



ECHO Grant Program 2002-2012

The Volusia ECHO program, generated by a grass roots initiative, resulted from a citizen approved referendum passed November 7, 2000.

[Resolution 2000-156](#) states:

It is the intent of the County Council that the funds be allocated throughout the County to provide broad geographical distribution and apportioned appropriately among the environmental, cultural, historic and outdoor recreation projects.



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NAVIGATING THIS DOCUMENT

This document highlights 95 facilities that have received ECHO grants from 2002-2012.

It is formatted in 5 main sections: Environmental, Cultural, Historical, and Outdoor Recreation followed by ECHO Facility Locator Maps. There are hyperlinks located throughout the pages where you can link to facilities that are either related by location or interest. This document is best viewed when downloaded and saved to your computer so links open in a separate window. To return to the previous page from links, right mouse click, then click on previous view.

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ENVIRONMENTAL



Understanding of the environment and educating the public are key factors in maintaining a healthy sustainable community. ECHO funds support development of environmental learning centers, which provide programs on how daily lifestyle decisions effect our environment and future sustainability.

Volusia County is a diverse and delicate ecosystem, ranging from low beach and marsh areas to high and dry pine forests. A sole source aquifer below the county's land mass sustains our water needs. It is critical that a proper balance is maintained between preserving life sustaining ecological systems and meeting the demands of our increasing population.

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Lyonia Environmental Center at Lyonia Preserve

County of Volusia - 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona

Link to this site: [Lyonia Environmental Center](#) Phone: 386-789-7207

Hours: Mon – Thurs 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri – Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 1 pm - 5 pm

Lyonia Preserve is a 360 acre scrub habitat that opened to the public in 1996. ECHO provided funding to construct the Lyonia Environmental Center (LEC), an expansion to the existing Deltona library located on the preserve. Educational programs and traditional self-guided tours



are available. Approximately 5 miles of natural trails meander through the preserve. In addition to the LEC, ECHO, Volusia County, and the [City of Deltona](#) funded construction of a 1,000-seat covered amphitheater.

Grants: 2006–\$500,000 & 2007–\$500,000

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Marine Science Center

County of Volusia - 100 Lighthouse Dr., Ponce Inlet

Link to this site: [Marine Science Center](#) Phone: 386-304-5545

Hours: Tue – Sat 10 am – 4 pm, Sun noon – 4 pm, closed Mondays



This facility is located adjacent to the County's Lighthouse Point Park and is near historic [Ponce deLeon Lighthouse](#) and the [Hasty Cottage and Myers/Davis House](#). Visitors get up close views of sea turtles and sea birds in the rehabilitation centers. Additionally, aquariums and educational exhibits feature

marine life in Volusia County and the important role they play in our environment.

The popular center also offers a stingray touch pool, bird observation tower, a classroom lab, and gift shop. A wide variety of programs are offered for children, teens, and adults.



Grant: 2006–\$111,807

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Mosquito Lagoon Marine Enhancement Center (The Marine Discovery Center and Artists' Workshop)

Wildlife Foundation of Florida (WFF) - 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [Wildlife Foundation of Florida](http://www.wff.org) Phone: 386-428-4828

Hours: This facility has multiple tenants; please see individual websites for hours of operation

The [Mosquito Lagoon Marine Enhancement Center](#) is located on the old New Smyrna Beach High School complex. Three buildings of the original 1964 school were salvaged to be refurbished for reuse. 95% of the demolition material was recycled and used locally. The [Marine Discovery Center](#) and the [New Smyrna Beach Artists' Workshop](#) are housed in a building together, while the [Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#) vehicle and boat maintenance will be operating in another building. Future plans for the complex include research facilities, fish hatcheries, a canoe/kayak launch, an exercise trail and more.



Artist's Workshop



Marine Discovery Center

Grant: 2010-\$600,000

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- [City of New Smyrna Beach](#)
- [Historic Downtown NSB](#)
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Rinker Environmental Learning Center

Stetson University - 234 E. Michigan Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [Stetson University-RELC](#) Phone: 386-822-7330

Hours: Tues - Fri 10 am - 4 pm, August thru June

Located adjacent to the existing [Gillespie Museum of Minerals](#) on the Campus of Stetson University, the Rinker Environmental Learning Center (RELC) provides programs focused on the environment. As Stetson's newest green building, the RELC is constructed of local, recycled, and energy efficient materials, and features a geothermal loop for heating and cooling, along with a rainwater collection system for its restroom facilities. The Center offers a "smart" multi-purpose classroom and an outdoor teaching terrace.



Grant: 2007-\$325,000

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Tusawilla Preserve Learning Center

Museum of Arts & Sciences - 352 S. Nova Rd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Tusawilla Preserve](#) Phone: 386-255-0285

Hours: Tue – Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 11 am – 5 pm, Closed Mondays

The Tusawilla Preserve, located at the [Museum of Arts and Sciences](#) in Daytona Beach, is a 90 acre coastal hydric hammock that provides for the study of Florida history and environmental science.

The Klancke Environmental Education Complex is a unique oasis situated in the preserve. The education centers' "Window in the Forest" was built in 1993 and is an open pavilion with a striking view overlooking the preserve. Visitors experience a unique glimpse of Old Florida's natural habitat through raised boardwalks and discovery stations with hands-on exhibits funded in part with ECHO dollars.



Grant: 2002–\$500,000

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Cultural



Cultural activities play an important role in improving the quality of life for citizens. The arts increase the county's tourism-based economy and encourage redevelopment in our downtown and urban areas. In addition to the ECHO program, the County Council approved an Art in Public Places program that requires one-half of one percent of the capital construction costs for county government projects to be used to acquire art for permanent display. The County Council also approved the Community Cultural Grant Program, which provides funds for general operating support of local not-for-profit cultural organizations.

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African American Museum of the Arts Cultural Center & Amphitheater

African American Museum of Art- 322 S. Clara Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [African American Museum of the Arts](#) Phone: 386-736-4004

Hours: Wed – Sat 10 am – 4 pm

ECHO funds assisted in construction of a cultural garden, located on a half acre parcel directly across from the existing museum, which includes a 1,000 square foot amphitheater with professional theater lighting and audio system. The garden area, with benches and a “Reading Fountain,” encourages visitors to relax and stay awhile.

The museum houses a revolving gallery where visitors will find works of both established and emerging artists. The museum is also the home to a permanent collection of artifacts, including sculptures and masks from countries of Africa.



Grant: 2002-\$100,000

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Art League of Daytona Beach

Art League of Daytona Beach – 433 S. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach

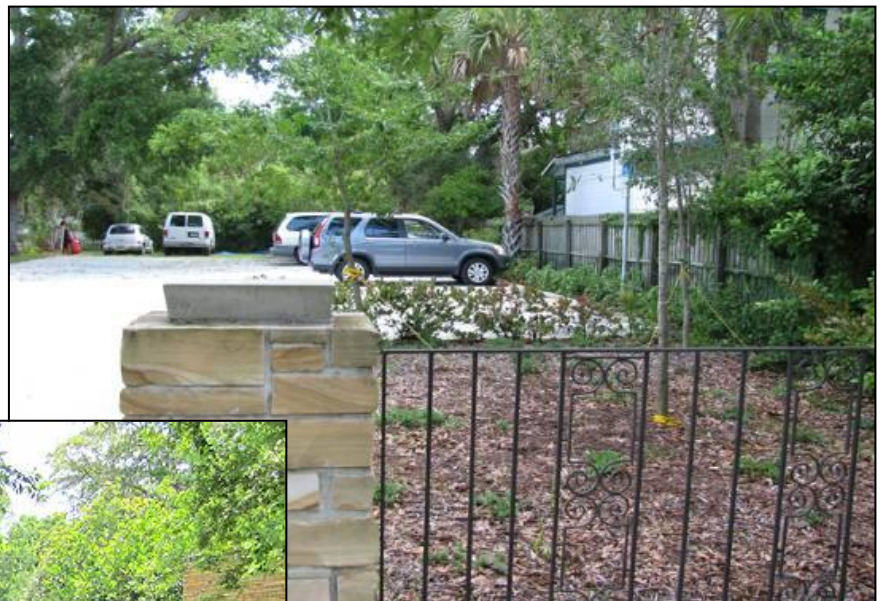
Link to this site: [Art League of Daytona Beach](#) Phone: 386-258-3856

Hours: Mon – Fri 1 pm – 4 pm

The Art League was founded in 1929, chartered in 1932, and has grown into a membership of over 400 artists and supporters who contribute to the artistic and educational mission of the Art League. Classes are offered for all skill levels and the facility includes an art exhibit gallery for members and invited artists.

ECHO funding provided a paved parking area adjacent to the building to replace on-street parking that was eliminated by city code.

Grant: 2008-\$39,609



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Athens Theater

Sands Theater Center, Inc. - 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [Athens Theater](#) Phone: 386-736-1510

Hours: During scheduled performances, movies, and show times

The Athens Theatre is one of the few existing examples of a classic American theatre in Central Florida. This historic theatre was designed in 1921 by prominent Orlando architect Murray S. King.

On opening night, January 6, 1922, the performance included a movie and several live vaudeville acts. The DeLand Daily News declared the Athens to be “Florida’s Handsomest Theatre” and “a gem of architecture.”



The theater’s 450 plus seat capacity makes it the largest facility of its kind in western Volusia County. In 1994, the [Mainstreet DeLand Association](#) purchased the property for the purpose of restoring this historic landmark. Sands Theater, Inc. provides live theater, dance performances, and classes for aspiring talent.

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Grants: 2002-\$491,755, 2003-\$242,000,
2005-\$500,000, 2006-\$266,245, 2007-\$491,755



Bethune-Cookman Performing Arts Center & Visual Arts Gallery

Bethune-Cookman University - 698 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach

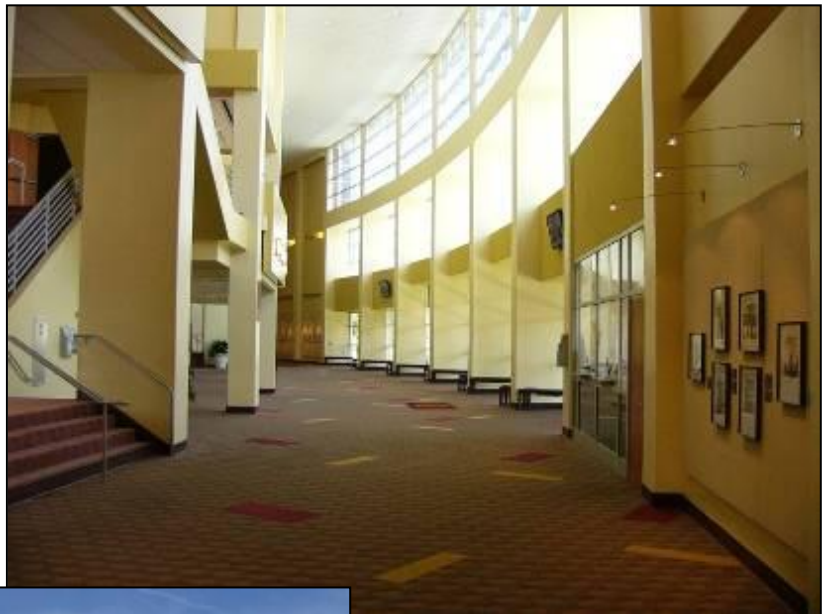
Link to this site: [Bethune Cookman Performing Arts Center](#) Phone: 386-481-2778

Hours: Mon – Fri 10 am – 4 pm, and during scheduled events, lobby entrance next to box office

This \$23 million state-of-the-art facility provides a professional array of cultural offerings and student performances and seats 2,500.

The ECHO grant helped develop the lobby into a Visual Art Gallery. Four plasma screens were also purchased and installed for live direct stage viewing, transforming the 7,000 square foot lobby into a premier visual arts venue.

Invited artists are on display year round and are free to the general public.



Grant: 2004-\$500,000

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Creative Arts Café & Studio

City of Lake Helen - 493 S. Lakeview Dr., Lake Helen

Link to this site: [Creative Arts Cafe](#) Phone: 386-228-4289

Hours: Café is open 7 days a week. Art classes are as scheduled

The Creative Arts Café started as a vacant Public Works building owned by the City of Lake Helen. The ECHO grant helped expand the existing building for cultural programming including art, music, dance, and other recreational programs for citizens of all ages. ECHO funding assisted in developing the cultural/art addition to the building and did not support the Cafe.

Lake Helen was the brain child of Henry DeLand and was named after his daughter. The town was a retreat for northerners, anxious to escape the harsh winters, and flourished during the late 1800's with two hotels. Citrus groves were planted and a

saw mill and brick company was built. Lake Helen stayed busy until the freeze of 1894-1895 that killed most of the citrus groves in the area. Lake Helen never fully recovered and remains a quiet little town.



Grant: 2007-\$156,626

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Ocean Center Cultural Information Center & ECHO Gallery

Ocean Center - County of Volusia - 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Ocean Center ECHO Gallery](#) Phone: 386-254-4500

Hours: Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm, and during special events

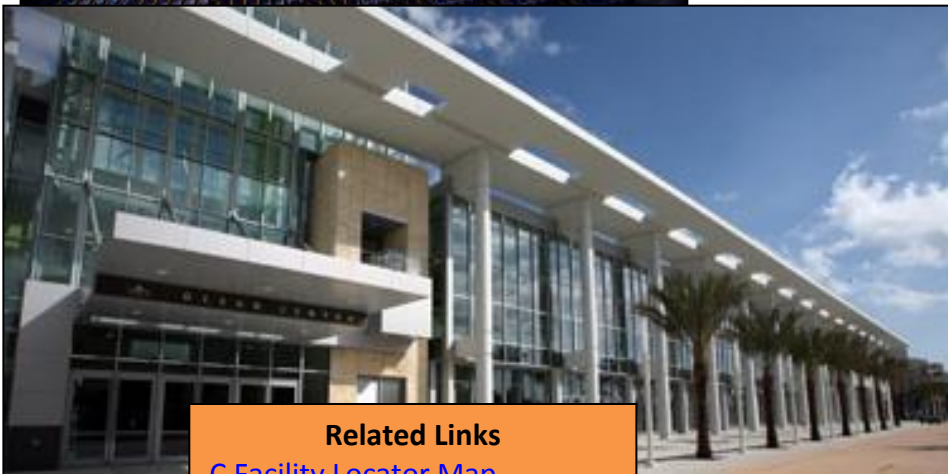


Since opening on October 5, 1985, the Ocean Center has hosted thousands of concerts, performances, trade shows, conventions, and sporting events drawing millions of visitors to Volusia County.

For three decades, elected leaders and officials in Volusia County have shared the vision for what the Ocean Center can be; a regional economic development catalyst.



In 2008, the [Ocean Center](#) underwent renovation, which included an additional 246,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting and exhibition space. ECHO funds helped construct the ECHO gallery; a 51,635 square foot space used to highlight Countywide ECHO related assets through professional exhibits.



Numerous artists from around the U.S. were selected to permanently install art in the facility. The public may access the rotating exhibits in the ECHO gallery for free as part of the County's "[Art in Public Places](#)" program.

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Florida Museum for Women Artists

City of DeLand - Fish Building - 100 N. Woodland Blvd., Suite 1, DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand](#) Phone: 386-873-2976

Hours: Tues – Thurs 11 am – 6 pm, Fri – Sat 11 am – 7 pm, Sun (Sept – April) 1 pm – 5 pm

Located in the heart of downtown DeLand, the second floor of the historic [Fish Building](#) has been renovated into a contemporary visual arts space. The facility is leased to the [Florida Museum for Women Artists](#) (FMWA). The FMWA is the only museum in the state of Florida and the southeast United States to provide art and other artistic disciplines exclusively by women artists. Exhibits include both historic and contemporary art, important collections, and traveling exhibits from



quality institutions. The 7,000 square foot space includes three galleries, curator workshop, classroom, and a gift shop. The museum recently expanded to the first floor.



Grant: 2008-\$218,700

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Gateway Center for the Arts

Gateway Center for the Arts - 880 N. U.S. 17-92, DeBary

Link to this site: [Gateway Center for the Arts](#) Phone: 386-668-5553

Hours: Mon - Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 10 am – 3pm

The Gateway Center for the Arts is an 18,000 square foot facility located within an existing city park. The building consists of a 200 seat theater, classrooms, studios, kiln room, exhibit space, lecture hall, catering kitchen, gift shop, offices, and lobby-reception area. It



is home to the [Gateway Art League](#), the Photo Group, Children's Play House, Gateway Community Theater, and the Gateway Orchestra. The Center is an educational facility for a wide range of arts programs.

Grants: 2006-\$500,000, 2007-\$500,000,
2008-\$345,854, 2010-\$57,000

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Homer & Dolly Hand Art Center

Stetson University – 421 North Woodland Blvd., DeLand

Link to this site: [Stetson University- Hand Art Center](#) Phone: 386-822-7270

Hours: Mon – Fri 11 am – 4 pm during academic school year

The Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center is a 5,000 square foot facility built to house the [Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection](#) as a permanent gallery on the Stetson campus, thanks to the generosity of Stetson trustee and alumna Dolly Hand and her husband, Homer. ECHO funds assisted with construction of the new facility. The Center features two galleries; one to exhibit rotating selections from Stetson's extensive collection of art by Modernist painter [Oscar Bluemner](#) (1867-1938), and the second to display other works from the university's permanent art collection or for special shows. The building has a vault, a preparation area, and an art study room that can also be used as a reception area.



Grant: 2008-\$600,000

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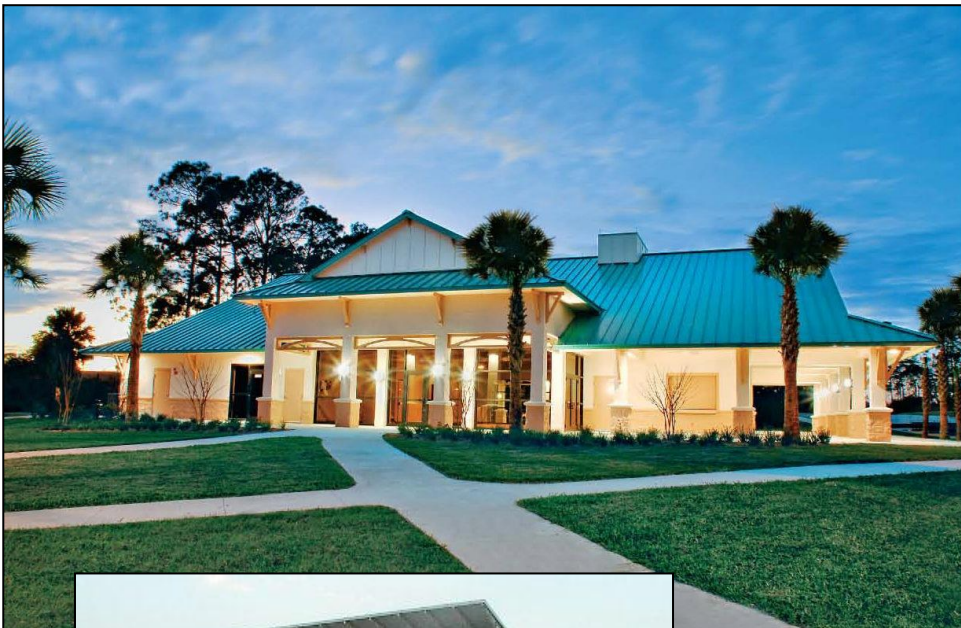
Lakeside Center & Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater

City of Port Orange - 2001 City Center Cr., Port Orange

Link to this site: [Kenneth Parker Amphitheater](#) Phone: 386-506-5936

Hours: Amphitheater open daily sunrise to sunset. Pavilion open during scheduled performances

The Lakeside Center Pavilion is located adjacent to the Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater within the Port Orange City Center. First constructed in 1998, the amphitheater offers a covered stage, seating, and sound and lighting equipment. The pavilion complements and expands the use of the existing amphitheater by providing a concession area, permanent restrooms, a multi-purpose room, and dressing rooms for performers.



Grant: 2004-\$420,000

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Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach

Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach, Inc. - 726 Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [Little Theatre of NSB](#) Phone: 386-423-1246

Hours: The box office is open Mon – Fri 1 pm – 4 pm and during scheduled performances

This community theatre was formed in 1947 by a group of arts minded citizens. Plays were initially performed at the Chamber of Commerce Building on Canal Street and later in an old converted barn. In 1953, the present building was built on land donated by Hannah D. Bonnet, former Mayor of New Smyrna Beach.



This ECHO grant increased the 6,000 square foot building to 10,000 square feet, and upgraded stage rigging, sound, and lighting equipment.

The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach is open year round for performances, special events, rehearsals, auditions, and adult and children classes.



Grant: 2003-\$467,000

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Mark and Margery Pabst Visitor Center and Gallery

Atlantic Center for the Arts- 1414 Art Center Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [Atlantic Center for the Arts](#) Phone: 386-423-1753

Hours: Tues – Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 10 am – 2 pm

The Mark and Margery Pabst Visitor Center, dedicated in January 2007, was conceived to serve The Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) growing public. Sited on the grounds of this world-renowned international artist community complex, the building provides increased opportunities for visitors to learn about and experience the artistic process. 69 acres of lush forest and tidal estuary surround the Center and provide a unique environment for learning and creating. Studios and living quarters for artists are available during programming, including the Master-in-Residence program. The public is invited to attend a variety of multi-disciplinary programs.



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ECHO funds helped construct a visitor information center, which houses a history display and a visual art gallery.

Grants: 2002-\$204,578, 2012-\$21,795

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- [Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve](#)
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- [Visit New Smyrna Beach](#)



Midtown Cultural & Education Center

City of Daytona Beach - 925 George W. Engram Blvd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach](#) Phone: 386-671-8337

Hours: Midtown is expected to be completed by spring 2012

The Midtown Cultural and Education Center sits on 12.5 acres of public park land located at the intersection of Nova Road and George W. Engram Boulevard within the City of Daytona Beach. The center replaces the 62 year old Cypress Street Recreation Center originally built in 1949.

The complex includes baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, gymnasium, administrative offices, classrooms, and an education center which offers a visual arts gallery, dance studio, ceramic/painting studio, music recording studio, and a culinary arts classroom with kitchen. The [Cypress Aquatic Center](#) is also located at this facility.



Grant: 2009-\$600,000 Grant, 2010-\$600,000

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Museum of Arts and Sciences Children’s Museum, Visible Storage, & West Wing Renovation

Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS)-325 S. Nova Rd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Museum of Arts & Sciences](#) Phone: 386-255-0285

Hours: Tues – Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun & Holidays 11 am – 5 pm

Awarded in 2006 and 2008, the Children’s addition to the Museum of Arts and Sciences is a 3,500 square foot space used for daytime children’s classes and afterschool programs, weekend activities, and summer learning classes. The Museum prides itself on operating the only hands-on science center between Jacksonville and Orlando.

In 2009, an ECHO grant was awarded for a 4,000 square foot, state-of-the-art visible storage center. It displays important works from the Museum’s permanent collection that was previously available for display occasionally as rotating exhibits as space was available.

In 2010, the Museum was awarded an exceptional grant for the re-design and construction of the West Wing due to severe flooding. ECHO funds helped provide a more contemporary and useful facility while resolving the flood issue.

Also located on the MOAS complex is The [Tusawilla Preserve Learning Center](#), highlighted in the Environmental section.



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Grants: 2006-\$500,000, 2008-\$543,000, 2009-\$600,000, 2010-\$1,600,000



Museum of Florida Art-Children's Art Annex

Museum of Florida Art (MoFA) - 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand

Link to this site: [Museum of Florida Art](#) Phone: 386-734-4371

Hours: Tues – Sat 10 am – 4 pm, Sun 1 pm – 4 pm

The Museum of Florida Art complex is 1.9 acres and located directly across from the [Stetson University](#) campus in DeLand. The first ECHO grant assisted in the redesign of the lobby area with a new welcome center and additional walls to create more exhibition space in the main building. A second grant assisted in the purchase of the land from Stetson University. The third grant purchased and renovated a 1926



craftsmen style bungalow adjacent to the museum as a Children's Art annex. The bungalow includes a play area and art park to provide low cost and free programming for youth and their service providers. A fourth ECHO grant was used to upgrade the exhibition gallery lighting, HVAC system, and create a small permanent collection storage vault for public research.



Grants: 2006-\$100,000, 2008-\$207,500,
2008-\$160,460, 2009-\$51,199

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News Journal Center

Daytona State College - 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach

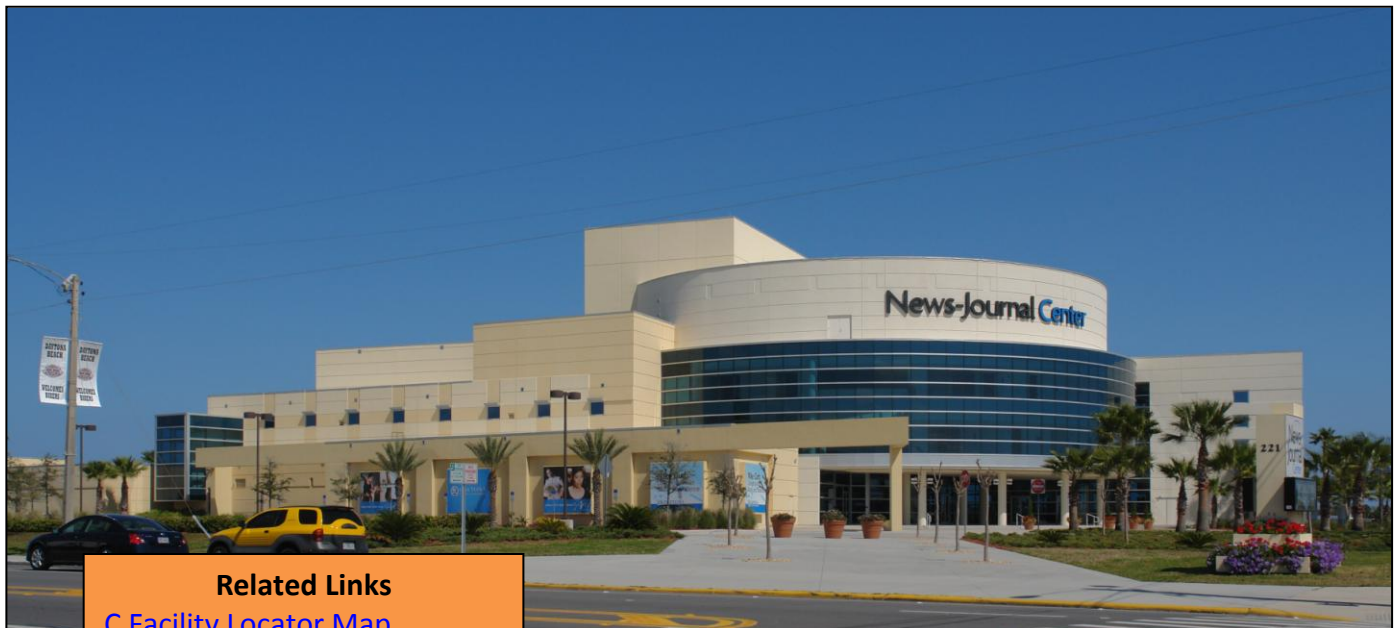
Link to this site: [News Journal Center](#) Phone: 386-226-1904

Hours: Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm, and during scheduled events

Now owned by Daytona State College, the News-Journal Center was originally built by the Lively Arts Center, Inc. in 2003. The venue hosts medium-scale musical and theatrical performances, as well as lectures, conferences, graduations, and other events.



This three story 98,000 square foot center is situated on 5 acres along the Halifax River in historic downtown Daytona Beach. The Center has an 850 seat traditional style proscenium theater, a smaller 250 seat studio, a three story atrium lobby, supporting studios, art exhibits, and conference rooms.



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2003 Exceptional Grant: \$2,400,000



Southeast Museum of Photography

Daytona Beach State College - 1200 W. Int. Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Daytona State College](#) Phone: 386-506-3165

Hours: Tues Thurs & Fri 11 am – 5 pm, Wed 11 am – 7 pm, Sat & Sun 1 pm – 5 pm

The museum is open noon to 4 pm when the University is not in session

The [Southeast Museum of Photography](#) (SMP) is part of a joint use building that also houses the College's Hospitality, Tourism, and Culinary Arts programs. The building, as a whole, is an architectural landmark. This 66,233 square foot facility is located on a highly traveled main entrance road of Daytona Beach. The SMP includes a permanent museum, central atrium, 5,484 square feet of



exhibition halls and galleries, a children's learning area, and a 1,122 square foot theater for lectures and presentations. Exhibits include internationally recognized as well as emerging photographers from the U.S. and around the world.



Grants: 2006-\$500,000, 2007 \$808,048

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The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens

City of Ormond Beach - 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [City of Ormond Beach-The Casements](#) Phone: 386-676-3216

Hours: The Casements: Mon - Fri 10 am – 3:30 pm, Sat 10 am – 11:30 pm

Gardens open daily from sunrise to sunset.

[The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens](#)

encompass two acres of gardens and feature a three story, 9,000 square foot historical home. The Casements, named for its charming casement style windows, was once owned by John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil billionaire. Mr. Rockefeller often wintered in Ormond Beach,



hosting lavish parties with dignitaries and wealthy friends, including Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, and Sir Malcolm Campbell. In 1979 the City of Ormond Beach purchased the property and opened it as a cultural and civic center. The facility offers programs in art, cooking, and fitness along with two children's summer camps. Community events are held in the gardens throughout the year.



ECHO funds contributed to the exterior and interior renovations completed in 2009.

Grant: 2007-\$500,000

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Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center

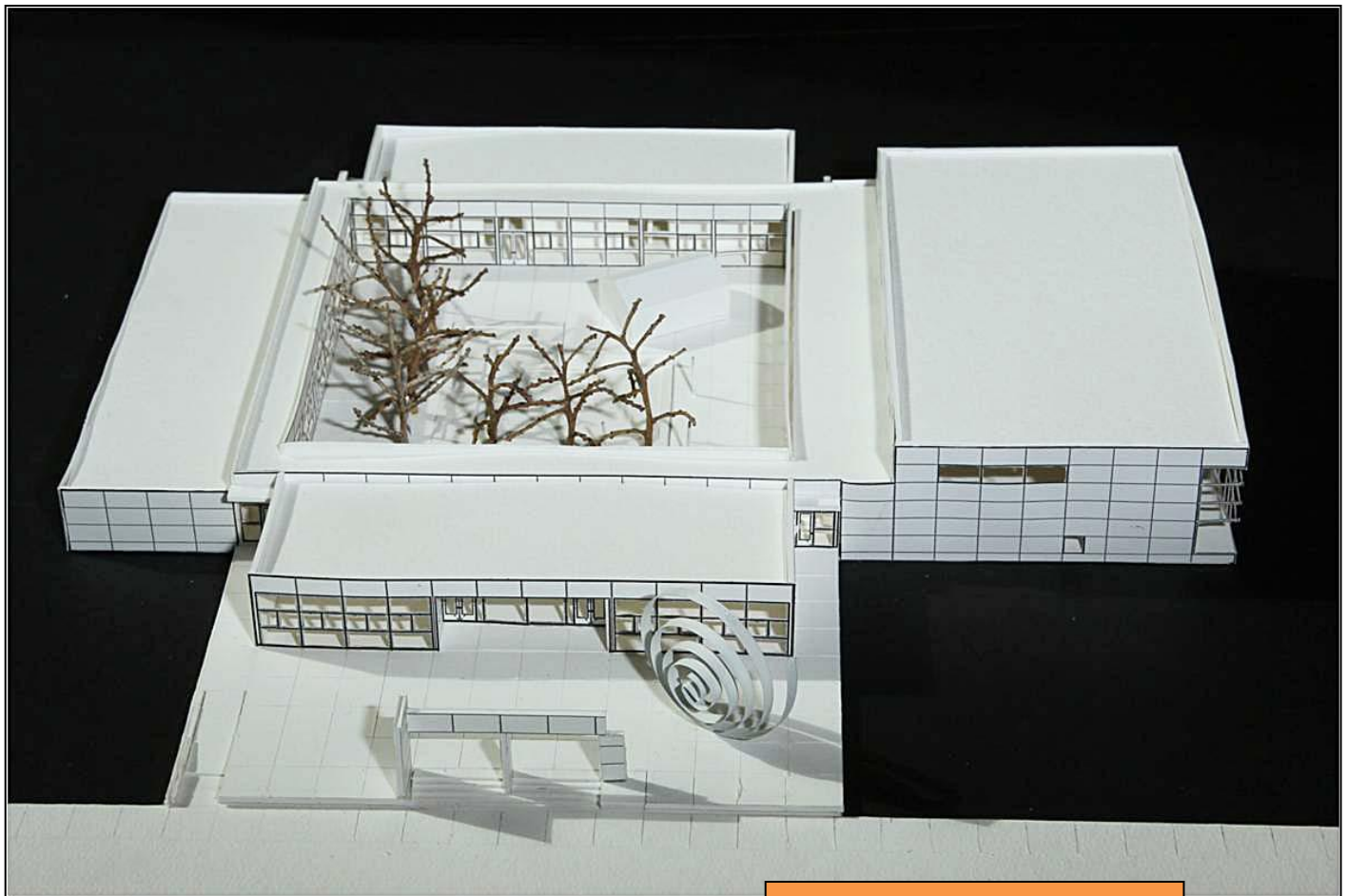
City of Daytona Beach - 849 Derbyshire Rd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach](#) Phone: 386-506-3165

Hours: Expected to open in 2013

Located on the Derbyshire Park & Sports Recreation site, this facility will be a 17,000 square foot cultural and education complex. The center will include three studios, an amphitheater courtyard, a photo and print lab, gallery space, classrooms, a performing arts theater, and an auditorium.

The Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Education Center is under construction and is expected to be completed in 2013.



Grant: 2009-\$600,000

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Volusia County is home to over 200 sites listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#), including downtown neighborhoods, agricultural and educational districts, and individual buildings, churches, and archaeological sites.

In 2005, the County Historic Preservation Board, a County Council Advisory Board, developed a list of “critical” historic properties. In an effort to save Volusia County’s Historical Landmarks, special ECHO policies were approved by the County Council to encourage restoration and acquisition of these endangered facilities.

Each year, the [Florida Trust for Historic Preservation](#) recognizes significant contributions of individuals, societies, businesses, and government entities that have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation through its statewide Annual Preservation Awards Program. The County of Volusia received the “Outstanding Organization Achievement Award” in 2010 for its commitment to preservation.

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Athens Theater

Sands Theater Center, Inc. - 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [Athens Theater](#) Phone: 386-736-1510

Hours: During scheduled performances, movies, and show times

The Athens Theatre is one of the few existing examples of a classic American theatre in Central Florida. This historic theatre was designed in 1921 by prominent Orlando architect Murray S. King.

On opening night, January 6, 1922, the performance included a movie and several live vaudeville acts. The DeLand Daily News declared the Athens to be “Florida’s Handsomest Theatre” and “a gem of architecture.”



The theater’s 450 plus seating capacity makes it the largest facility of its kind in western Volusia County. In 1994, the [Mainstreet DeLand Association](#) purchased the property for the purpose of restoring this historic landmark. Sands Theater purchased the facility in 2004 and provides live theater, musical dance performances, and classes for aspiring talent. The facility is located in historic downtown DeLand.



Grants: 2002-\$491,755, 2003-\$242,000,
2005-\$500,000, 2006-\$266,245, 2007-\$491,755

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Central School of Barberville

Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts - 1776 Lightfoot Lane, Barberville

Link to this site: [Pioneer Settlement for the Arts](#) Phone: 386-749-2959

Hours: Mon – Sat 9 am – 4 pm

Built in 1919 on land donated by Samuel Lemmon, this Craftsman style facility served the area as a High School until 1940 and as an Elementary School until the mid 1960's. In 1976 the property was leased to the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc., a group of art teachers looking to bring history to life. Over the past 36



years the Settlement has become an important folk art museum, a valuable educational resource, and a destination for thousands of visitors. Grants from the Volusia County ECHO program and the [Florida State Department of Historic Preservation](#) funded extensive interior and exterior restoration.



Grant: 2003-\$151,709

ECHO funding helped restore the roof, interior and exterior finishes, copula, lighting, and upgraded handicap restrooms.

The complex has multiple buildings depicting life in the early 1900's including the [Underhill House](#). Located just 10 miles north on US 17-92 is the [Seville School](#), built in 1913.

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DeBary Hall Visitor's Center and Trailhead

County of Volusia – 210 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary

Link to this site: [Volusia County-DeBary Hall](#) Phone: 386-668-3840

Hours: Tues – Sat 10 am – 4 pm, Sun noon to 4 pm

[DeBary Hall](#) was built in 1871 by Frederick deBary, as an “invitation only” winter hunting retreat. Unique architectural features such as running water, electricity, a wired call system, and lighting protection were significant for their time. Purchased in 1967 by the State of Florida, the property is leased to Volusia County as a historic museum. In the 1990’s



community driven restoration efforts were made. In 2003, ECHO funds helped build a visitors center and designated the site as a trailhead for the [Spring to Spring Trail](#). A separate grant in 2004 provided for an adaptive re-use project which turned the historic stable into a



premier meeting hall accommodating 100-150 guests. The air conditioned renovated stable includes a caterer’s kitchen. The home and grounds are open for both guided tours and self-guided tours. The facility is located less than a mile from [Gemini Springs](#).



Grants: 2003-\$235,000, 2004-\$500,000

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Dunlawton Sugar Mill

County of Volusia – 950 Old Sugar Mill Rd., Port Orange

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Dunlawton Sugar Mill](#) Phone: 386-767-1735

Hours: Open daily from 8 am – 6 pm

Located in the Sugarmill Botanical Gardens, these ruins are that of the Anderson sugar works, originally constructed in 1832 and rebuilt in the 1840s. ECHO helped recreate the original roofline protecting the steam powered cane crushing equipment. An interpretive boardwalk with educational kiosks provides information on the sugar making



process and historical events that took place on the site during the Seminole War. This historic site is a feature of the 12 acre gardens and is managed by Volusia County and [The Botanical Gardens of Volusia](#). The facility provides an inexpensive, wholesome family environment where you can stroll along trails and learn more about Florida's native flora and fauna. Monumental size dinosaur sculptures, located along the trails, are remnants of a tourist attraction called "[Bongoland](#)" that dates back to the 1940's.



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Dutton House

Dutton House, Inc. - 332 W. New York Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [Dutton House](#) Phone: 386-747-4095

Hours: Not open. Fundraiser events are held with proceeds benefiting the restoration project

John Wesley Dutton, owner of a naval store, financed the mansion in 1910. Designed by the architectural firm of Cairns & Fitcher, construction of this Neo-Classical style was constructed by DeLand contractor, Gus Lauman. This exceptional home was completed at the modest cost of \$25,000.



Defining exterior features of the wood frame mansion include full height Corinthian columns that support tiered verandas, scroll brackets, modillions, details along the frieze, ceramic tile panels in the gable ends, and ceramic tiles on the roof.

The 11,000 square foot Dutton House is one of Volusia County's last heavily ornamented early twentieth century residences. ECHO funds secured the envelope of the structure in order to reduce additional interior damage. Once open, the historic facility will be used as

a cultural center.



Grant: 2006-\$234,800

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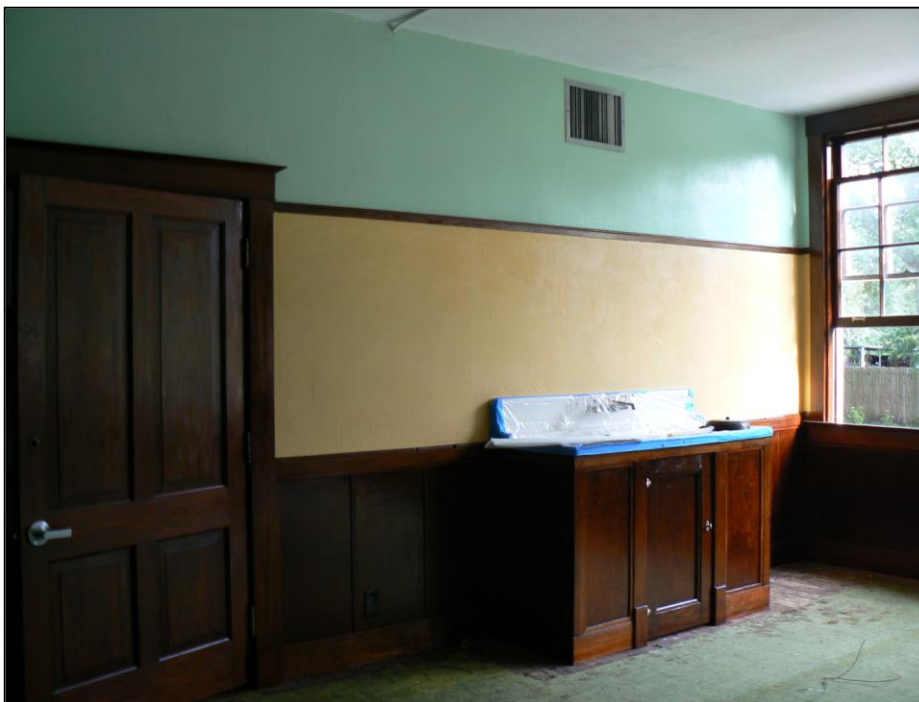
Enterprise Heritage Museum Schoolhouse

Enterprise Preservation Society, Inc. - 360 Main St., Enterprise

Link to this site: [Enterprise Preservation Society](#) Phone: 386-575-0694

Hours: This facility is under renovation and is expected to open mid 2012

This 1936 facility was donated to Enterprise Preservation Society by the Volusia County School Board in 2005. The first ECHO grant helped move the 3,000 square foot building to its current location for use as a museum. The second grant stabilized the structure and provided site design and construction of a driveway, parking lot, and utility hook-ups.



The building has two classrooms on each floor and originally served children in seventh thru 10th grades. The museum will return one classroom to its original condition so local children can tour a period classroom.

Grants: 2005-\$79,500, 2008-\$140,000

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Florida Museum for Women Artists

City of DeLand - Fish Building - 100 N. Woodland Blvd., Suite 1, DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand](#) Phone: 386-626-7116

Hours: Tues – Thurs 11 am – 6 pm, Fri – Sat 11 am – 7 pm, Sun (Sept – April) 1 pm – 5 pm

Located in the heart of downtown DeLand, the second floor of the [Fish Building](#) has been renovated into a contemporary visual arts space. The facility, built in 1905, is leased to the [Florida Museum for Women Artists](#) (FMWA), the only museum in the state of Florida and the southeast United States to provide art and other artistic disciplines exclusively by women artists. The museum exhibits historic



and contemporary art, art of important collections, as well as traveling exhibits from quality institutions. The 7,000 square foot space includes three galleries, curator workshop, classroom, and a gift shop. Recently the museum expanded to the first floor.

Grant: 2008-\$218,700

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Gamble Place Structures

Museum of Arts & Sciences - 1819 Taylor Rd., Port Orange

Link to this site: [Museum of Arts & Sciences-Gamble Place](#) Phone: 386-255-0285

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 am – 3 pm, and Friday night camp-outs

James N. Gamble, of Procter and Gamble fame, was responsible for the construction of this rustic, winter home in the backwoods of western Port Orange. In 1907 he built his Cracker-style cottage in the middle of the county to compliment a luxurious seasonal estate along the Halifax River. Interesting features, like the crescent moon cutout shutters and rustic appearance, reflect Mr. Gamble's imaginative, yet sensible, character. He



was, quite possibly, the first and most persistent winter traveler to Florida.



Mr. Gamble purchased this 175 acre site on April 6, 1898, from George W. Leffman for hunting and fishing. When he died on July 2, 1932, Gamble Place was willed to his two daughters, Olivia and Maud. Maud married Judge Alfred K. Nippert, who designed and built a cottage addition to the site, modeled after one seen in the 1938 Disney movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". This facility is within the [Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve](#).

Grant: 2004-\$72,200

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Hasty Cottage & Meyer-Davis House

Town of Ponce Inlet - 143 Beach St., Ponce Inlet

Link to this site: [Town of Ponce Inlet](#) Phone: 386-236-2150

Hours: Mon – Fri 10 am – 2 pm

Hasty Cottage is one of three cottages built on this site in the late 1800s by the Hasty family and is the only remaining structure from that period of the community's history. It served as the last Ponce Inlet post office.

The Davis House was built in 1922, and was home to Edward Meyer Sr., the last civilian lighthouse keeper at the Ponce deLeon Inlet Lighthouse.



Nearby these historic buildings is a graveyard where Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hasty are buried. At the insistence of the Hasty family, "Cocoa" Bill Williams, a local handyman was also laid to rest at this site. As this created an interracial cemetery, it required the Governors approval.



Both buildings had experienced alterations to their original design which disqualified their eligibility for the National Registry of Historic Places. ECHO funds helped restore these structures to their original architecture, restoring their eligibility status. These two historic cottages are located near the [Ponce deLeon Inlet Lighthouse](#) and the [Marine Science Center](#).

Grant: 2008-\$223,195

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Hopkins Hall Restoration

City of Lake Helen - 192 W. Connecticut Ave., Lake Helen

Link to this site: [City of Lake Helen](#) Phone: 386-228-2121

Hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset and during scheduled events

Hopkins Hall was built in 1897 by local architect and builder, John Porter Mace, who later went on to design many of the more prominent buildings in neighboring DeLand. The historic hall was originally built as a library and community center. In 1919, the owner, Samuel E. Hopkins, sold the building to the city for \$1,000. In 1935, the city extended the west side of the building to expand the library facilities. When Volusia County built a new library in 1988, the historic Hopkins Hall expanded its purpose as an interpretive focal point for Lake Helen's history.



Over one hundred years of local events have been held on this site, including town hall forums, meetings, dances, card parties, flower shows, elections, stage productions, lectures, and cultural events.

90% of Lake Helen is a historic district, allowing visitors to step back in time whenever in this community. The unique historic [Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp](#) is also located nearby.



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Jackie Robinson Ballpark and Museum

City of Daytona Beach - 103 E. Orange Ave., City Island, Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach- Jackie Robinson Ballpark](#) Phone: 386-257-3172

Hours: Museum is open daily from 8 am to sunset; Ballpark is open during scheduled play

This ball park, built in 1914, is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its long history with the Florida State League and Baseball's Spring Training. Most specifically, it is where the first game of integrated modern professional baseball was played between the Montreal Royals (of which [Jackie Robinson](#) was a team



player) and the Brooklyn Dodgers. The 2003-2004 improvements completed with ECHO funds include historic exhibits, improved and expanded picnic and children's

play areas, sound and lighting improvements, and enhancement to the historic [Jim Crow](#) area.

Grant: 2003-\$500,000



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Lilian Place

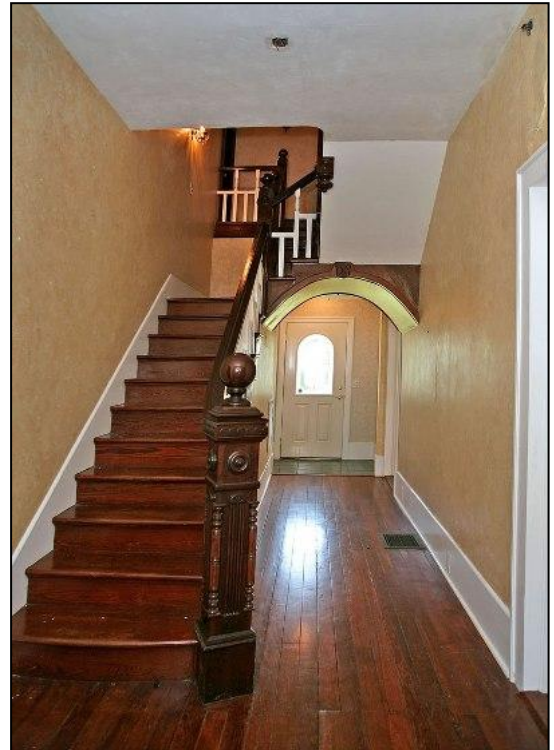
Heritage Preservation Trust - 111 Silver Beach Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Heritage Preservation Trust](#) 386-299-4974

Hours: Grounds open daily 9 am to 5 pm for self guided tours, Home open Sundays 1 pm – 5 pm for guided tours, other times may be scheduled

Lilian Place is the oldest house on beachside Daytona Beach. Built by one of the city's first settlers in 1884, Lilian Place is one of two remaining examples of the Italianate Victorian architecture in Volusia County. Its high ceilings, wood crown moldings, and heart-of-pine floors have been beautifully restored.

Besides architectural and local history, Lilian Place holds a position in American literature. Stephen Crane, author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, made Lilian Place famous in his short story "[The Open Boat](#)" when he described how he and two companions were rescued off Volusia's coast on December 31, 1896 after their boat sank. Crane convalesced for a time at Lilian Place following this incident.



Along with historical programming, the Heritage Preservation Society provides environmental education programs on historical and native natural resources, historical gardens, and native plant life. Additionally, their mission is to help others understand the restoration process.

Grant: 2009-\$425,100

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Mary McLeod Bethune Home

Bethune-Cookman Foundation - 640 Dr. Mary M. Bethune Blvd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Bethune Cookman Foundation](#) Phone: 386-481-2122

Hours: This facility is open during regular school hours

Born free, a child of slaves in South Carolina, [Mary McLeod Bethune](#) opened a black all-girls school in Daytona Beach in 1904, which later merged with a boy's institution to become Bethune-Cookman College. In 2007 the college earned "University" status.



An American educator and a civil rights leader, Mary McLeod Bethune was also an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Her Washington

D.C. home is also a National Historic Landmark located in Lincoln Park.

ECHO stabilized restoration of the home. Dr. Bethune's gravesite is located in a garden area adjacent to the home.



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Grant: 2009-\$259,600

New Smyrna Sugar Mill

County of Volusia - 600 Mission Dr., New Smyrna Beach

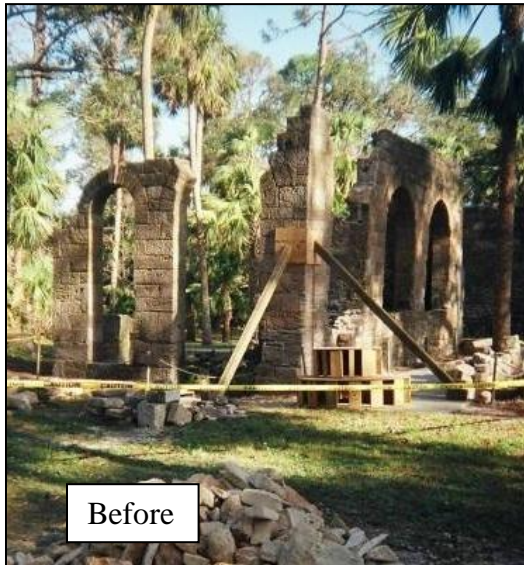
Link to this site: [Volusia County-New Smyrna Sugar Mill](#) Phone: 386-427-5050

Hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset

Built in 1832, the [Crueger-DePeyster Sugar Mill](#) is owned by the State of Florida and maintained and operated by the County of Volusia. This site is one of nine sugar mill ruins in Volusia County. The ECHO grant helped stabilize, reinforce, and clean the freestanding masonry walls to minimize deterioration and prevent a catastrophic collapse of



After



Before

the remaining walls and arches. The 17 acre site provides restrooms, a nature trail, and interpretive exhibits throughout the ruins.

Built during the uprisings of the Native Americans in the early 19th century, the site contains the ruins of a highly functional sugar mill and other historic buildings, partially destroyed during the war between the Seminole Indians and the settlers, ending the area's molasses and sugar industries.



Grant: 2005-\$115,355

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Oak Hill Village Community Center

City of Oak Hill - 126 E. Halifax Ave., Oak Hill

Link to this site: [City of Oak Hill](#) Phone: 386-345-3522

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm and during scheduled events

The hall at [Oak Hill Village Improvement Association](#) (VIA), built in the early 1900's, was the first community center in the area and is the only public historical building remaining in the community. There are few remaining buildings of the octagonal style in Florida. This one has served the community as a school, library, grocery store, city hall, and meeting hall. ECHO funds repaired damage from hurricanes, and restored the historic integrity of the building. The Hall is part of a complex owned by the City and managed by the VIA, which includes a park, a gazebo, and the community's first Volunteer Fire Department. A community park is part of the complex with a pavilion and native plants.



Future projects include the remodeling of the Fire Department so that the building can also be used for public gatherings, museum exhibits, and for storing historic memorabilia.

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Grant: 2008-\$149,240

Ponce deLeon Inlet Lighthouse

Town of Ponce Inlet - 4931 S Peninsula Dr., Ponce Inlet

Link to this site: [Town of Ponce Inlet](#) Phone: 386-761-1821

Hours: Open 7 days per week, 10 am – 6 pm, except Thanksgiving and Christmas

Completed in 1887, the Ponce deLeon Inlet lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in the U.S. with public access, and one of only a handful of 19th Century Light Stations to have all its original buildings still intact. Structures include the principal keeper's dwelling, two assistant keeper's dwellings, an oil house, woodsheds, and privies, which were all built the same year as the lighthouse.

In 2002, ECHO funds were used to refurbish the Fresnel lens and replace it in its original location in the lantern room at the top of the tower. The Fresnel lens is four feet in diameter by five feet high with a bee-hive shaped structure built of polished brass frames and hundreds of crystal prisms. Expert craftsmen and volunteers replaced hundreds of optical quality prisms, brass frames, and repaired the rotational apparatus in the lantern room. The light beacon can be seen up to 20 miles at sea and continues to operate as an active aid to navigation.



