



St Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance

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Facts About the Organization

Mission

- Increase and support equitable active mobility near St Johns River-to-Sea Loop and connected trails
- Advance, advocate, support, promote and protect trails and bikable/rollable/walkable public places that accommodate and welcome every age, ability, disability, gender, color and allowed equipment
- Raise awareness for mobility-related safety, health, environmental and equity issues
- Engage people and communities in active mobility with cycling, walking and use of transit

Vision

To increase and encourage active mobility for everyone and to ensure safe equitable access to trails, roads and public places. We see a future where everyone reaps the benefits of equitable mobility, environmental sustainability, strong safe communities, improved economy, increased low-impact high-value tourism, and better health and wellness.

About the Loop

The St Johns River-to-Sea Loop is an evolving 260-mile multiuse Florida SUNTrail from Titusville to DeBary to Palatka to St Augustine and back to Titusville crossing the five counties of Brevard, Volusia, Putnam, St Johns and Flagler. Volusia County hosts over half the Loop (131 miles) and the most completed segments (over 80 miles). The two top-priority Florida SUNTrails, the Coast to Coast Trail and River-to-Sea Loop run together from Titusville to DeBary and connect other major trails including the evolving 26-mile Lake Monroe Loop and the East Coast Greenway.

Status

We are a 501(c)3 Florida charitable organization founded in 2016 with the GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency. We are a lean all-volunteer organization with no paid employees relying on grants, sponsorships, donations and fund-raising events with annual budget between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Projects

- Arrange and Host rides including our annual '**Spring to the Springs Ride and Trail Celebration**' with BBQ that last year hosted over 80 participants and new '**Pedal Into the Past and Future**' guided rides.
- Design, create, and maintain trail amenities like kiosks and map signs
- Organize Summits and Workshops to advance the trail
- Present frequent seminars, talks and public appearances to raise awareness for our mission
- Partner with communities and organizations to raise awareness, develop trail amenities and bikeable/walkable public places, and to advance and track trail construction projects.
- Maintain vibrant River2SeaLoop.org website, "**In the Loop**" newsletter, and two active Facebook pages with trail news and to raise awareness for our broader mission and vision.
- Creating and disseminating maps and guides to regional trails
- Develop and extend the **River to Sea Loop Nature and History Corridor** with a grant for Florida Humanities to increase awareness of regional history near trails with focus on African American and naturalist history, partnering with Stetson University, Enterprise Museum and DeBary Hall.

Rationale

Florida is the most dangerous state in the nation for cyclists and pedestrians according a 2019 study by Smart Growth America. Many people, especially underserved populations and those with disabilities, have no access to safe transportation options or to places to cycle, walk or engage in healthy outdoor activities. Trails and bikeable/walkable/rollable roadways and public places benefit every individual and organization in our region. There is no downside to active equitable mobility.

Ways to Help

- Become an Annual "**Trail Alliance Partner**" or make a donation
- Join our advisory board or become an ambassador
- Volunteer for ongoing projects or special events

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