeBary