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Grant: 2002-\$39,500

Robert M. Conrad Education and Research Center

City of DeLand - 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand](#) Phone: 386-740-6813

Hours: Tues – Sat 12 pm – 4 pm, by appointment, and during special events

The [West Volusia Historical Society](#) (WVHS) manages the Conrad Education Center, next to the historic Henry DeLand House Museum. The center, located near [Stetson University](#), is a repository for documents, taped oral histories, and displays period artifacts.



ECHO funds added a 576 square foot space to the Conrad Center and renovated a sunroom to better reflect the period during which it was built.

The WVHS also operates the [DeLand Memorial Hospital Museum](#) located at 230 North Stone Street in DeLand.



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Seabreeze Church

Seabreeze United Church - 501 N. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Seabreeze United Church](#) Phone: 386-252-6314

Hours: Open daily, 7 am to 3 pm

Built in 1929 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this Spanish Mission style building is made of locally mined solidified marl rock called “bog rock.” Bog rock continues to harden as it is exposed, is thousands of years old, and is no longer available in the Daytona Beach area. This grant restoration project provided structural integrity and secured the building from additional damage including refurbishing lead stained windows with new technology to protect them from outside elements.

This non-denominational church is long known as the “tourist” church, as it has welcomed visitors from all backgrounds since opening its doors.



Grant: 2009-\$34,158



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Seville School

Seville Village Improvement Association (VIA) - 1591 N. U.S. HWY 17, Seville

Link to this site: [Seville VIA](#) Phone: 386-749-1773

Hours: Mon - Fri 10 am – 4 pm and during scheduled events

Originally built in 1913 as a four-room schoolhouse, the Seville School replaced earlier schools in this historic community. An addition was constructed in 1924 and was used for grades 6-12.



The Seville School was closed by the Volusia County School Board in 2008 after

94 years of continued use as a school. The Seville Village Improvement Association purchased the historic school in 2009 with the help of ECHO funding. While the building has been modified to meet health and safety codes, it is in excellent historic condition. The original chalkboard frames and chalk rack shown on the 1913 construction sketch plan are visible. The facility is used as a community resource for cultural and recreational programming.



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Grant: 2009-\$46,345

Eligible for National Register of Historic Places



Shoestring Theater

Shoestring Theater, Inc. - 380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen

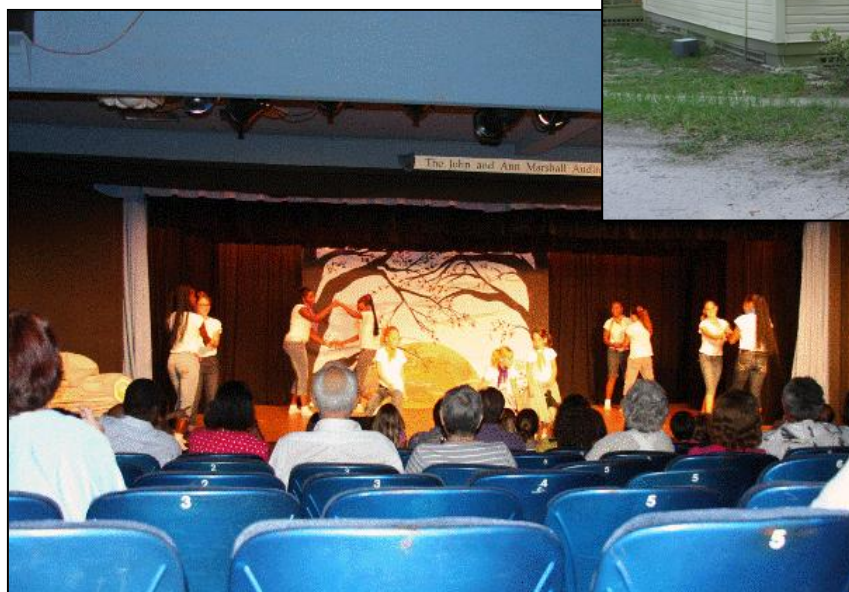
Link to this site: [Shoestring Theater](#) Phone: 386-228-3777

Hours: Open during scheduled shows and events

Built in 1917, this building originally served as a segregated elementary school for minority children. After desegregation, the old school was used as a religious center until 1988 when it was converted into a theater for the Shoestring Players. Originally organized in 1949 in a Navy mess hall at [Sidney Taylor Airport](#) in nearby DeLand, this theater group moved to Lake Helen in 1987 where they remodeled the old school house into a 150-seat theater.

All productions are family-oriented with production by actors from the local area. Show season runs from September to May, with an occasional summer show. Summer programs for ages 6-11 and 12 and up are provided.

ECHO funds restored the exterior of the building to its original period look. Historical panels describing the early 20th century and life in segregated Florida are planned.



Grant: 2009-\$120,000

Related Links

[H Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of Lake Helen](#)
[West Volusia Historical Society](#)
[Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp](#)
[Volusia County Heritage](#)
[Visit West Volusia](#)

Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce

City of New Smyrna Beach - 115 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [City of New Smyrna Beach](#) Phone: 386-428-2449

Hours: Mon – Thurs 9 am - 5 pm, Fri 9 am - 4 pm

Following the land boom collapse in 1926, the entire state of Florida fell into a period of extended economic depression. Private development slowed to a virtual halt.

In 1933, construction of a new [Chamber of Commerce Building](#) began, (replacing an earlier frame vernacular structure destroyed by fire) using funds from the [Federal Emergency Relief Administration](#) (FERA). The building opened in 1934 and can be classified as Art Deco, a style common to the 1930s.



With numerous notable architectural features, the exterior of this Spanish style frame vernacular building has been restored to its original appearance with the assistance of ECHO funding. The structure has a coquina and concrete base with wood framing mounted on top, a coquina fireplace, and the interior walls and ceilings are cypress. The project also enhances the numerous sunrise and diamond motifs throughout the historic building. A portion of the interior of the facility is being restored and upgraded. [The Artists Workshop](#) displays art within the Chambers.



Grant: 2009-\$382,800

Related Links

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[City of New Smyrna Beach](#)
[Historic Downtown NSB](#)
[Southeast Volusia Historical Society](#)
[Volusia County Heritage](#)
[Visit East Volusia](#)



The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens

City of Ormond Beach - 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [City of Ormond Beach](#) Phone: 386-676-3216

Hours: Gardens open daily from sunrise to sunset. The Casements: Mon - Fri 10 am – 3:30 pm, Sat 10 am – 11:30 pm

The Reverend Harwood Huntington built [The Casements](#) in 1913 for his wife and named the home after its charming, hand-cut, casement windows. In 1918, John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil billionaire, purchased the house and wintered there until his death in 1937 at the age of 97. Mr. Rockefeller hosted



lavish parties which included dignitaries and wealthy acquaintances, such as the Prince of Wales, Henry Ford, Will Rogers, and the Vanderbilt's. The most outstanding event was Rockefeller's annual Christmas party. This tradition is continued each December with the annual Christmas Gala.



ECHO funds contributed to the exterior and interior renovations completed in 2009.

Grant: 2007-\$500,000

Related Links

[H Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of Ormond Beach](#)
[Ormond Beach Historical Society](#)
[Ormond Beach Mainstreet](#)
[Volusia County Heritage](#)
[Visit East Volusia](#)

Three Chimneys

Ormond Beach Historical Society - 715 W. Granada Ave., Ormond Beach

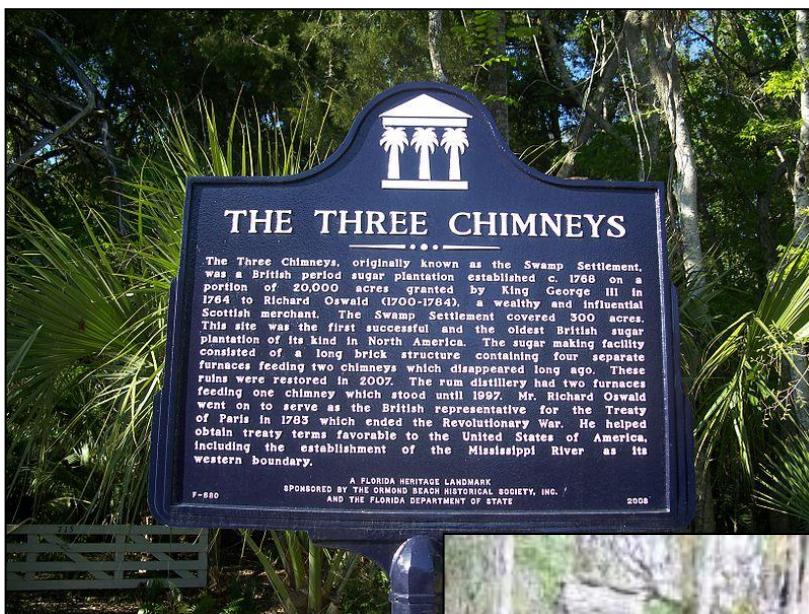
Link to this site: [Ormond Beach Historical Society](#) Phone: 386-677-7005

Hours: Site Tours run several times per month. Please see website for tour schedule. Parking is available at the Granada Professional Center, 725 West Granada Blvd.

Owned by the State of Florida and managed by the Ormond Beach Historical Society, this site contains the remains of one of the oldest British sugar mill and rum factories in North America. The complex was developed by Richard Oswald in the mid-1700s. ECHO funds were used for the stabilization of the boiling house

and for treating structures to prevent water and moisture intrusion. Future plans include an interactive park on the site.

This sugar mill is one of 9 remaining in Volusia County. Public parking is available in the paved lot just west of the park.



Grant: 2007-\$26,500



Related Links

[H Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of Ormond Beach](#)
[Ormond Beach Historical Society](#)
[Ormond Beach Mainstreet](#)
[Tomoka State Park](#)
[Volusia County Heritage](#)

Underhill House

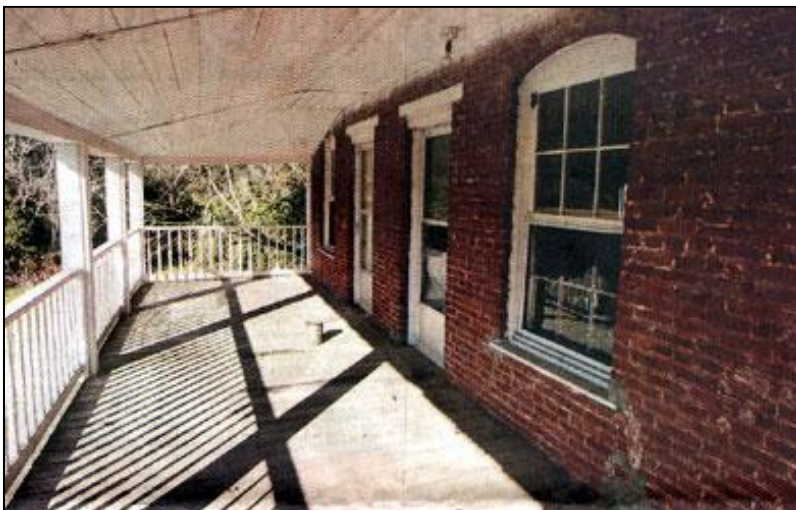
Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc. - 227 Lemon Rd., Barberville

Link to this site: [Pioneer Settlement for the Arts](#) Phone: 386-749-2959

Hours: Mon - Sat 9 am – 4 pm for self-guided exterior tours, open for exterior guided tours when the Pioneer Settlement for the Arts hosts festivals throughout the year

Located in Barberville, this house was built about 1879 in the Greek Revival style for Joseph Underhill, a local citrus grower and stock raiser. In 1868, Underhill homesteaded a 160-acre tract in the area and by 1870 had cleared twenty acres on which he cultivated a variety of crops.

Using clay from near-by Deep Creek, bricks were formed and fired on site to construct the twelve-inch thick exterior walls. Frank Burmiester, a builder from Emporia, supervised the construction. Underhill died in 1886 and his wife, Lucretia, maintained ownership until her death in 1908. Around 1909 the house was acquired by Samuel Lemmon, a local grocer, and fern/citrus grower. Lemmon later served on the local school board and donated land for the Barberville [Central High School](#), built in 1919.



ECHO funds assisted with the purchase of the historic building. Renovations to the home are currently underway.

Grant: 2006-\$94,000

Related Links

[H Facility Locator Map](#)
[West Volusia Historical Society](#)
[DeLeon Spring State Park](#)
[Volusia County Heritage](#)
[Visit West Volusia](#)

OUTDOOR



Outdoor recreation plays an important role in the quality of life of Volusia County residents and tourists. The final ECHO resolution, passed by our citizens, resulted from a grass roots initiative that viewed Volusia County as an extensive and vibrant park system. Our County's abundant natural resources enrich our lives through passive and active sports parks. Additionally, the countywide trail system meanders as a linear park throughout Volusia County.

Due to the varying nature of the parks, this section is divided into the following categories: [Passive Parks](#), [Active Parks](#), [Beach Parks](#), and [Trails](#).

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Outdoor
Recreation](#)



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friendly park
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Parks](#)

PASSIVE PARKS



Passive parks offer a quiet area where people can paint, write, and think. Many passive parks provide playground areas, picnic and pavilion areas, hiking trails, sensory gardens, canoe and kayak launches, and restroom facilities. Scenic water overviews and lush forests create a beautiful retreat where residents can recharge and relax in a natural environment.



