

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 200

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLAGLER COUNTY, VOLUSIA COUNTY AND PUTNAM COUNTY FLORIDA, CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE RIVER TO SEA LOOP, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County, Brevard County, Flagler County, Volusia County and Putnam County Florida (County), wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in order to address certain aspects of the River To Sea Loop; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached and incorporated MOU sets forth the relative rights, responsibilities, and obligations of all Counties , so that certain aspects of the River To Sea Loop may be preliminarily addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the collective best interests of all Counties to have this MOU executed by St. Johns County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

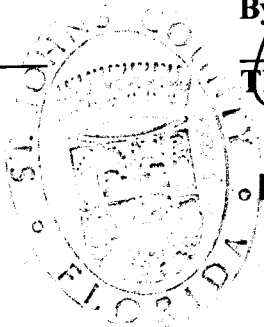
**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding between St. Johns County, Volusia County, Putnam County, Flagler County and Brevard County Florida, concerning aspects of the River To Sea Loop, and authorizes the County Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of St. Johns County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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

Attest:  
Pam Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

By: Thomas G. Manuel  
Thomas G. Manuel, Chair



RENDITION DATE 8/8/08

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY,  
FLORIDA; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER  
COUNTY, FLORIDA; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHN'S COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**August 5, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, recreational trails and greenways are important community amenities that conserve critical open space, use natural resources for healthful outdoor activities, provide transportation options, increase property values, and spur economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a National Association of Homebuilders study reported by The New York Times, recreational trails are the number one amenity potential home purchasers consider when relocating to a new community; and

**WHEREAS**, the most frequently requested information by visitors at the State of Florida's Official Welcome Centers is on bicycle trails; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy reports that trails improve the local economy by stimulating tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving green infrastructure connections helps foster a sustainable future for North-East and Central Florida regions and improves the quality of life for our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Volusia, St. John's, Putnam, Flagler and Brevard counties appreciate the necessity of working together to develop a regional recreational trail known as the "St. John's River to the Sea Loop Trail" (hereinafter "River to Sea Loop Trail" or "Trail"). A copy of the proposed Trail corridor is attached as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed "River to Sea Loop Trail" will provide bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between the oldest European community in North America, St. Augustine and the Kennedy Space Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to complete the development of the Trail to coincide with the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of Juan Ponce de León in "La Florida" in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, it is appropriate and the Parties desire to solicit all available federal, state and local agency assistance in the creation of the "River to Sea Loop Trail"; and

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Understanding is a formal expression of interest by the Parties to work together and coordinate their efforts in developing the Trail, but it shall not be construed as an obligation by any Party to expend funds or resources on the "River to Sea Loop Trail."

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The above recitals are true and hereby incorporated and made part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The Parties will coordinate and work together seeking State and Federal funding, obtaining professional service and planning the Trail.

3. The Parties contemplate that the trails and amenities, of which the "River to Sea Loop Trail" will eventually be comprised, will be substantially located within the greenway corridors depicted in Exhibit "A."

4. The Parties agree to meet quarterly through their representatives for the purposes of planning and consideration of developing goals, objectives, funding, and policies that support implementation of the Trail, which may be adopted into each county's comprehensive plan.

5. The execution of this Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to, nor shall it be construed to be a legal obligation by any Party to implement or fund the Trail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year first written above.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator

**ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk**

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	Florida State Parks		
	Florida Conservation Lands		
	Multi-use Trail Priorities		
	Existing Trails		
	Biking		De Leon Springs to East Palatka Trail (projected)
	Equestrian		Spring to Spring Trail
	Hiking		Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail
	Multi-use		East Central Regional Rail Trail
	Padding		St. Augustine to Palatka Trail
	Connector		A1A River to Sea Trail



Map Date: December 10, 2007