

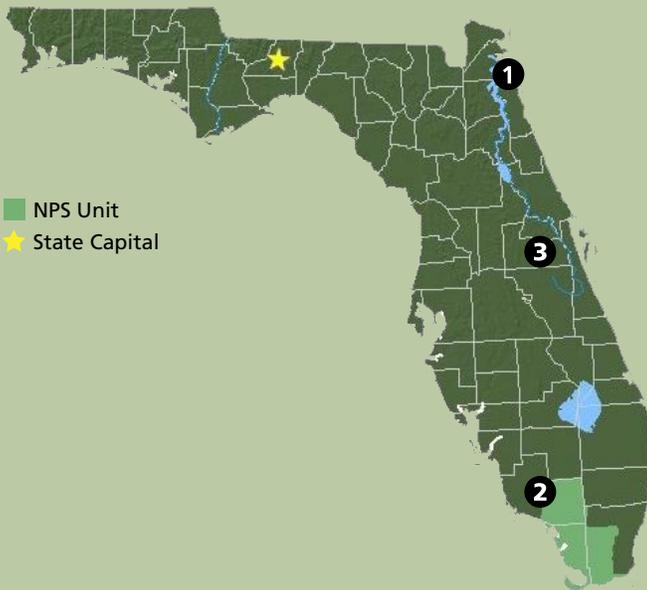


# Florida News



Florida Black Bear collared for study. Photo: Don Brouillard

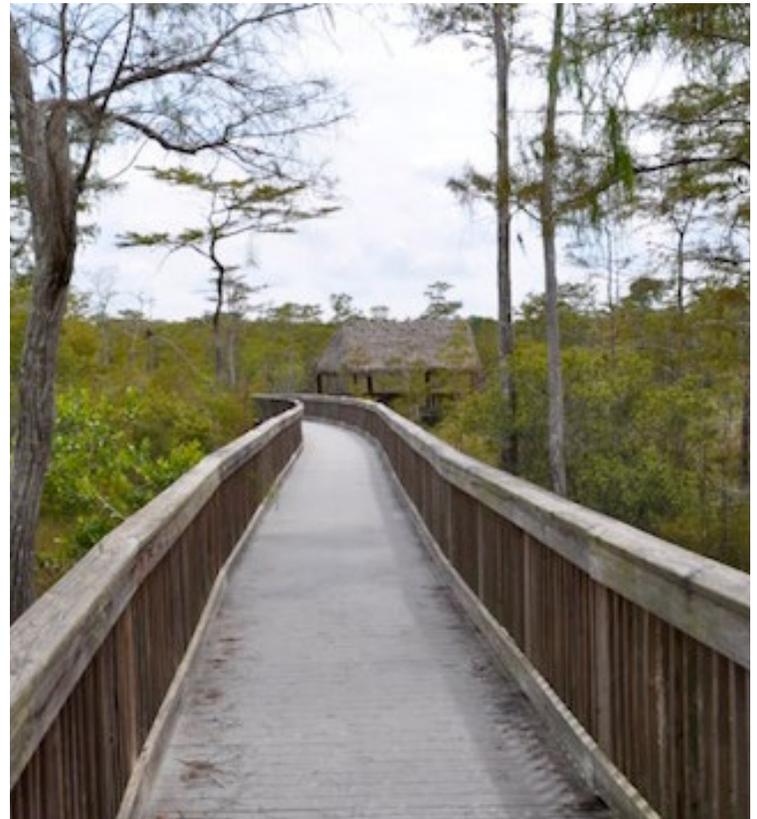
## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Groundwork Jacksonville**  
Groundwork Jacksonville Trust
- 2. River of Grass Greenway**  
Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
- 3. Wekiva National Wild and Scenic River System**  
Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

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Visioning the Greenway. Photo: RiverofGrassGreenway.org

### 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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## 2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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# Current Projects

## 1. Groundwork Jacksonville

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

### Project Goal

Develop a strategic plan for the newly formed Groundwork Jacksonville Trust, develop and implement a "Green Team Program," and support projects and programs identified in the Groundwork Jacksonville feasibility study. Flagship projects for Groundwork Jacksonville include the restoration of Hogans Creek and Deer Creek.

### NPS Role

Support the program by working with the newly formed board and new executive director of Groundwork Jacksonville, the City of Jacksonville, the historic Eastside and Springfield communities, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, and other partners and help to leverage funds through grant writing.

## 2. River of Grass Greenway

Project Partner: Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department  
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine  
Location: Everglades City, Collier and Miami-Dade Counties  
Congressional District: FL - 25

### Project Goal

Develop a feasibility study, which has been funded by the Paul Sarbanes Transit in Parks (TRIP) Program, for the River of Grass Greenway. The separated trail system will parallel the U.S. 41 corridor, extending 75 miles from Collier to Miami-Dade Counties.

### NPS Role

Assist partners with the feasibility study and with the subsequent Project Development and Environment Study for a segment of the greenway in the eastern route of the corridor.

## 3. Wekiva National Wild and Scenic River System

Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.  
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine  
Location: 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 with consensus and support from the stakeholders and partners who serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for this River System.

### NPS Role

Assist the Wekiva River Advisory Management Committee with the implementation of high priority conservation projects as identified in the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System Management Plan.



Paddling down the Wekiva River. Photo: NPS