

THE LEGACY TRAIL REFERENDUM



In 2008, The Legacy Trail opened, providing more than 10 miles of trail from the Venice Train Depot to Culverhouse Nature Park.

Now 10 years later, an estimated 225,000 people annually use the trail. In addition to providing a safe, recreational trail for walking, bicycling and running, it provides direct access to the City of Venice and popular public beaches.

On March 14, 2018, the Sarasota County Commission authorized the county administrator to proceed with a referendum on Nov. 6, 2018, that would ask voters to acquire and improve The Legacy Trail extension railroad corridor as a safe trail for walking, running and cycling with enhanced connectivity from North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota, with additional improvements including safe crossings, overpasses, amenities and increased accessibility.



For more information, call 941-861-5000.



If approved, an extension of The Legacy Trail would:

- Create nearly 30 miles of non-motorized paved multi-use trail, which potentially could become a regional connection between Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto and Charlotte counties.
- Provide access to local neighborhoods and place 27 schools within one linear mile of The Legacy Trail; another 45 would be within two linear miles.
- Enhance connectivity from the City of North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota.
- Support access to Siesta Beach, Nathan Benderson Park (home of the 2017 World Rowing Championships), Ed Smith Stadium (Baltimore Orioles spring training facility) and the Youth Athletic Complex (an international Supercross BMX training facility) – all economic drivers to Sarasota County.