[Outdoor Parks in Volusia County](#)



[Outdoor Passive Park Facility Locator Map](#)



All Children's Playground & Dog Park At Spruce Creek Recreational Facility



[Pet Friendly](#)

City of Port Orange - 5959 S. Spruce Creek Rd., Port Orange

Link to this site: [City of Port Orange-Spruce Creek](#) Phone: 386-506-5856

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset.

This 40 acre recreational facility was renovated in 2008 by the city and includes passive and active amenities. ECHO funds were used to provide a new playground accessible to all children and a 48,400 square foot dog park.

On the North corner of the All Children's Park Complex is the Seemor Memorial Dog Park. It is the only park within the community that is exclusively for dogs and their owners. This unique play place has separate areas for small dogs (under 30 lbs.) and large dogs (over 30 lbs.) and includes water fountains for dogs, benches, and a wash station.



The All Children's Park and Spruce Creek Recreational Facility are separated by a large wooded area but connected by a short nature trail along a tree-lined boardwalk. In addition to the playground and dog park, the facility offers picnic tables, barbeque grills, covered pavilion, concession/restroom/press box building, 2 lighted softball fields, 6 lighted tennis courts, and full outdoor basketball court.



Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)

[Other Dog Parks](#)

[City of Port Orange](#)

[Visit East Volusia](#)

[Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve](#)



Barkley Square Dog Park

County of Volusia - 1010 N. Ridgewood Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Barkley Square](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

[Barkley Square Dog Park](#) encompasses more than 14 acres and provides areas for large dogs, small dogs, training events, and time-out spaces. The park is situated on a parcel of land with trees and a small lined pond in the large dog area.

Parking is plentiful and amenities include a modern restroom, benches, dog watering stations, and attractive vinyl-coated fencing. The Barkley Square Dog Park is the fifth of its kind in Volusia County and the second owned and operated by Volusia County Government. The park opened in the spring of 2007.



Grant: 2005-\$117,423



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [Other Dog Parks](#)
- [City of DeLand](#)
- [Hontoon Island State Park](#)
- [Mainstreet DeLand](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)



Central Park



City of Ormond Beach - 601 Fleming Ave., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [City of Ormond Beach-Central Park](#)

Phone: 386-676-3277

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

[Central Park](#) consists of 149 acres of land settled amidst an area of ecologically rich, pristine woodlands, wetland areas, and five man-made lakes. It is located in the center of Ormond Beach between Nova Road and US 1, from Hand Avenue south to Sandy Oaks Blvd. Several major roadways bisect the area into four parks sections. The park has a trail system, a basketball court, tennis courts, a playground, picnic areas, pavilions, boat ramps, and restrooms.



ECHO funds assisted in the construction of the concrete trail system and elevated boardwalk connecting the park sections, a fishing pier/observation area, a canoe/kayak/boat launch, environmental & educational signage, two trail head parking areas, site furnishings, and an ADA compliant restroom renovation. Leashed pets are welcome.



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of Ormond Beach](#)
- [Bulow Creek State Park](#)
- [Ormond Beach Mainstreet](#)
- [Visit East Volusia](#)



Colby-Alderman Park



County of Volusia - 1099 Massachusetts Ave., Cassadaga

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Lake Colby](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

A previously undeveloped park; construction included a restroom facility, interpretive display pavilion, signs along the trail, canoe launch, observation platform for Lake Colby, hiking trail improvements, picnic tables, benches, and entrance signs.



One of the main historical features is the remnants of the George Colby homestead. Colby, the founder of the [Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp](#), made his home on this land in the late 1800's. The site later became the Alderman family

homestead hence the name Colby-Alderman Park. Of special interest is the artesian seepage slope (a unique geological feature), considered "healing waters", and has also been considered a contributing factor in restoring the ailing health of George Colby.



Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)

[Blue Spring State Park](#)

[Visit West Volusia](#)

[Volusia County Parks](#)

DeBary Hall Visitor's Center and Trailhead

County of Volusia – 210 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary

Link to this site: [County of Volusia](#) Phone: 386-668-3840

Hours: Tues – Sat 10 am – 4 pm, Sun noon to 4 pm

[DeBary Hall](#) was built in 1871 by Frederick deBary, as an “invitation only” winter hunting retreat. Unique architectural features such as running water, electricity, a wired call system, and lighting protection were significant for their time. Purchased in 1967 by the State of Florida, the property is leased to Volusia County as a historic museum.



In the 1990's community driven restoration efforts were made. In 2003, ECHO funds helped build a visitors center and designated the site as a trailhead for the [Spring to Spring Trail](#). A separate grant in 2004 provided for an adaptive re-use project which turned



the historic stable into a premier meeting hall, accommodating 100-150 guests. The air conditioned renovated stable includes a caterer's kitchen. The home and grounds are open for both guided tours and self-guided tours. The facility is located less than a mile from [Gemini Springs](#).



Grants: 2003-\$235,000, 2004-\$500,000

Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of DeBary](#)
[Visit West Volusia](#)
[Volusia County Parks](#)



ECHO Plaza

Daytona State College - 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Daytona State College](#) Phone: 386-506-3000

Hours: Open during regular university hours

Located in the heart of the Daytona State College Campus, the ECHO Plaza is a 9,000+ square foot open air space, used for festivals, cultural events, and outdoor activities.

The plaza is located north of the [Southeast Museum of Photography](#) on the Daytona State College Campus in Daytona Beach. The public is welcome to enjoy both facilities during the school year.

Grant: 2008-\$167,982



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [Daytona State College](#)
- [City of Daytona Beach](#)
- [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)
- [Visit East Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)



Green Springs Park



County of Volusia - 994 Lakeshore Dr., Enterprise

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Green Springs](#)

Phone 386-736-5953

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

Green Springs has been an important landmark of Volusia County from the time of early Native American settlements to the steamboat era, when Enterprise was the final destination on the St. Johns River. [Native American Indians](#), including the Mayaca and Seminoles, considered the land sacred because they believed the sulfur water in the springs was healing.



In 1841, [Cornelius Taylor](#) built a lakefront hotel on top of a once-massive Indian shell mound at the end of the spring run where it enters Lake Monroe. The spring was the main attraction of Taylor’s “hotel for invalids” – one of Florida’s first health spas. Tourists came to enjoy the St. Johns River and recuperate from various illnesses.



By 1883, Green Spring was part of the large estate of wine importer and steamboat baron Frederick deBary, who used it to entertain guests from his home, [DeBary Hall](#). Well into the 20th century, the site still attracted tourists, swimmers, and others struck by the spring’s “delicate green waters”,

according to one writer of the time. ECHO financed the construction of an interpretive center; pavilions, a spring overlook, several trails, and play structures.

Today, this 36 acre park is a key component in a regional multi-use trail system that links to the [East Central Regional Rail Trail](#) and serves as a trailhead for the [Spring to Spring Trail](#).



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [Blue Springs State Park](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)

Grant: 2003-\$370,193



Holland Park



City of New Smyrna Beach - Pioneer Trail and Otter Blvd., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [City of New Smyrna Beach-Holland Park](#)

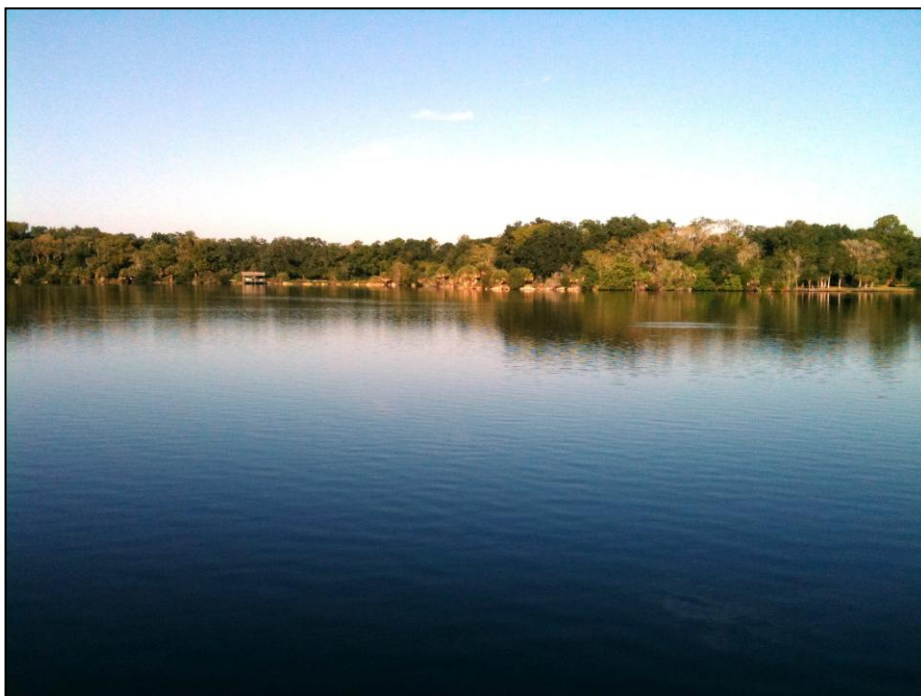
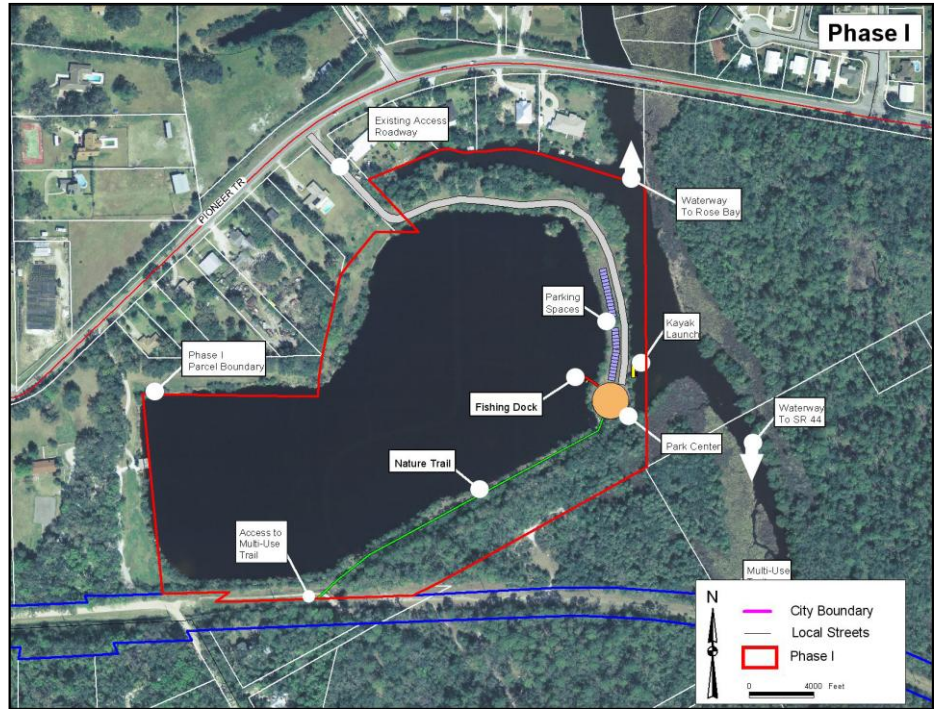
Phone 386-424-2175

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: This facility is expected to open in the spring of 2014

This 40 acre park is located along Volusia County's Multi-Use Trail system and is adjacent to Turnbull Creek. There is an 18 acre lake and 22 acres of temperate hardwood forest. The site is near the archaeological sites from the [Turnbull Colony](#).

The park will provide kayak and canoe launches, fishing, and limited access to Turnbull Creek.



ECHO funds supported the acquisition of this land for the facility.

The park is a designated Trailhead for Volusia County's [Multi-Use Trail System](#) and will offer restroom facilities and parking for trail users. This facility is expected to open by spring of 2014.

Grant: 2012-\$275,000

Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of New Smyrna Beach](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)
- [Historic Downtown NSB](#)
- [Visit East Volusia](#)



Indian River Lagoon Preserve



[Pet Friendly](#)

City of New Smyrna Beach - 677 Sandpiper Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [City of New Smyrna Beach-Indian River Lagoon Park](#) Phone: 386-424-2175

Hours: open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

Encompassing nearly 200 acres of natural habitat along the Indian River Lagoon, the City of New Smyrna Beach developed this site for the purpose of preserving natural areas while providing for recreation. The park hosts 8,000 linear feet of trails with two overlooks, including a “Braille trail” for the visually impaired, a nature center/classroom, picnic facilities, and a canoe launch. A non-profit environmental educational organization, the [Marine Discovery Center](#), provides environmental education programs in the preserve.

Grant: 2003-\$290,000



Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of New Smyrna Beach](#)
[Volusia County Parks](#)
[Historic Downtown NSB](#)
[Visit East Volusia](#)



Keysville Neighborhood Dog Park



City of Deltona - 2461 Keysville Ave., Deltona

Link to this site: [City of Deltona-Keysville Dog Park](#) Phone: 386-878-8900

Hours: Open 7 days per week sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

Previously an undeveloped 14 acre plot of land in Deltona, the Keysville Neighborhood Dog Park is separated into two sections. One side of the park is for dogs and their owners to enjoy. This side has two double-gated play areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. The other side of the park includes a basketball court, picnic pavilion, picnic tables, benches, restroom with handicapped accessible paved walkways and a playground.

Grant: 2004-\$204,000



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of Deltona](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)



Lake Beresford Park



County of Volusia - 2100 Fatio Rd., DeLand

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Lake Beresford Park](#)

Phone: 386-736-5953

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

This park is 210 acres of undeveloped native habitats along Lake Beresford and is developed with two playgrounds, a pavilion, and a 1.8 mile hiking trail. The park serves as a Trailhead along the [Spring to Spring Trail](#), a multi-use trail that connects to [Blue Springs State Park](#) three miles to the north.

