

## The Legacy Trail Sarasota County Rails-to-Trails Project

### Overview

The Legacy Trail is a design and construction contract. In December 2006, Gibbs & Register Inc. of Winter Haven was awarded the contract to design and build the rails-to-trails project along the former railroad corridor connecting Sarasota to Venice. Design was completed in May 2007. The permit to construct five of the eight trestles and 10.6 miles of asphalt trail was approved on July 3, 2007. The Hatchett Creek trestle is being permitted separately and will be completed as part of the project. The trestles over Dona and Roberts Bay are being designed and permitted separately. Funding for replacement of the Dona and Roberts Bay trestles has not been established. Seven trail head connections are included in the construction of the 10.6 miles of trail. Access at the intersecting streets and crossing signals and/or flashing beacons are also included. Conduit for communication lines, force main and reuse water main are included for portions of the trail.

### Utilities

Telecommunication conduits are planned for the entire length of the trail. A force main is planned from Bay Street to the Central County Water Reclamation Facility off McIntosh Road. A reuse



water main is planned from Central Sarasota Parkway to the water reclamation facility.

*Gibbs & Register placing two 4" telecommunication conduit.*

### Construction

Mobilization of the entire trail is completed. Gibbs & Register has completed the telecommunication lines from south of South Creek trestle to north of the Dona Bay trestle. More than five miles of telecommunication conduit has been placed. Earthwork was placed from Laurel Road south to Dona Bay. The force main and reuse lines are being constructed from Bay Street to south of Palmer Ranch Parkway. The fence replacement at Oscar Scherer State Park has begun. Earthwork continues from Laurel Road north of Oscar Scherer State Park.

### Access

“No Trespassing” signs are located at the access points for the trail. To ensure the safety of the public, the contractor has asked law enforcement to strictly enforce the “No Trespassing” signs in areas where active construction is ongoing and/or equipment and materials are located. The contractor will be moving equipment and materials long distances and the equipment will require the entire width of the trail. There are minimum areas for the contractor to turn equipment around and the equipment will be backing up to the work areas.

## Schedule

The project is scheduled for completion the Spring of 2008. The following work is anticipated through the month of September.

**Laurel Road north to South Creek Trestle (mile marker 900 to 897.6):**

Drainage and earthwork

**East Bay Street south to South Creek Trestle (mile marker 895.9 to 897.6):**

Drainage, earthwork and bridge construction

**East Bay Street north to Trestle (mile marker 895.6 to 895.7):**

Drainage and earthwork

**Section between two trestles north of Bay Street (mile marker 895.7 to 895.2):** Force main, drainage and earthwork

**Central Sarasota Parkway south to Trestle (mile marker 893.9 to 895.2):**

Force main, telecommunication lines, drainage and earthwork

**Central Sarasota Parkway north to Trestle (mile marker 893.9 to 893.3):**

Drainage and earthwork

**Palmer Ranch south to Trestle (mile marker 892.5 to 893.3):**

Force main and earthwork

**Palmer Ranch north to terminus (mile marker 892.5 to 892):**

Conduit and earthwork

**Laurel Road south to Dona Bay (mile marker 900 to 900.8):**

Earthwork

**Colonia Lane north to Dona Bay (mile marker 901.4 to 900.0):**

Conduit and earthwork

**Colonia Lane south to Roberts Bay (mile marker 901.4 to 900.6):**

Silt fence, conduit and earthwork

**U.S. 41 Bypass north to Roberts Bay (mile marker 902.1 to 900.8):**

Silt fence, conduit and earthwork

**U.S. 41 Bypass south to Hatchett Creek Trestle (mile marker 902.1 to 901.5):** Silt fence, conduit and earthwork

**Hatchett Creek Trestle to Venice Avenue (mile marker 901.5 to 902.7):**

Silt fence, conduit and earthwork

**Note:** Schedule is subject to change depending on material acquisition.

Mark your  
calendars for  
The Legacy Trail  
Grand Opening  
Festival  
March 28-30, 2008

*Caution: Trucks  
entering and  
exiting the  
worksite.*



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