

# Connections

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## Mountain Bike Trails on the Cross Florida Greenway Receive “Epic Ride” Designation

The off road bike trail network on the Cross Florida Greenway near Ocala, Florida, was designated as one of three “Epic Rides”--the best of the best in mountain bike trails--for 2006 by the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA). This network of trails, often described as “Santos” for its proximity to the Greenway’s Santos Trailhead, is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Office of Greenways & Trails (OGT). This trail network joins an elite list of only 40 rides that IMBA has named “epic” since 1999. “Designed and built for mountain bikers by mountain bikers, Santos offers a model for the world to follow—it’s that good,” raves the fall 2006 issue of IMBA Trail News.

This area of the Cross Florida Greenway contains more than 65 miles of trails open to mountain bikes, ranging from gentle paved trails to sweet flowing singletrack, to extreme dirt jumps and technical trail features. The Santos Trailhead, located just west of U.S. 441 between Ocala and Belleview at 3080 SE 80th St., is near the Historic Santos Recreation Area, which was constructed to commemorate the site of a predominately African-American community that was displaced by the Cross Florida Barge Canal in the mid-1930s. The Santos Trailhead provides access to a continuous system with 50 miles of



singletrack, 15 miles of multi-use limerock road and a land bridge over Interstate 75. The Trailhead also includes an extremely popular skills development area where riders can hone their skills on challenging, low penalty trail features such as rock gardens and bridges. With the recent addition of a freeride area containing dirt jumps, extreme drops, technical trail features and a two-mile cross country trail rated as “most difficult” in the adjacent Vortex section, Santos now has attractions for all levels of expertise in mountain biking.

IMBA’s epic designation showcases the booming popularity of the Santos Trail, as evidenced by a nearly 50 percent average monthly increase in trail users to date this year and the attention of national publications such as *Dirt Rag* and

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## Mountain Bike Trails

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*Mountain Biking Magazine.* A number of recent competitive events have attracted nearly 350 participants. In early October, a celebration of “Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day” introduced more than 20 children to the joys of mountain biking.

OGT enjoys a strong partnership with the local IMBA affiliated club, the Ocala Mountain Bike Association (OMBA). OMBA President Renee Blaney said the “Epic Ride” designation represents “top honors” for the volunteers who have contributed almost 1,900 hours in trail maintenance and outreach. OMBA has recently formed a bike patrol to help educate, assist and inform trail users. They hold regular monthly meetings and trail work parties. See [www.omba.org](http://www.omba.org) for more information.

For more information about off-road biking and other trail opportunities on the Cross Florida Greenway, contact the Office of Greenways & Trails at 352-236-7143 or visit: [FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com](http://FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com).

## Bike Patrol

In 2006 the Ocala Mountain Bike Association and OGT hosted their first Bike Patrol class. Twelve people earned Bike Patroller certification.

Participants went through rigorous training in CPR, First Aid and the International Mountain Biking Association’s Rules of the Trail. Classroom learning was field tested with staged scenarios of trail trouble. Class members were required to assess the person’s “injuries” and determine the appropriate emergency care needed in each example.

OMBA will now join the International Mountain Biking Association’s National Bike Patrol group. Patrollers can be easily recognized by official plates on the front of their bikes and jerseys that identify them as bike patrollers.

Bike Patrollers will be covering all areas of the Santos Trail system to provide assistance when needed.

If you would like to become a certified bike patroller, please contact Claudia Bulgrin at [claudiasue@netzero.net](mailto:claudiasue@netzero.net).

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A young rider conquers the “skinny”  
at the Santos skills development area.

Photo by Hans Guerrero

## Greenways and Trails Loses a Friend

On December 22, 2006, Dr. Mark Benedict passed away at his home in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mark will long be remembered by his friends and professional associates for a career of dedicated service to public and advocacy organizations in Florida and throughout the nation.