The southern portion of the Lake Beresford Loop contains the northernmost [midden deposit](#) of an association of midden ridges from prior occupations dating as far back as 500-1,000 BC. Findings indicate that this site may have been occupied repeatedly throughout history including the English Colonial Period.

Grant: 2004-\$376,750



Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)

[City of DeLand](#)

[Hontoon Island State Park](#)

[Volusia County Parks](#)

[Mainstreet DeLand](#)

[Visit West Volusia](#)



Lake Monroe Park

County of Volusia - 975 U.S. 17-92, DeBary

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Lake Monroe Park](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

Built in the 1950's, Lake Monroe Park, located on the St. Johns River, is one of the county's oldest and most popular parks. The facilities at Lake Monroe Park were in disrepair and not ADA compliant when the County purchased the property in 1988. The park underwent major renovation at that time and was upgraded with the help of an ECHO grant in 2004. The project provided modern restrooms, a redesigned entrance road creating additional parking, new floating docks, and several picnic pavilions. This park serves as a trailhead for the [Spring to Spring Trail](#).



Grant: 2002-\$492,800



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map City of DeBary](#)
- [Blue Spring State Park](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)



McElroy Park Renovation

City of Daytona Beach Shores - 3035 S. Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach Shores

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach Shores-McElroy Park](#)

Phone: 386-763-5321

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

The focal point of McElroy Park is the renovated playground and pavilion. Main Street Village is the concept of the playground and includes a “City Hall,” “Police Station,” “Fire Station,” and “School House” connected with pathways suitable for tricycles. The park reopened in the spring of 2010 after a renovation of the playground, restrooms, and parking area. This small 3 acre neighborhood park, with a natural live oak canopy, has existing active recreational facilities such as a tennis and basketball courts.



ECHO grant improvements to the park include a new pavilion and picnic tables with built in chess/checker boards. The bathrooms were modernized with low flow environmental toilets and a metal roof.

Grant: 2009-\$75,850

Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
[City of Daytona Beach Shores](#)
[Volusia County Parks](#)
[Downtown Daytona Beach](#)
[Visit East Volusia](#)



Mill Lake Park

City of Orange City – At S. Holly Ave. & E. Blue Springs Ave., Orange City

Link to this site: [City of Orange City-Parks & Recreation](#) Phone: 386-775-5454

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: This Park is expected to be completed by the end of 2013

Mill Lake Park is a 3.7 acre parcel designed to connect with 3 existing parks in this Orange City neighborhood. The new facility will include an open-air plaza, restrooms, picnic pavilions, seating benches, parking, sidewalks, an environmental overlook, and walking trails. The park complex will be used for cultural events including live music, art shows, a farmers market, movie showings, and craft shows. The park will connect to the County's multi-use trail system and will have ecological and educational features in future phases. Mill Lake Park is expected to open at the end of 2013.



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of Orange City](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)
- [Blue Spring State Park](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)

Grant: 2012-\$391,875



Park of Honor Sensory Garden



City of South Daytona – 755 Olive St., South Daytona

Link to this site: [City of South Daytona-Park of Honor](#)

Phone: 386-322-3000

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week sunrise to sunset

Sensory gardens are designed so the user explores the garden through one or more of the 5 senses. Features include beds of scented flowers, textured plants, edible plants, and brightly colored flowers.

This park, located one block off of Big Tree Road, includes a butterfly garden, a fragrance garden, an herb garden, and color garden. A pond with a bubbling fountain enhances the sense of sound. Facilities include a picnic area, restrooms, lighted path, and benches.

Related Links

[O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)

[City of South Daytona](#)

[Volusia County Parks](#)

[Downtown Daytona Beach](#)

[Visit East Volusia](#)





Ponce Preserve Park

Town of Ponce Inlet - 4400 block, S. Atlantic and S. Peninsula Dr., Ponce Inlet

Link to this site: [Town of Ponce Inlet-Ponce Park](#) Phone: 386-236-2150

[Pet Friendly](#)

The Ponce Preserve is a 41 acre ocean-to-river park consisting of five natural ecosystems: Ocean Dune, Coastal Strand, Maritime Hammock, Mangrove Swamp, and Saltwater



Marsh. The park is located adjacent to the [Green Mound](#) archaeological site and ancient Indian midden, which date back from 500 BC to AD 1565.

ECHO funds were used to construct a dune walkover, two themed playgrounds, fitness stations, a wildlife observation tower, and nature trails.



Grant: 2008-\$289,262

- Related Links**
- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
 - [Town of Ponce Inlet](#)
 - [Volusia County Parks](#)
 - [Visit East Volusia](#)
 - [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)



Sunflower Park



City of DeLand – 100 West Church St., DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand-Sunflower Park](#)

Phone: 386-626-7000

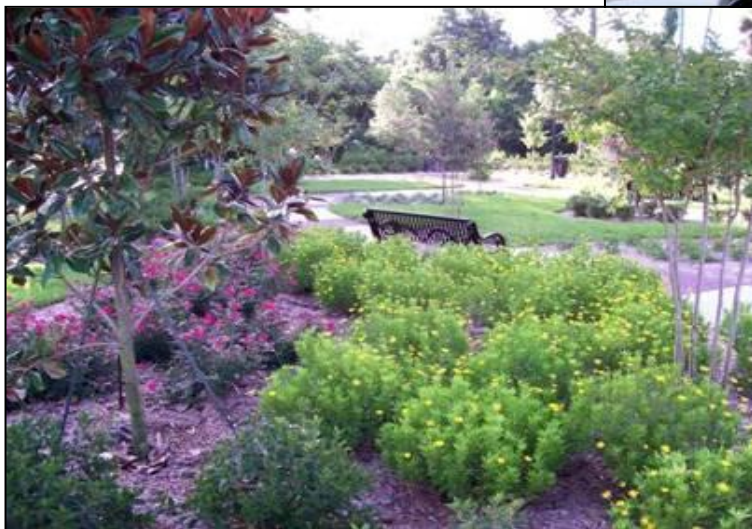
[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week sunrise to sunset

Located in downtown DeLand, this one acre park consists of a raised stage with electricity, a bricked eating area, a large grassy lawn, a calming water fountain with ample seating for reading or a quiet lunch, and a 440' walking path with many native Florida plants through a garden inspired by the novel "Alice in Wonderland."



The park, built with the assistance of an ECHO grant, will have five scenes from the book Alice in Wonderland. The first scene is complete. It is a large pocket watch depicting the scene in which Rabbit, is "late for a very important date."



Grant: 2005-\$89,417

- Related Links**
- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
 - [City of DeLand](#)
 - [Mainstreet DeLand](#)
 - [Visit West Volusia](#)
 - [Volusia County Parks](#)
 - [Blue Spring State Park](#)



The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens



City of Ormond Beach - 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [City of Ormond Beach](#) Phone: 386-676-3216

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Garden: daily sunrise to sunset. Casements: Mon-Fri 10 am-3:30 pm, Sat 10 am-11:30 pm

[The Casements](#) was purchased by John D. Rockefeller in 1918 as his winter home. The property was originally nine acres that stretched east from the Halifax River to present day Halifax Drive. Rockefeller originally employed a Swedish landscape designer to develop the gardens to his own specifications. In 2009, extensive renovations to enhance public use were completed in the gardens, partially funded by an ECHO grant.



Work in the gardens included construction of a new plaza and stage area, a promenade along the seawall with circulation walks, a handicapped accessibility ramp, access road, drainage pond & fountain, supplemented by new landscaping and irrigation. The wide promenade along the river encourages people to stroll or exercise in this beautiful setting. The Gardens host many festivals throughout the year, as well as other special events.



Grant: 2007-\$500,000

- Related Links**
- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
 - [City of Ormond Beach](#)
 - [Ormond Beach Mainstreet](#)
 - [Visit East Volusia](#)
 - [Bulow Creek State Park](#)
 - [Volusia County Parks](#)



Thornby Park & Inspiration Playground



City of Deltona - 110 Providence Blvd., Deltona

Link to this site: [City of Deltona-Thornby Park](#)

Phone: 386-878-8901

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

Situated on 37+ acres of environmentally sensitive land located along the St. John's River, this park has road access along both the north and south sides of the property. Eight acres are developed with an all access playground and infrastructure while the rest of the site is managed as an ecological preserve. This site provides parking for the [East Central Regional Rail Trail](#).



Thornby Park contains 7.5 acres of wetlands. There are several ecosystems on the property, which is a rare microcosm of old, unspoiled Florida at its best. The remains of the Thornby (Indian) midden located on the property are listed on the [Florida Master Site File of Historical Resources](#). An old railroad spur seen on the property was likely used to haul citrus from upland areas to waiting steamboats on the St.

Johns River. The magnolia, live oak, and cypress trees are significant in stature and were probably alive before Florida became a state in 1845. Several rare plant species are also located on the property.



Related Links

- [O Passive Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of Deltona](#)
- [Blue Spring State Park](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)



Tom Hoffman Nature Park

City of Deltona - 1751 Whipple Dr., Deltona

Link to this site: [City of Deltona-Tom Hoffman Park](#) Phone: 386-789-7218

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week sunrise to sunset

The Tom Hoffman Park consists of 10 acres of sand pine scrub. The site has been developed with a 1,800 foot paved nature trail, a butterfly garden, a soccer field, and a playground. “Environmental Learning Experience” stations are located along the trail and provide an added feature for patrons to discover information about native Florida vegetation.

ECHO funds helped with playground equipment, picnic pavilion, benches, barbeque grills, and landscaping for this park.

Grant: 2004-\$140,500



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ACTIVE PARKS



Skateboarding, football, basketball, soccer, baseball, swimming, and target practice are just a few activities you will find at active parks in Volusia County. Active parks offer structured play areas, as well as, open areas where people can gather to pursue sports and activities in a natural environment. Many active parks offer similar amenities as passive parks including playgrounds, hiking trails, and restroom facilities.

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Beck Ranch



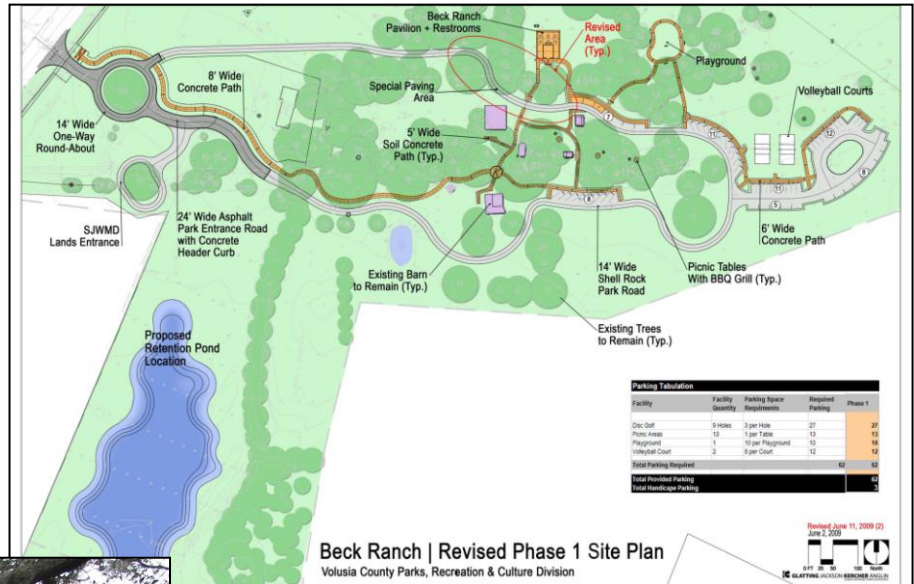
[Pet Friendly](#)

County of Volusia - 651 State Rd. 415, Osteen

Visit this site: [Volusia County](#) Phone: 386-736-5933

Hours: Expected to open early 2013

The 250-acre Beck Ranch was a working cattle ranch in Osteen from the early 1900's to 1995. It was purchased by Volusia County through the [Volusia Forever](#) program with hopes of preserving the historical structures and creating a new multipurpose park.



The park currently has multipurpose fields that are available for soccer, football, or other activities.

Future improvement plans include a multiuse paved trail, a dog park, two 30' x 60' sand volleyball courts, a playground, an 18' x 64' pavilion with restrooms to match an existing stable, a paved entrance road, a gravel interior road, 83 parking spaces, water wise landscaping, and outdoor historical interpretive panels.

Grant: 2007-\$442,188

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 - [Volusia County Parks](#)
 - [Osteen JPA](#)



Bethune Point Skate Park

City of Daytona Beach - 11 Bellevue Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach-Bethune Skate Park](#) Phone: 386-239-6571

Hours: Mon – Sun 7:30 am - 9:30 pm

This 20,000 square foot skate park is an addition to the existing 20 acre public park located on the scenic Halifax River. The facility has sections for beginners, intermediate, and advanced skaters. A bicycle motocross section is also included in the park for BMX enthusiasts.

Some of the unique features of this park include a colossal pre-cast concrete clam shell, pre-cast skateable art pieces, such as the “roll-over whip” and “broken pyramid,” and an extra-wide “bent penny,” precast bank textured with grooves for an innovative real-world skating experience. The park also features a unique in-ground bowl with pool-tile coping.

The Sports Complex has a children’s play area, baseball fields, several pavilions, grilling stations, restrooms, and boat launch with docks.

