

Proposed Florida Greenways and Trails Designation

FGTC Meeting June 23, 2016

Project Name: Lake Jackson Blueway

Applicant: Leon County

Manager: Leon County and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Landowners: Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund

Project Description: Lake Jackson is located just north of the City of Tallahassee, in Leon County, Florida. Lake Jackson is a scenic prairie lake and excellent destination for outdoor recreation opportunities. The lake watershed encompasses 4,000 acres and is encircled by a mix of public lands, private landowners and residential neighborhoods. In 1974 the Lake Jackson, Carr Lake, and Mallard Pond ecosystem was designated as the Lake Jackson Aquatic Preserve by the Florida Legislature. The Lake Jackson ecosystem is comprised of freshwater marshes and native and exotic submerged vegetation that provides exceptional fish, waterfowl and wading bird habitat. In addition, Lake Jackson is designated as a Surface Water Improvement & Management water body (SWIM) and Outstanding Florida Water.

Public Access: Lake Jackson has eight county-owned public access sites that are co-managed by the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission and Leon County Parks & Recreation. There are also three lakeside county parks that provide views of the lake but no public access.

FGTS Plan Status

Priority Trail Network: The Lake Jackson Blueway 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: Lake Jackson Blueway

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Lake Jackson, Leon County

COUNTY/COUNTIES: Leon

OWNER OF PROJECT: Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund

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: Director, Division of State Lands

ADDRESS: 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 100

Tallahassee, FL 32399

TELEPHONE: (850) 245-2555 FAX: (850) 245-2572

MANAGING ENTITY OF PROJECT: Leon County

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: Director, Leon County Division of Parks and Recreation

ADDRESS: 2280 Miccosukee Road

Tallahassee, FL 32308

TELEPHONE: (850) 606-1470 FAX: (850) 606-1471

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): _____

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):

Lyleh Davis

DATE: 3/24/16
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

**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**

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

RE: Lake Jackson Blueway

Name of Project

Leon County, Florida

Address or Location of Project

FROM: Leon County Division of Parks and Recreation

Name of Managing Entity

Leigh Davis, Director

Name of Contact/Representative

2280 Miccosukee Road

Address of Managing Entity

Tallahassee, FL 32308

City, State and Zip Code

(850) 606-1470

Telephone Number

(850) 606-1471

Facsimile Number

Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund

Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**

3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 100

Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

Tallahassee, FL 32399

City, State and Zip Code

(850) 245-2555

Telephone Number

(850) 245-2572

Facsimile Number

** Attach additional sheet(s) if more than one owner

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

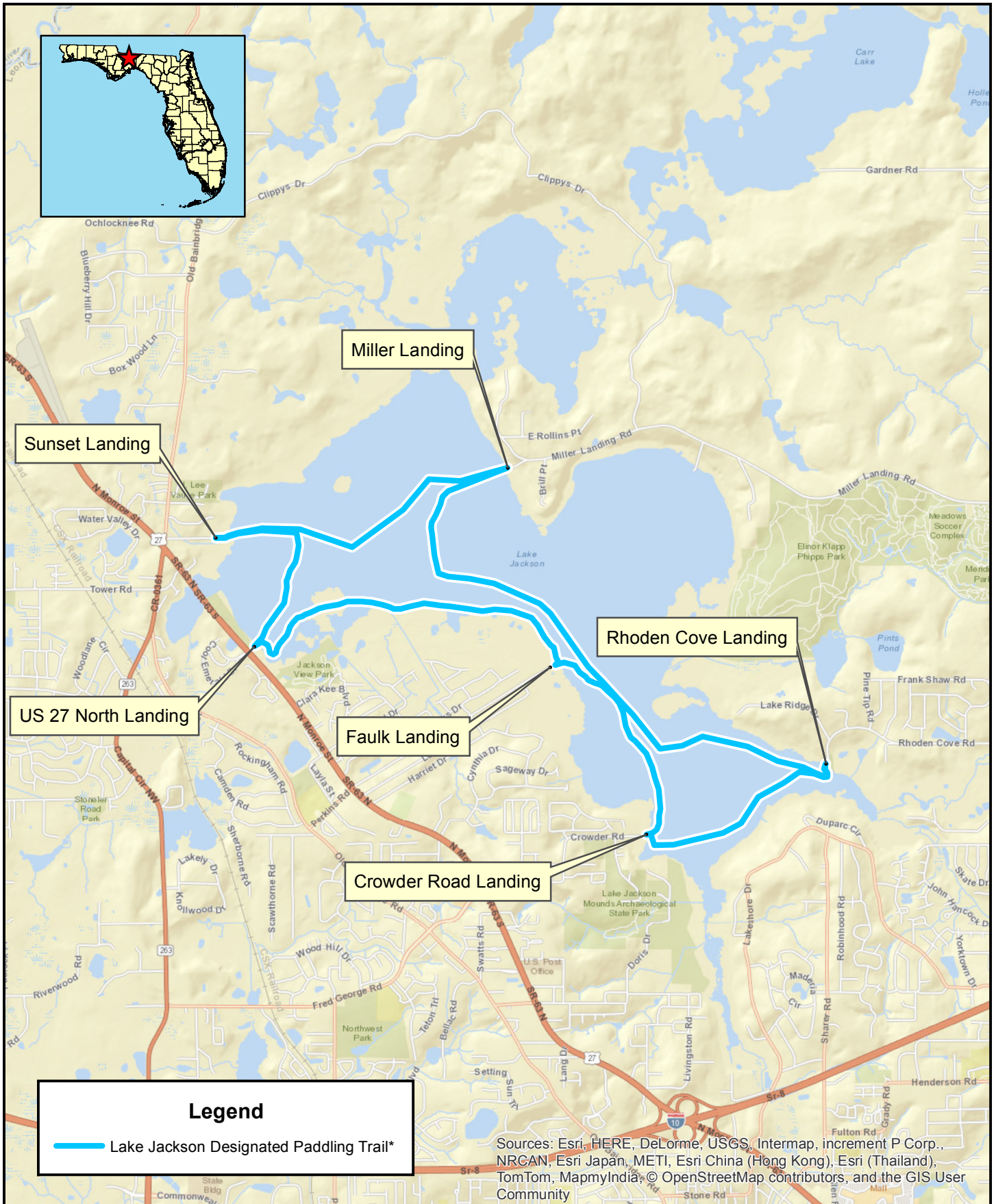
Leon County Parks + Rec.
[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: Leigh Davis

Print Name: Leigh Davis

Title: Director

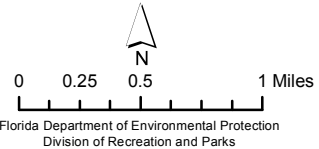
Date: 3/24/16



Legend

 Lake Jackson Designated Paddling Trail*

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**LAKE JACKSON
DESIGNATION MAP**

*Represents a suggested paddling route. This designation includes all of Lake Jackson and is not restricted to waters that lie immediately along this route.