Mark was the primary leader and spiritual guide behind the Florida Greenways Commission (1993-94), created by the late Governor Lawton Chiles and administered by 1000 Friends of Florida. Today's Florida Greenways and Trails Program within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the statewide advisory Florida Greenways and Trail Council, and dedicated funding and a plan to create a statewide greenways and trails system owe their existence to Mark's leadership.

Before initiating the greenways movement in Florida, Mark had a distinguished career with National Park Service, the University of Massachusetts, Collier County government and The Conservancy Inc., in Naples. Using his advanced degrees in coastal and plant ecology he forged an ethic of viewing Florida's natural wonders as a holistic system that included finding ways for people and wildlife to co-exist in a changing landscape. His early understanding of the importance of partnerships and stewardship organizations led to his groundbreaking work to help organize the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust and the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Trust.

1000 Friends of Florida and The Conservation Fund brought Mark to Tallahassee in 1991 to create the Florida

Greenways Project. Mark skillfully assembled the staff, secured the funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Florida Department of Transportation, helped assemble a 40 person Florida Greenways Commission led by Chair Lt. Governor Buddy MacKay and Vice Chair Nathaniel Reed, and produced a report that stands today as a model for a public/private partnership that is actually implemented on the ground. Mark also oversaw several regional greenway planning projects for the area surrounding Tallahassee, the Hillsborough River near Tampa, the Loxahatchee River in Palm Beach County and the New River in Broward County.

In 1996, Mark became a Principal Investigator with the University of Florida where he worked with the GeoPlan Center in the Department of Landscape Architecture where he made significant contributions to the "Five-year Implementation Plan for the Florida Greenways and Trails System" produced by the Florida Greenways Coordinating Council. Ultimately, he found a home for his wife Georgia and son Skylar in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, working for The Conservation Fund. Mark taught the Green Infrastructure course at the National Conservation Training Center to hundreds of conservationists. Mark, with his co-author Ed McMahon from The Conservation Fund, published a landmark book, *Green Infrastructure*, that advances the principles he developed in Florida to the next level of application and theory.

Please think of Mark in the future as you enjoy the greenways and trails throughout the nation which he helped to inspire.

*By Jim Murley and Kent Wimmer, adapted from 1000 Friends of Florida's Foresight magazine.*



# Fort Fraser Trail Opens

This was not your everyday, sedate, ribbon-cutting ceremony. This was the scene of an all-out, enthusiastic community celebration as more than 2,000 people gathered for the grand opening of the Fort Fraser Trail in Polk County on December 9, 2006. The ceremony was held at the Polk Community College Campus in Lakeland as part of the city's "Winter Fest" celebration and featured a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, food vendors, live entertainment, a butterfly release and even a popular, imported "snow mountain."

Young and old were clearly eager to take advantage of Polk County's new walking and bicycling trail. One couple rode a tandem bicycle all the way from Bartow to attend the official opening festivities and many others were overheard making plans to share the trail with their holiday visitors.

A number of elected officials joined in the festivities, including Senator Paula Dockery and representatives from the cities of Lakeland and Bartow, the Polk County Board of Commissioners and Community College, the University of South Florida and the Florida

Department of Transportation. Regional planner Marsha Connell represented OGT.

The Fort Fraser Trail is a 7.7-mile, 12-foot wide, paved multi-use path that follows an abandoned CSX rail bed along U.S.98 and connects Bartow, Highland City and Lakeland. Created through a significant multi-agency collaboration, the trail provides a vital link in the Polk County and Central Florida regional trail network, and will serve as the spine of the city of Lakeland's Lake-to-Lake and Greenway Connector systems and Lake Mirror Park development project.

At the southern end of the corridor, the proposed City of Bartow Fort Fraser Trailhead will serve as both a neighborhood park and a major trailhead. OGT is in the closing phase of purchasing the 8.8 acre Bartow Trailhead site through the Florida Greenways and Trails Acquisition Program.

Plans include an eventual link to the 29-mile General James Van Fleet State Trail, which is managed by OGT. In the meantime, Fort Fraser Trail is obviously a welcome addition to the recreational resources of Polk County and a shining example of a successful local, regional and statewide partnership.



