

# River of Grass Greenway

ROGG

*A proposed multi-use pathway across the Everglades*



Parallel to the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), the ROGG will be a hard-surfaced 12-14 foot wide corridor (separated from the highway) suitable for a range of non-motorized activities such as bicycling, walking, bird watching, photography, wheelchair access, fishing, and general enjoyment of the greater Everglades natural area. The goal of the ROGG is to extend from Krome Avenue (at the eastern edge of Everglades National Park near Miami) to the Naples area, a distance of approximately 75 miles.

Over 90% of the pathway will go through national and state parks, and will include spurs to nearby historic and cultural centers including Everglades City and the Miccosukee Indian Village. Parks include Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, Collier-Seminole State Park, and Picayune Strand State Forest.

The Tamiami Trail is the only cross-state passageway in southern Florida available to cyclists and hikers, and the only road access to many popular Everglades destinations.

The ROGG is proposed by the Naples Pathways Coalition.

## **Focus on Education, Sustainability, Involvement:**

ROGG is much more than a recreation and transportation corridor. An important focus of the pathway is the potential for environmental education and stewardship. The pathway will be designed and built for sustainability, with acute awareness of potential environmental impact. Addressing the needs of citizens, local businesses along the pathway, and governmental and tribal officials is crucial to the conceptualization and development of this unique greenway.

## **State, Federal Grants for the ROGG**

2010 Federal Transit Administration grant of \$1Million through Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program, for feasibility study of the ROGG

2009 FDOT regional Transportation Enhancement grants

- Feasibility (PD&E) study for 15.8 miles of pathway between CR 92 and SR 29 (intersection to Everglades City) is programmed for 2011/12.
- Design of 2.3 miles of pathway between 6L-Farm Rd and CR 92 (near Collier-Seminole State Park) is programmed for fiscal year 2014/15.

2008 Grant of technical assistance from Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance program (RTCA), an arm of the National Park Service

## Letters of Support

- Mario Diaz-Balart (U.S. Representative)
- Collier County Board of County Commissioners (Resolution 2008-160)
- Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (Resolution #R-615-09)
- Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (Resolution 2008-07)
- Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the MPO for Miami-Dade (Resolution #5-2008)
- Collier County Parks & Recreation Department
- Miami-Dade County Park & Recreation Department
- The Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- Big Cypress National Preserve
- Collier-Seminole State Park
- Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
- Friends of Fakahatchee
- Collier County Health Department
- City of Marco Island (Resolution 10-24)
- City of Naples (Resolution)
- City of Homestead (Resolution R2010-10-37)
- City of Everglades City (Resolution 2011-01)
- City of Florida City (Resolution 11-02)
- Adventure Cycling Association
- Everglades Association
- Borrelli & Partners (Architects Planners)

## ROGG Mission Statement

The River of Grass Greenway is a safe, non-motorized transportation and recreation corridor across the Everglades between Naples and Miami, that provides opportunities for education, stewardship, and preservation of the environmental, historic, and cultural assets of this unique area.

## Citizen Support Organization

The Friends of the ROGG (**FROGG**) is dedicated to the establishment, preservation, and safe use by the general public of the ROGG. FROGG operates as an entity of Naples Pathways Coalition, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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