

Proposed Florida Greenways and Trails Designation

FGTC Meeting September 23, 2016

Project Name: Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail

Applicant: Wakulla County

Manager: Wakulla County Tourist Development Council (TDC)

Landowners: Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund

Project Description: The Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail is a 58.6 mile trail consisting of 10 individual paddling trails bounded by the Ochlockonee River in the west and the Econfina River in the east. Most trails are located in Wakulla County between the waterfront communities of Panacea in the west and the City of St. Marks in the east. Designed for enthusiasts of all levels, these trails invite one to enjoy fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography, or simply relax in the tranquility of an inlet.

Public Access: The Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail consists of 10 launch sites: Ochlockonee Bay Public Boat Ramp, Tucker Lake launch in Bald Point State Park, Mashers Island County Park, Levy Bay Road, Bottoms Road, Spring Creek, Shell Point, Wakulla Beach, St. Marks River Park, and St Marks Lighthouse.

FGTS Plan Status

Priority Trail Network: Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail is part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System (FGTS) Plan Paddling Opportunity Network.

Staff Recommendation: The Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Greenways and Trails recommends approval of this designation.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS**
AS PART OF THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Public lands and waterways located within the state may be designated by the Department as components of the Florida Greenways and Trails System upon compliance with the requirements of Section 62S-1.400, F.A.C.

CONSENT OF LANDOWNER REQUIRED

Section 260.014, Florida Statutes, provides that “no lands or waterways may be designated as a part of the statewide system of greenways and trails without the specific written consent of the landowner.” Furthermore, if public access is contemplated for any portion of the project, both the owner(s) and the proposed managing entity must provide the Department with written authorization detailing the public access permitted on the project. Accordingly, the sponsor of each project proposed for designation is strongly encouraged to communicate and collaborate with all potentially affected landowners and land managers throughout all stages of the designation process.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All responses on the Application must be typed or legibly printed. If a particular item does not apply to the project, the proper response is “Not Applicable.” Do not leave a response area blank.
2. If additional space is needed for a response, indicate that additional sheets(s) are attached, and identify the information contained within each additional sheet by noting the Application item number to which it relates.
3. All “Required Attachments” listed in the next section of the instructions must be attached to and submitted with the application.
4. Applicants must submit an original Application, one (1) original of each Required Attachment and any other supporting documentation.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
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5. Do not fax any portion of the Application or attachments to the Office of Greenways and Trails. All faxed information received that relates to a pending application will not be accepted.
6. The Application, together with supporting attachments and documentation, must be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following items must be attached to the Application at the time of submittal:

- A. An "Owner Consent," DEP Form #OGT-7, effective July 10, 2003, signed by each record title owner of the property proposed for designation.
- B. A "Management Certificate," DEP Form #OGT-8, effective July 10, 2003, signed by the managing entity of the property proposed for designation.
- C. If available, photographs of various sites and features within the project that show typical landscape characteristics, labeled with location and orientation and cross-referenced to the location map described in the following paragraph.
- D. An accurate location map of sufficient scale and detail to clearly delineate all project property boundaries in relation to other area greenways or trails, county roadways, major topographic features (such as rivers, lakes and power lines) and local government boundaries (if any). The location map must state the length of trails and total project acreage, and should indicate points of interest or special features. When the project provides for public access to existing or proposed trails, the location map must identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the extent of the trails.

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS

NAME OF PROJECT: Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 3093 Crawfordville Highway

Crawfordville, FI 32327

COUNTY/COUNTIES: Wakulla County

OWNER OF PROJECT: _____

PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Owner Consent," DEP Form #OGT-7, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

CONTACT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

MANAGING ENTITY OF PROJECT: Wakulla County Tourist Development Council

PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Management Certificate," DEP Form #OGT-8, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

CONTACT: Diane Bardhi

ADDRESS: 3093 Crawfordville Highway

Crawfordville, FI 32327

TELEPHONE: (850) 926.0919 ext. 716 FAX: (850) 926.0940

PROJECT SUBMITTED BY (Check one): OWNER MANAGING ENTITY

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check One):

National park, forest or trail, preserve, seashore, wildlife refuge, wild scenic river, military reservation, Native American Lands, or other (describe):

State park unit, forest, recreation area, submerged land, wildlife management area, historical or archaeological site, ornamental or botanical garden, university system property, museum or other special feature site, public game area, preserve, or other (describe):

Lands owned by a port authority, flood control district, water management district, navigation district or other agency created by general or special law (describe):

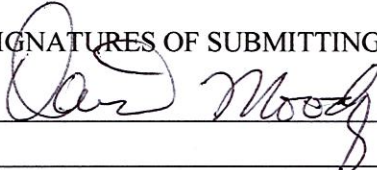
Local government conservation or recreation land, urban open space area or other (describe):

The Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail (ABMHPT) is a designated series of saltwater trails that explore coastal tidal marshes, spring-fed rivers, and embayments between and near the waterfront communities of St. Marks and Panacea. The trails offer one-of-a-kind insights into the flora and fauna of one of Florida's last great bays, fed by springs and four outstanding Florida rivers, and surrounded by vast pine flatwoods, bottomland hardwood forests, and freshwater and tidal salt marshes.

Please attach a location map and general description of the lands and/or waterways proposed for designation, including the length of trails, total acreage and points of interest or special features. If trails will be available for public access, please identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads, and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the length of the trail(s). Photographs and printed brochures or other information may also be attached, if available.

The undersigned hereby certify that the Project consists solely of Public Conservation or Recreation Lands or Waterways, as that term is defined in Section 62S-1.100(19), F.A.C., and that the undersigned will negotiate with the Office of Greenways and Trails to formulate and thereafter enter into a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern the Project's participation in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

SIGNATURES OF SUBMITTING PARTY(IES):



DATE: 08/11/2016
DATE: _____
DATE: _____

OWNER MANAGING ENTITY (CHECK ONE)

Return Completed and Signed Application To: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
Telephone: (850) 245-2052



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail
Name of Project

3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Address or Location of Project

FROM . :
Name of Managing Entity

Wakulla County Tourist Development Council

Name of Contact/Representative

3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Address of Managing Entity

Crawfordville, FL 32327

City, State and Zip Code

(850) 926.0919

Telephone Number

(850) 926.

0940

Facsimile Number

Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**

Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

City, State and Zip Code

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The undersigned Managing Entity hereby ratifies and confirms:

- (1) That it is willing to manage the Project following its designation by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System;
- (2) That management of the project will be based on and proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the following:
 - (a) Existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the lands or waterways located within the Project; and
 - (b) A designation agreement to be negotiated among and executed by the undersigned Managing Entity, the Owner(s) of the lands or waterways proposed for designation and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, which designation agreement shall be subordinate to any existing leases, agreements or other encumbrances described in paragraph (a) above.
- (3) That in the event the undersigned ceases to be the Managing Entity of the Project or if the aforementioned designation agreement is amended, rescinded or otherwise terminated for any reason, the undersigned will notify the Department's Office of Greenways and Trails within five (5) business days following the occurrence of any such event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be signed as of the date set forth below.

MANAGING ENTITY

Wakulla County Tourist Development Council
[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: David Moody

Print Name: David Moody

Title: Co-Chairman, Wakulla TDC

Date: 08/10/2016

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