Fort Fraser Trail

# Working Together for the Trails



The Office of Greenways & Trails celebrated National Public Lands Day September 30th on the Cross Florida Greenway with a trail work party.

Equestrian trail volunteers worked on reopening a hill trail in the Shangri La section, clarifying the route through an open area, trimming brush and removing deadfall from trails in the Christmas area.

Mountain bike trail volunteers worked on opening up a reroute in the Vortex section and reclaiming the abandoned route. This is the final stage of the Vortex freeride area project, rerouting easier trails off a sandy double track road and further away from the advanced freeride area.

Volunteers have contributed well over 1000 hours to this project.

Hiking trail volunteers cleaned up the portion of the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) through the Santos section of the Greenway, using a DR brush mower and hand tools. The Greenway contains over 20 miles of the FNST, a nationally designated footpath that traverses the length of Florida.

To show appreciation for the volunteers' hard work, OGT provided a barbeque lunch at the Land Bridge Trailhead.

To get involved in trail work on the greenway, please call trails coordinator Valerie Naylor at 352-236-7143.

## Scout Project at Santos

The Santos Trailhead Skills Park recently had a new feature added, thanks to the hard work of an Ocala Boy Scout. Sam Maynard Jr. completed his Eagle Scout requirements by acting as the project manager and contributing his sweat equity to the construction and installation of two benches along the Santos trails and a new "skinny" at the Skills Park.

OGT and OMBA approved Sam's design, Belleview Building Materials and JRS Custom Fabrications donated materials for the benches, and Sam recruited his workers (his parents and two friends). Over the course of two Saturdays, Sam and his crew completed the project, adding welcome features to the Santos trail system.

## Century Ride on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail



More than 350 cyclists gathered at the Milton Community Center on the picture perfect morning of October 21, 2006 to participate in the McConnell-Wantz "Century Bike" Ride. A six-mile section of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail was the first and last segment of several optional routes through the scenic countryside, ranging from 18-100 miles. With all age groups participating, over 150 riders completed the 100 mile course and several took on the challenge of matching their age in terms of miles. This 8th annual event was organized by the West Florida Wheelmen who donated \$2000.00 of the proceeds to the Blackwater Heritage Trail Citizens Support Organization in the support of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail.





## FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

*--International institute recognizes bridge project with Award of Merit--*

A Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail bridge engineering project, which is managed by Randy Smith of OGT, recently received an Award of Merit from the International Concrete Repair Institute. The trail project was recognized for an innovative technique used to repair and rehabilitate the historic railroad bridges on Big Coppitt Key.

“We are pleased to see worldwide recognition given to a creative engineering venture that enhances the safety of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail,” said Jena Brooks, Director of OGT. “Through this project we have increased the structural soundness of the bridges as well as helped preserve the historical integrity of the trail as a whole.”

OGT contracted with Coastal Gunitite Construction Company to use carbon fiber reinforced polymer bars to strengthen deck panels on six bridges. The bars increase the flexural strength of the deck panels through a more efficient installation

process and prevent corrosion. The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail bridge project was one of ten projects selected worldwide to receive the 2006 Award of Merit, presented annually by the International Concrete Repair Institute to recognize outstanding projects in the concrete repair industry.

The historic bridges that were built early in the 20th century for railroad developer Henry Flagler’s Overseas Railroad are now an integral part of the multi-use bicycle and pedestrian Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail. Under the supervision of trail manager Debra Stucki, OGT currently maintains 42 miles of existing trails and bridges. The remainder of the 106-mile trail, which will link the 32 island chain from Key Largo to Key West, is presently in the design phase with construction to follow.

For more information about the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, visit [FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com](http://FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com)



# Starring Role for Sugarloaf Key

Two-acre property will provide public access to land and water trails



Photo by Michael Wray

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), signed a star player from the Miami Vice movie with the purchase of a two-acre site on Sugarloaf Key that was used as a film location. The purchase will ensure public access to land, river and sea. The ocean front property is located at mile marker 17.

