RESOLUTION 2003- 107

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY ADOPTING THE CONCEPTUAL MAP FOR A TRAIL PLAN AS A LOCALLY DESIGNATED TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, a "Greenway" trail is defined in the Florida Statutes as a linear open space established along either a natural corridor, such as a riverfront, stream valley, or ridgeline, or over land along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreational use, a canal, a scenic road, or other route; any natural or landscaped course for pedestrian or bicycle passage; an open space connector linking parks, nature preserves, cultural features, or historic sites with each other and populated areas; or local strip or linear parks designated as a parkway or greenbelt; and,

WHEREAS, the major functions of a linear greenway open space are to protect and enhance remaining natural, cultural and historical resources which is vitally important to human health, well-being, aesthetic values and maintaining functional native ecosystems while maintaining connectivity between conservation lands, federal, state and local parks recreational parks, or cultural and historical sites and providing interconnectivity to other neighborhoods and communities; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Conceptual Trail Plan promotes additional recreational access to land and water trail opportunities through alternative transportation opportunities such as hiking, bicycling, rollerblading, canoeing and other paddling, and equestrian trails that promote healthy physical activities for the betterment of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan for St. Johns County addresses the need for recreational greenways that interconnect or link natural preserves, 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, St. Johns County has received public input regarding the need for and placement of such trail opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the St. Johns County Conceptual Trail Plan will provide the County with a map for development of future trails; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the St. Johns County Conceptual Trail Plan is intended to help the County obtain recreational grant funding opportunities,

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

The May 2003 St. Johns County Conceptual Trail Plan Map is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A".

PASSED and Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2003.

> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

RENDITION DATE June 4, 2003

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