

2023-2027 Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and Maps Update

TPO BOARD MEETING

APRIL 27, 2022



Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)

Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) is made up of existing, planned and conceptual trails and ecological greenways that form a connected, integrated statewide network.



FGTS Plan



- ▶ FGTS Plan establishes the vision for implementing a connected statewide system of greenways and trails
- ▶ Initial FGTS Plan was completed in 1998 and adopted by the Florida Legislature in 1999
- ▶ FGTS Plan and Priority Maps were last updated in 2018
- ▶ Opportunity Maps were last updated in 2015
- ▶ Comments from partners and stakeholders for the 2023 – 2027 FGTS Plan and Maps are requested on or before May 31, 2022

Florida Greenways and Trails System Maps

The FGTS Plan ties together the local, regional and state plans and collaborative efforts for greenways and trails.

The map does not include all existing, proposed and conceptual trails in the state, but focuses on trails that can form a comprehensive connected system when complete



FGTS Maps

1. **Land Trails Opportunity Map** - existing, planned and conceptual non-motorized trails that form a land-based trail network of state and regional importance
2. Paddling Trails Opportunity Map - comprehensive water based trails system
3. Ecological Greenways Opportunity Map - areas necessary to protect a statewide network of conservation land and connecting wildlife corridors
4. **Priority Trails Map** - the most important corridors and connections within #1 and #2
5. Gap Map – delineates the unacquired and undeveloped segments within #4; Strategic Protection Area Map delineates gaps within #3

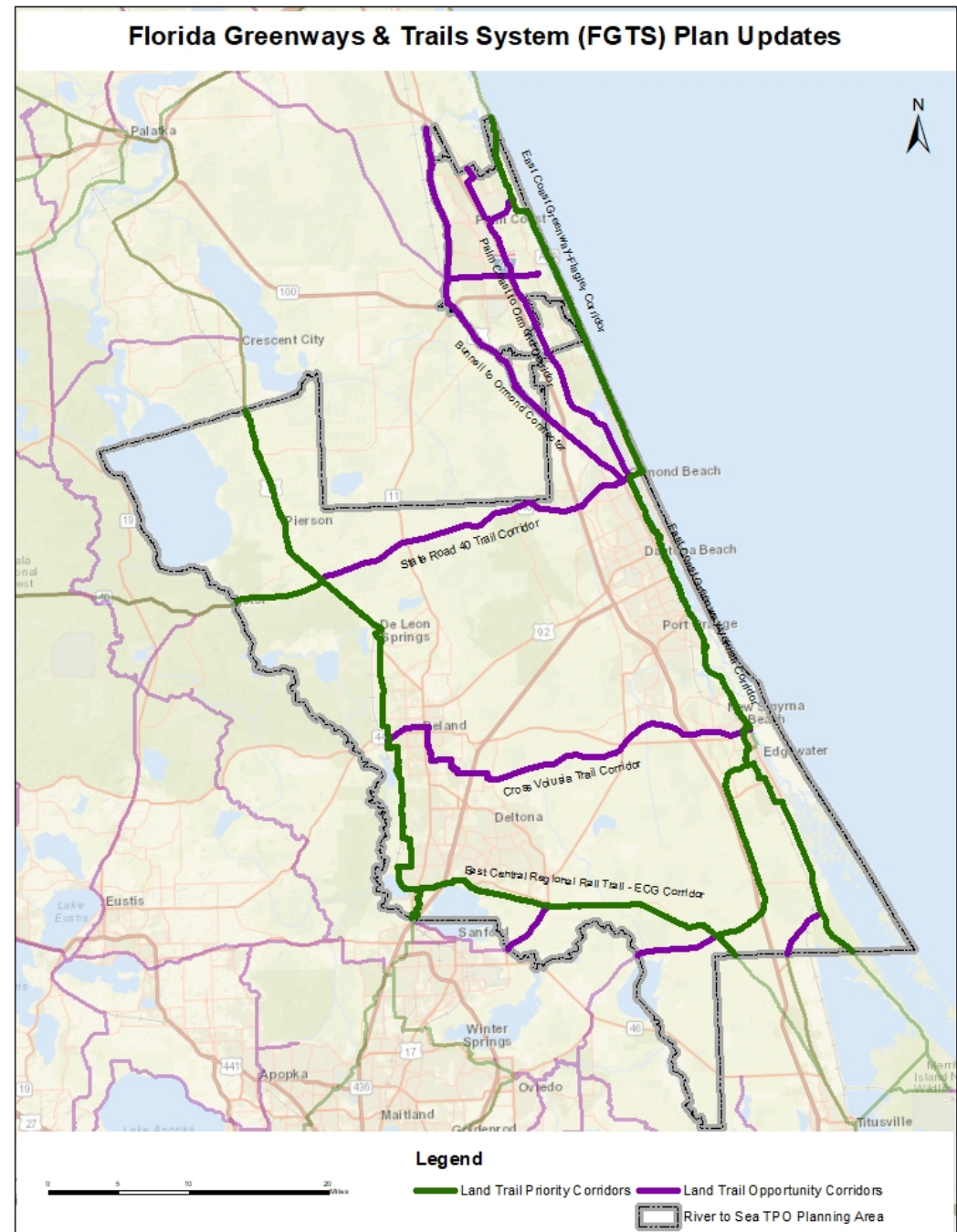
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Land Trail Opportunities