“TPL was fortunate to work with a very patient landowner who shared our mission and desire,” said Becky Nielsen, TPL project manager. “Together we were able to conserve a very special and beautiful parcel of land that will be enjoyed by generations to come.”

The Governor and Cabinet have since approved the purchase of this property from The Trust for Public Land by

the State of Florida. The site is being managed by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and includes a ranger residence, as well as a boat, canoe and kayak launch and a picnicking area with rest stop amenities. It will serve as a trailhead for the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, a key destination for cyclists and hikers, offering the scenic beauty of a road less traveled. Sugarloaf Key boasts a cinematic backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean to the east and an acre of indigenous hardwoods, native flora, as well as mangroves and transitional wetlands to the north and west. Watch for coming attractions as this new Sugarloaf Key recreation location goes into production.

## *OGT Partners with Cops for Kids*



Deputy Sheriff A.J. Smith makes sure helmet fits properly.

In support of the Cops for Kids-Tallahassee program which provides bicycles for children, the Office of Greenways & Trails helped ensure the safety of these young cyclists by providing more than 500 bicycle helmets. Thanks to this donation, the program was able to purchase nearly 600 bicycles which were distributed to children in Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden and Franklin Counties.





## APALACHICOLA PADDLING TRAIL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The American Canoe Association has named the Apalachicola Paddling Trail System in Franklin County as one of the 12 most recommended water trails in the United States for 2006.

The Apalachicola Paddling Trails, in the Apalachicola Wildlife and Environmental Area, were developed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Office of Recreation Services.

The system offers 12 paddling trails, accessible for canoeists and kayakers with all levels of abilities. The shortest trails are 2 miles long, while others are 4-12 miles and offer pleasant half or full-day paddling trips.

Paddlers can explore the quiet, calm creeks meandering through cypress-tupelo swamps or enjoy vistas of the open bay and salt marsh.

Longer, overnight options are available, and primitive camping is allowed throughout the management area with no fees or permits required.

To be designated as a canoe association-recommended water trail, the trail must meet a set of basic criteria and stand out as a particularly good destination for paddlers.

### Requirements:

The trail must be a contiguous or semi-contiguous waterway or series of waterways, open to recreational paddlers.

The trail must have public access points for paddlers.

The trail must be covered by a map, guide, signage or a web site that is of reasonable quality and detail and available to the public.

Published or printed materials for the trail (guidebook, map, signs, web site) must communicate low-impact ethics to trail users.

The trail must be supported and/or managed by one or more organizations.

To receive a free copy of the Apalachicola Paddling Trail System map, call 850-488-5520 or go to: [MyFWC.com/recreation/Apalachicola\\_river/paddling.asp](http://MyFWC.com/recreation/Apalachicola_river/paddling.asp).



## GREENWAYS & TRAILS PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING AWARD

The Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, the nonprofit support organization for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways & Trails, received a \$5,000 grant for the Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail from ULTRA Trails. The grant is one of only four presented nationally for trail projects by ULTRA Trails, a partnership between Anheuser-Busch, Michelob ULTRA and The Conservation Fund.

The City of Jacksonville's Department of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Conservation plans to construct restroom facilities at the Imeson Trailhead.

In addition to the grant, ULTRA Trails will work with DEP's OGT and the City of Jacksonville to develop a trail guide. Anheuser-Busch also donated a Trek bicycle for a raffle facilitated by Champion Cycling in Jacksonville. Money from the raffle will provide additional funding for improvements to the Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail.



