

RESOLUTION 2001- 167

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY DESIGNATING THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA BLUEWAY, PHASE II (THE MATANZAS AND TOLOMATO RIVERS) AS A LOCALLY RECOGNIZED GREENWAY/BUEWAY TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway of Northeast Florida forms a blueway connection from the Amelia River in Nassau County to the Matanzas River in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS the Northeast Florida Blueway, Phase I- Pablo Creek, consists of the northern section of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and was approved by the Acquisition and Restoration Council in 2000 and is a Category A project; and

WHEREAS the proposed St. Johns County Northeast Florida Blueway, Phase II – Matanzas and Tolomato Rivers, directly connect to the Duval Northeast Florida Blueway Phase I - Pablo Creek; and

WHEREAS Flagler County Land Acquisition Committee was established to acquire Environmental Sensitive Lands along the coastal corridor including, but not limited to, River to Sea Preserve, Matanzas River Island Park, and Princess Place all forming a greenway / blueway coastal corridor and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan for St. Johns County addresses the need for recreational greenways that interconnect or link natural reserves, parks, cultural and historic sites with each other and provide opportunities for resource-based outdoor recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS the proposed Phase II Northeast Florida Blueway is adjacent to numerous federal and state managed areas including the Guana River Wildlife Management Area, Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve, Guana River State Park, Deep Creek State Forest, Stokes Landing Conservation Area, Fort Mose, Anastasia State Park, Moses Creek Conservation Area, Ft. Matanzas National Monument, Faver-Dykes State Park and Pellicer Creek Aquatic Preserve; and

WHEREAS St. Johns County's Northeast Blueway Phase II – Tolomato and Matanzas Rivers C.A.R.L. Application complements the Federal, State and Local initiatives to preserve and protect the natural resources and water quality along the Intracoastal Waterway as previously established by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Research Reserve; the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) through the Northern Coastal Basin Program and the DEP Guana Tolomato Matanzas Shellfish Harvesting Task Force; and

WHEREAS St. Johns County is actively acquiring properties along the proposed Blueway including but not limited to the Moultrie Creek Intracoastal (Vaill Point) tract; and

WHEREAS local designation of greenway / blueways will assist the County in the application for funding of such acquisitions,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

The Northeast Florida Blueway, Phase II, consisting of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway within St. Johns County, including the Tolomato and Matanzas Rivers be designated as a locally recognized greenway / blueway trail system linking Duval, St. Johns and Flagler Counties.

PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 7 day of August, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Marc A. Jacalone
Marc A. Jacalone, Its Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

Cheryl Strickland