- ▶ Focus on trails that can form a comprehensive connected system when complete

Land Trail Priorities

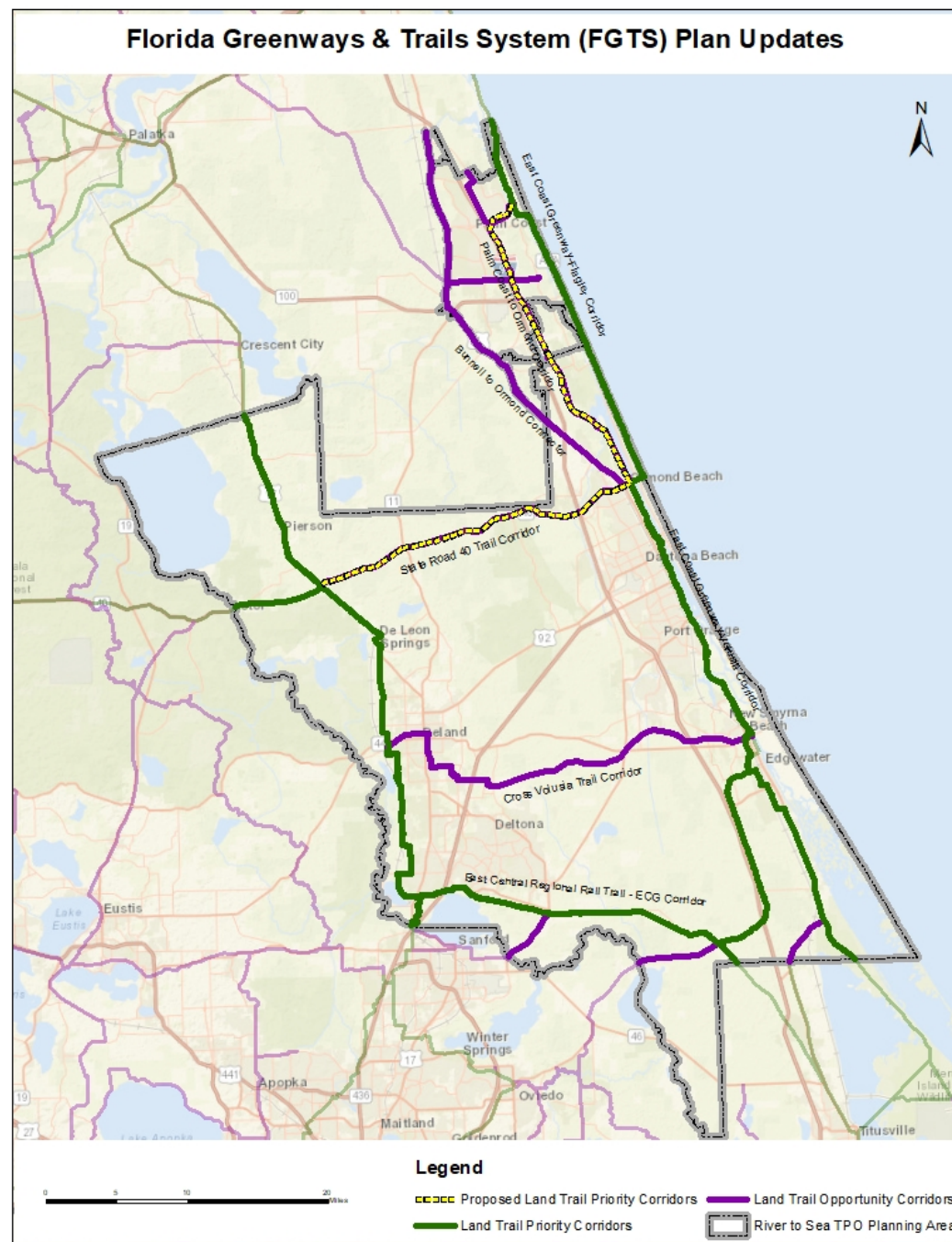
- ▶ Focused vision for trails in the State
- ▶ Coast to Coast Trail
- ▶ St Johns River to Sea Loop Trail
- ▶ Heart of Florida Trail



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Proposed Updates

- ▶ Upgrade Palm Coast to Ormond Trail Corridor from Opportunity to Priority
- ▶ Upgrade the SR 40 Trail Corridor from Opportunity to Priority



Land Trail Priority Criteria



- ▶ Supports and further establishes national, state or regional trail projects, plans and initiatives
- ▶ Builds on past and programmed state and federal investments in trails, particularly when matched by funding from local and private sources
- ▶ Includes long-distance trails or provides connections between long-distance trails and/or long loops to join multiple counties and population centers
- ▶ Demonstrates broad regional and community support, especially those entities willing to commit to trail management and long-term maintenance.

Land Trail Priority Criteria



- ▶ Enhances access to nature-based tourism and economic development by connecting natural, recreational, cultural and historic sites
- ▶ Enhances connections to state parks, greenways and trails
- ▶ Coincides with and supports the Florida Ecological Greenways Network priorities
- ▶ Protects public safety by offering non-motorized use that is separated from highways

Other Considerations

- ▶ New Opportunity Corridor – New Smyrna Beach North Causeway to the Coast
- ▶ New Opportunity Corridor – Ponce Inlet to the Casements in Ormond Beach
- ▶ New Opportunity Corridor – Edgewater SR 442

Land Trail Opportunity Criteria

- ▶ Crosses or has the potential to cross county boundaries
- ▶ Documented evidence of local or regional government endorsement
- ▶ Leads to, or connects to, a destination that provides natural scenic qualities and diverse experiences
- ▶ Provides access to conservation lands and historic, recreational or cultural sites
- ▶ Supports the Florida Ecological Greenways Network

Future TPO Board Action

Review and Approval of
Recommended Updates to the
2023 – 2027 FGTS Plan and Maps.