**Stan Stanford**, *Champion Cycling*; **Kelley Boree**, *Preservation Project Jacksonville*; **Syl Robinson**, *Anheuser-Busch*; **Kathy Baughman-McLeod**, *Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation*; **Tim Saggau**, *Anheuser-Busch*; **George Willson**, *The Conservation Fund*

## Department of Transportation Funding for De Soto Trail Project

Almost 470 years after Hernando de Soto and his small army of Spanish conquistadors slogged through "La Florida", the new De Soto Trail Project will re-trace the steps of these early explorers through a series of wayside exhibits, brochures and a virtual website. This project will become a reality through funding provided by the Transportation Enhancements Program of the Florida Department of Transportation. On January 11, 2007, a ceremony was held at the De Soto Site Historic State Park in Tallahassee during the park's Hernando de Soto Winter Encampment Events. At the ceremony, Bob Crim of the Florida Department of Transportation presented De Soto National Memorial Superintendent Scott Pardue with a check for \$425,000. Elementary school children attending the Winter Encampment program got a kick out of the big check and were excited to learn about the De Soto Trail. Also in attendance were representatives from the Office of Greenways & Trails, the National Park Service, the Florida Park Service and Visit Florida.

The National Park Service, the Florida Park Service and the Office of Greenways & Trails (OGT) have been working together to re-design and enhance the original Florida De Soto Trail, which was initiated in 1986. OGT is providing GIS technical support and coordination assistance throughout the project. The funding from the Florida Department of Transportation will enable the project partners to fully implement this new and fully re-designed trail system.

Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation launches new website

The Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works with OGT to enhance funding for Florida's greenways, blueways, and trails, has just launched its website. For more about the foundation and how you can support Florida's greenways and trails, visit [FGTF.org](http://FGTF.org).



## The Florida Greenways and Trails Council

The Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC) held meetings in May, September and November of 2006. The May 22-23 meeting took place in Wakulla County at the nature-based lodge, Wildwood Inn. The meeting featured a presentation by Robert Seidler of Seidler Productions, who shared a series of video clips illustrating the growing interest in and economic value of nature-based tourism in Florida. The meeting included a field trip led by FGTC member Kent Wimmer, Florida Trail Liaison for the Florida Trail Association. Wimmer conducted an informative 2.5 mile hike on a section of the Florida Trail within the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

The FGTC scheduled the two remaining meetings of the year in association with statewide conferences, in order to encourage guest attendance and a greater awareness of the Council's role in creating a statewide system of greenways and trails. The September meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Conference on Water Management in Palm Harbor. Representatives from each of the Water Management Districts reported on their efforts concerning greenways and trails. The Council heard a presentation by Florida writer, Herb Hiller, who reviewed three key trail and greenway projects and initiatives: the Florida Discovery Bicycling Center at Lake Helen--designed to teach adults bicycling safety while benefiting the local economy; the East Coast Greenway Alliance project of developing a trail along the east coast from Maine to Florida; and the St. Johns River Alliance's concept of a blueway/greenway trail that would traverse the entire 310-mile length of the St. Johns River.

The September 6 meeting also included election of officers for the coming year. Ken Bryan was re-elected as Chair and Dan Simmons was again elected Vice Chair.

On November 1, in association with the Public Lands Acquisition and Management Conference in Jacksonville, the FGTC held a joint meeting with the Board of the Florida Communities Trust (FCT). The agenda featured presentations by OGT's regional planners, Marsha Connell (West); Matt Klein (East) and Robin Turner (North), on the status of greenway and trail projects in each region. Ken Reecy, FCT program manager, conducted the FCT business meeting and shared a video presentation, "Our Legacy," highlighting FCT projects around the state. FGTC members voted to approve an acquisition item, pending an agreement between the OGT and the St. Joe Company, for the purchase of land for a trail in Franklin and Wakulla Counties. Plans would call for St. Joe to build a trail that would potentially connect Bald Point State Park to the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Trail and then return the trail to OGT to manage.

The first FGTC meeting of 2007 was held in Tallahassee on February 1. Highlights included a presentation on the Florida Forever successor program by Andy McLeod of the Trust for Public Land and approval of three designations, the Central City Linear Park in the City of Plantation, and the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway and J.R. Alford Greenway, which are both located in Tallahassee.

The Council is expected to review acquisition projects submitted during the 2006 application cycle of the Greenways and Trails Land Acquisition Program at the May meeting.



