

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 331

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NOCATEE/DEEP CREEK/PINE ISLAND PADDLING TRAIL BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE OWNERS CONSENT FORM ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, both St. Johns County, Florida, and the Florida Department Environmental Protection Agency Office of Greenways and Trails wish to designate paddling trails around the State, in order to provide the public with usable, safe and scenic trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached Owners Consent Form sets forth the relative rights, responsibilities, and obligations of both St. Johns County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency Office of Greenways and Trails, so that certain aspects of the paddling trail incorporate into the Florida Greenways and Trails System may be preliminarily addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the collective best interests of both St. Johns County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency Office of Greenways and Trails, to have this Owners Consent Form executed by the 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.

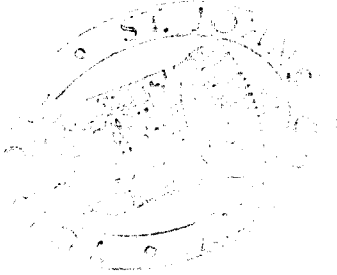
**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements for the designation of the Nocatee/DeepCreek/Pine Island Paddling Trail by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency Office of Greenways and Trails and authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Owners Consent Form on behalf of St. Johns County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2, 2008.

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

Attest: *Pam Halterman*  
Deputy Clerk

By: *Cyndi Stevenson*  
Cyndi Stevenson, Chair



RENDITION DATE 12/4/08

## **St. Johns County Recreation and Parks Department Nocatee/Deep Creek/Pine Island Paddling Trail**

This beautiful and scenic Paddling Trail affords incredible wildlife viewing opportunities while drifting through a variety of habitats that include undisturbed salt marsh, mudflats along with pine and cedar forests. Part of the trail runs through Deep Creek which is a tidally influenced saltwater creek that can be accessed from the Intercoastal Waterway or from the Pine Island Road Boat Ramp that will eventually be outfitted with a canoe/kayak launch. There are multiple points along this winding creek to see incredible wading birds and the variety of depths in the creek offers great fishing opportunities.

Another unique feature of this trail is the opportunity to circumnavigate Pine Island which is part of the Guana Tolomato National Estuarine Research Reserve. This loop meanders through the grass flats and provides vistas of this protected island available only by way of a non motorized vessel.

Along with Pine Island is the Nocatee Preserve. Deep Creek winds along the north portion of the Nocatee preserve which is over 1600 acres of conservation land that will be complete with trails, picnic facilities, a scenic overlook, and camping will be available by permit only. This will be an excellent stopping or launching point on the trail with all amenities available to those who use the paddling trail.

This trail can be broken in to multiple short trips or one long trip depending on which launch site you choose. Currently the launch sites at the Nocatee Preserve and Pine Island road are in the development stages; however access to these sites can be arranged if you contact the St. Johns County Recreation Department. The closest launch site will be the Palm Valley Boat Ramp approximately 4 miles to the north.

St. Johns County Recreation and Parks will be responsible for maintaining the launch sites and St. Johns County Marine Rescue will be responsible for emergency assistance on the water. Fish and Wildlife Commission will be responsible for enforcement.

The entire length of the trail is dependent on the launch site but it can be as short as 2.3 miles or as long as 14 miles. The existing and proposed amenities include: .2 Boat Ramps, 2 Canoe/Kayak launches, picnic pavilion, hiking/biking trails, camping by permit, and a scenic overlook.

*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: Nocatee / Deep Creek / Pine Island Paddling Trail

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 460 Davis Park Road  
Ponte Vedra Florida

COUNTY/COUNTIES: St. Johns County

OWNER OF PROJECT: St. Johns County

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: Michael P. Wamchick

ADDRESS: 500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine 32084

TELEPHONE: (904) 209-0300 FAX: (904) 209-0531

MANAGING ENTITY OF PROJECT: St. Johns County Recreation & Parks

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: Billy Zeits / Natural Resource Supervisor

ADDRESS: 2175 Mizell Road  
St. Augustine Fl. 32086

TELEPHONE: (904) 209-0333 FAX: (904) 209-0321

PROJECT SUBMITTED BY (Check one):  OWNER  MANAGING ENTITY

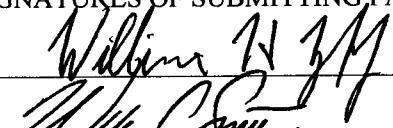
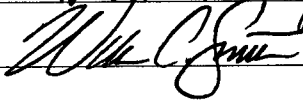
TYPE OF PROJECT (Check One):

- 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):

	Billy Zeitz	DATE: 11/19/08
	Wil Smith	DATE: 11/19/08
	Assistant Director	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:** Nocatee / Deep Creek / Pine Island Paddling Trail  
Name of Project

460 Davis Park Road Ponte Vedra Fl  
Address or Location of Project

**FROM:** St. Johns County Recreation and Parks  
Name of Managing Entity

Billy Zeits / Natural Resource Supervisor  
Name of Contact/Representative

2175 Mizell Road  
Address of Managing Entity

St. Augustine Fl 32080  
City, State and Zip Code

(904) 209-0333 Telephone Number      (904) 209-0321 Facsimile Number

St. Johns County  
Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation\*\*

500 San Sebastian Way  
Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

St. Augustine 32084  
City, State and Zip Code

(904) 209-0360 Telephone Number      (904) 209-0531 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

St. Johns County Recreation & Parks  
[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: William J. Zerts

Print Name: Billy Zerts

Title: Natural Resource Supervisor

Date: 11/18/08

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

**OWNER CONSENT**

TO 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: Nocatee / Deep Creek / Pine Island Paddling Trail  
Name of Project  
460 Davis Park Road  
Address or Location of Project

FROM: St. Johns County  
Name of Owner(s)  
500 San Sebastian View St. Augustine Fl. 32084  
Address, City, State and Zip Code of Owner(s)  
(904) 209-0350 Telephone No. (904) 209-0531 Facsimile No.

The undersigned Owner(s) of fee simple title in and to the lands and/or waterways described on the attached Exhibit "A," all of which lie within the project boundary of the above-named greenways and trails project, hereby consents to designation of said lands and/or waterways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. By execution of this consent, the undersigned confirms said Owner(s)' willingness to negotiate with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection to formulate a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern participation of the Owner(s)' lands and/or waterways in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

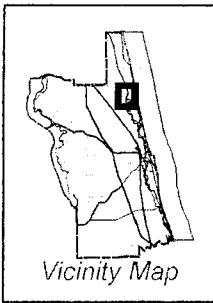
OWNER(S) OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Printed Name of Owner]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of Owner]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Printed Name of Owner]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of Owner]



**Legend**

- ★ Kayak Launch Site
- Paddling Trail Distance (7.1 miles)

**St. Johns County**  
Geographic Information Systems  
www.sjcfi.us

Disclaimer: This map is for reference use only. Data provided are derived from multiple sources with varying levels of accuracy. The St. Johns County GIS disclaims all responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data shown hereon.

# Nocatee/Pine Island

St. Johns County, Florida  
Office of Greenways & Trails  
Paddling Trails Programs