## Funding for De Soto Trail

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The revised De Soto Trail follows the 1539 route of Hernando De Soto and his expedition of roughly 600 Spaniards from the shores of Tampa Bay north to the first winter encampment in present-day Tallahassee. The termini will be located at the De Soto National Memorial in Bradenton and the Hernando De Soto

State Historic Site in Tallahassee. The route between Bradenton and Tallahassee runs roughly through Plant City, Lakeland, Zephyrhills, Dade City, Istachatta, Inverness, Gainesville, Live Oak, Moseley Hall and Lamont. Approximately 40 interpretive kiosks will be placed along De Soto's route, tying together and telling the story of this historical journey.

## ACQUISITION PROGRAM UPDATE

By Cindy Radford

The Office of Greenways & Trails Acquisition Program, in its sixth cycle of the Florida Forever funding, had a submission cycle that commenced on October 2nd and closed December 18th, 2006. The projects that were submitted for funding will be presented to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council for approval during the May 2007 meeting in Tallahassee. Approved projects will be announced in the next newsletter.

OGT acquired 17.70 acres within the West Jacksonville Greenway project in August 2006. Located in Duval County, this project is adjacent to and contiguous with the publicly-owned West Jacksonville Greenway Connector (also known as the Brandy Branch Trail Head). It will connect to the Jacksonville to Baldwin Rail Trail via Jacksonville Electric Authority lands, which are publicly owned, therefore providing a critical link in the larger greenway system. Trailhead development on this parcel will allow for trail access north of U.S. 90/Beaver Street as access is provided immediately south of U.S. 90/Beaver Street via Pope Duval Park. The ultimate goal is to have a continuous greenway system from Jennings State Forest to Cary State Forest.

In addition, this project could ultimately connect to the proposed Camp Blanding to Osceola National Forest Ecological

Greenway to the west and further north to the Osceola National Forest and to Camp Blanding Military Reservation to the south.

Another parcel that OGT acquired was the four acre Mulder parcel in Jackson County. The Board of Trustees acquired Spring Creek in 1999 through the Conservation and Recreational Lands program. Popularity of the Spring Creek Park has attracted more visitors than it can support. Acquiring the Mulder parcel as a trailhead facility was considered a priority as it will serve as a canoe/kayak launch, allow for expansion of the boardwalk system, a scenic overlook, restrooms, overflow parking and a concession facility. This acquisition created continuity in the Jackson County portion of the Chipola River Greenway/Blueway and provides relief from an existing highway traffic safety problem related to illegal roadside parking.

We will keep you updated as to when these properties will be open to the public. Should you have any questions, please contact Cindy Radford in the Office of Greenways & Trails at 850-245-2052 or [Cynthia.Radford@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Radford@dep.state.fl.us).

## Funding Alert

Florida Communities Trust opened its seventh Florida Forever application cycle on February 23, 2007. Approximately \$66 million (unless otherwise allocated by the Legislature) will be available this funding cycle for grants to local governments and environmental non-profit organizations to acquire land for conservation, open space and outdoor recreation. The deadline to submit applications is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on May 9.

For a copy of a grant application or additional information about the FCT program, visit the website at [www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/](http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/).



# PRO BIKE®/PRO WALK FLORIDA

Don't miss the third annual PRO BIKE®/PRO WALK FLORIDA CONFERENCE "Healthy Community Makeovers: Designs and Programs for Active and Healthy Lifestyles," to be held **August 27-30, 2007**, in Orlando at the Embassy Suites Downtown Hotel.

Sponsored in part by the Florida Bicycle Association, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Office of Greenways & Trails, the conference is a collaborative effort of many agencies involved with bicycle and pedestrian issues. Sessions for planners, engineers, law enforcement, health professionals, developers, landscape architects, educators and advocates will focus on facility design, land use, tourism, fitness promotion, trails management, law enforcement and education to encourage more people to walk and bike safely and responsibly. In addition to the educational sessions, participants will enjoy walking and biking tours, dynamic keynote speakers and vendor exhibits.

For more information, visit the conference website at [probikeprowalkflorida.com](http://probikeprowalkflorida.com)



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