Grant: 2007-\$400,000



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- [City of Daytona Beach](#)
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- [NSB Skate Park](#)
- [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)
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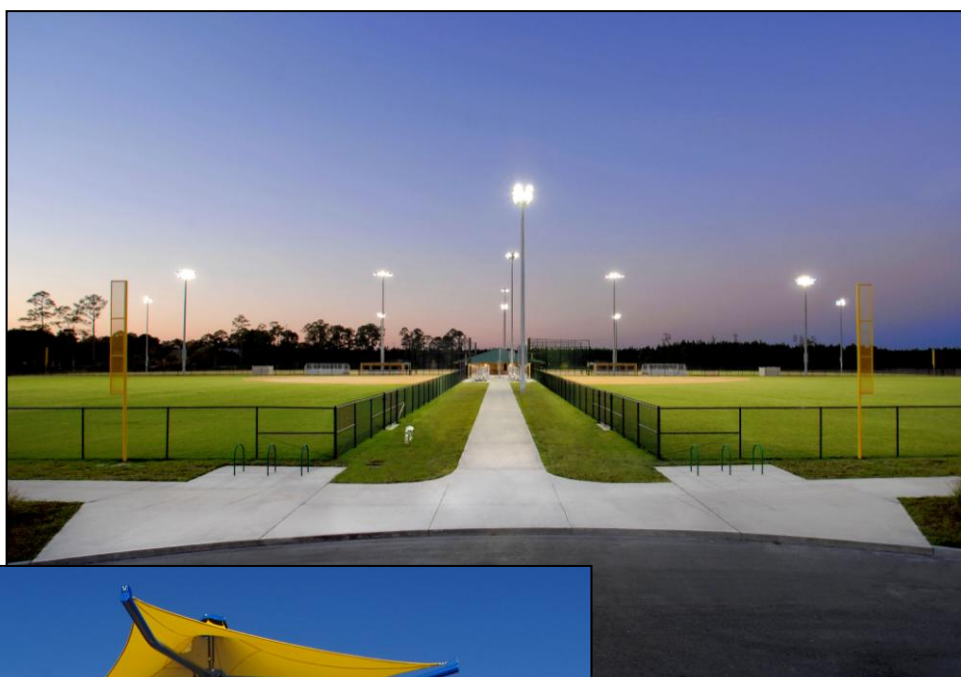
Coraci Athletic Fields

City of Port Orange - 5200 Coraci Blvd., Port Orange

Link to this site: [City of Port Orange-Coraci Park](#) Phone: 386-506-5850

Hours: Open 7 days per week from sunrise to sunset, lighted facilities open until 11 pm

ECHO funding provided assistance for the construction of four ball fields with lighting, parking, storm water improvements, picnic facilities, restrooms, and concession area. In addition to the athletic fields, the complex includes playground and parking areas. A multi-purpose football and soccer field is underway and a community center is planned for this site.



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Cypress Park Pool

City of Daytona Beach - 925 George Engram Blvd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach-Parks & Recreation](http://www.cityofdaytonabeach.com/parks-recreation) Phone: 386-671-3426

Hours: Mon – Thurs 4:30 pm – 7 pm, Sat 1 pm – 4 pm

A neighborhood park for over 40 years, this ECHO grant was used to fully replace a public pool area. A 25 meter competition pool and wading pool for children was constructed with showers, locker rooms, restrooms, bleachers, and lighting.

Cypress Pool is part of the [Midtown Cultural and Education Center Complex](#). Other upgrades planned for the complex include a softball field with stands and concession area, pavilions, outdoor basketball courts, checker tables, children's playground, gymnasium, and walking and jogging trails.

Grant: 2006-\$500,000



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DeLand Splash Park

DeLand Family YMCA - 761 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand

Link to this site: Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA Phone: 386-736-6000

Hours: Mon-Thurs 5 am - 9:30 pm, Fri 5 am - 8 pm, Sat 8 am - 6 pm, Sun 1 pm - 5 pm

The DeLand Family YMCA is a 55,000 square foot facility situated on 10 acres of land. ECHO assisted in building the 1,200 square foot splash park addition to the existing facility. The splash park is fully ADA accessible and will allow families with a variety of needs to come together in a playful environment.



The addition of the splash park is intended to provide an area where people, with limited or no swimming abilities, can enjoy the outdoors while cooling down from the Florida heat.

Grant: 2008-\$71,000

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- [Mainstreet DeLand](#)
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Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex

City of Deltona - 1200 Saxon Blvd., Deltona

Link to this site: [City of Deltona-Dewey O. Boster](#) Phone: 386-789-7218

Hours: Open 7 days per week from sunrise to sunset and during scheduled events

Located on a 65 acre tract in the heart of Deltona, this sports complex consists of six soccer fields, one football field with lights, and two football practice areas which support both adult and little league sports. The park also has playgrounds, shaded picnic areas, a 1.75 mile nature trail, ecological habitats, a fishing pier, and a performance stage.



The complex is large enough to host concerts, open air cultural events, and art shows.



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Earl Brown Park / Spec Martin Stadium

City of DeLand - 260 East Euclid Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand-Park & Recreation](#)

Phone: 386-740-5800

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Earl Brown Park open sunrise to sunset 7 days per week, Spec Martin Stadium open during scheduled events

Improvements to [Earl Brown Park](#) will include new basketball courts, pavilions, volleyball court, fitness trail with exercise equipment, a playground, and skate park. New amenities include an amphitheater, splash park, and dog park.

The [Spec Martin Stadium](#), located next to Earl Brown Park, was originally built in 1936 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. Renovations will include a new press box, locker rooms, and additional parking. Local sporting events such as football, soccer, and marching band competitions are held at the stadium. Educational markers and murals will depict the history of the City of DeLand and Volusia County, as well as, recognizing former Mayor Earl Brown and former DeLand Head Coach Spec Martin.

The stadium is expected to open in the summer of 2013 and will be home to the newly created [Stetson Football and Women's Lacrosse](#) teams. Earl Brown Park is expected to complete renovations by the end of 2014.

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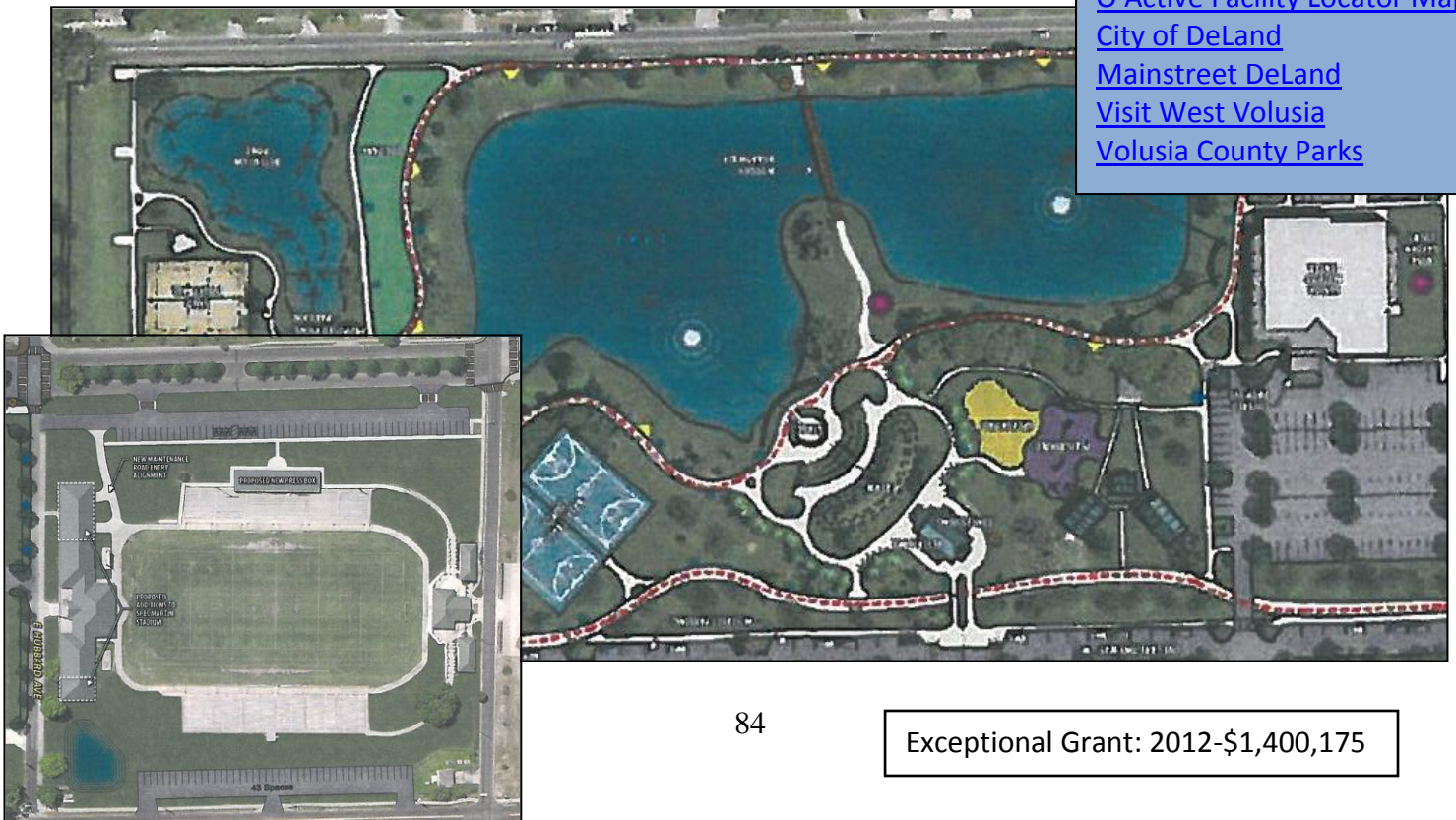
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Four Townes Splash Park

Four Townes Family YMCA - 280 Wolf Pack Run, Deltona

Link to this site: Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA Phone: 386-532-9622

Hours: Mon-Thurs 5 am - 9:30 pm, Fri 5 am - 8 pm, Sat 8 am - 6 pm, Sun 1 pm - 5 pm

The Four Townes Family YMCA is a 23,000 square foot facility situated on 10 acres of land. ECHO assisted in building the 1,200 square foot splash park addition to the existing facility. The splash park is fully ADA accessible and will allow families with a variety of needs to come together in a playful environment.

The addition of the splash park is intended to provide an area where people, with limited or no swimming abilities, can enjoy the outdoors while cooling down from the Florida heat.



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Grant: 2008-\$56,048



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Hawks Park Complex

City of Edgewater - 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater

Link to this site: [City of Edgewater-Leisure Services](#) Phone: 386-424-2485

Hours: Open 7 days per week from sunrise to sunset, and during scheduled play

The city complex includes four lighted ball fields, eight-acre conservation area, handicap accessible nature trail, outdoor amphitheatre, three lighted soccer fields, playground equipment, pavilion, and picnic tables.

ECHO funded upgrades to the park include public restrooms, a 3,000 square foot amphitheater for outdoor concerts, and over one mile of trails. Lighting was also added to three Little League fields to expand much needed play time.



In 2005, ECHO funds supported the addition of a shade structure over the amphitheater.

Related Links

- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of Edgewater](#)
- [Historic Downtown NSB](#)
- [Visit East Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)

Grants: 2003-\$386,298, 2005-\$62,655



Hollyland Park



City of Holly Hill - 1064 Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill

Link to this site: [City of Holly Hill](#) Phone: 386-248-9432

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, and during scheduled sports play



This 14.8 acre park in the heart of Holly Hill contains both passive and active recreational facilities, including five lighted ball fields, playground area, restroom/concession facility, and pavilion. The ECHO grant improved traffic flow, accessibility to the park, utility connections, shade structures for the play areas, and additional parking. The

grant also provided for covered bleachers, making the experience more enjoyable for spectators.

Grant: 2004-\$150,189



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- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
 - [City of Holly Hill](#)
 - [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)
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Jackie Robinson Ballpark and Museum

City of Daytona Beach - 103 E. Orange Ave., City Island, Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach-Jackie Robinson Ballpark](#) Phone: 386-257-3172

Hours: Ballpark and Museum are open daily from 8 am to sunset

The historic [Jackie Robinson Ballpark](#), built in 1914, has a long history with the Florida State Baseball League and Baseball's Spring Training camps. Most specifically, it is where the first game of integrated professional baseball was played between the Montreal Royals (of which [Jackie Robinson](#) was a player) and the Brooklyn Dodgers.



The 2003-2004 improvements completed with ECHO funds include historic exhibits, improved and expanded picnic and children's play areas, sound and lighting improvements, and enhancements to the historic [Jim Crow](#) area.



Related Links

- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
- [Daytona Cubs](#)
- [City of Daytona Beach](#)
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James Park

City of South Daytona - 1700 James St., South Daytona

Link to this site: [City of South Daytona-James Park](#) Phone: 386-322-3000

Hours: 7 days per week 7 am to 11 pm

James Park is a five acre active recreational park with three baseball fields, two lighted four-wall racquetball courts, a lighted tennis court, press box/concession stand, and restrooms. The Youth Activity Center provides a variety of programs. The complex hosts camps, summer recreation programs, and other public services. There is also a splash water park which is wheelchair accessible.

ECHO funds supported renovation and construction of a bike/exercise trail, pavilion, picnic facilities, benches, playground equipment, and safety netting for ball fields. The new lighting made



it more accommodating for league team use and tournament play, extending the “play hours” to address the public’s need.

Grant: 2006-\$180,338



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Municipal Stadium Turf Project

City of Daytona Beach - 3917 LPGA Blvd., Daytona Beach

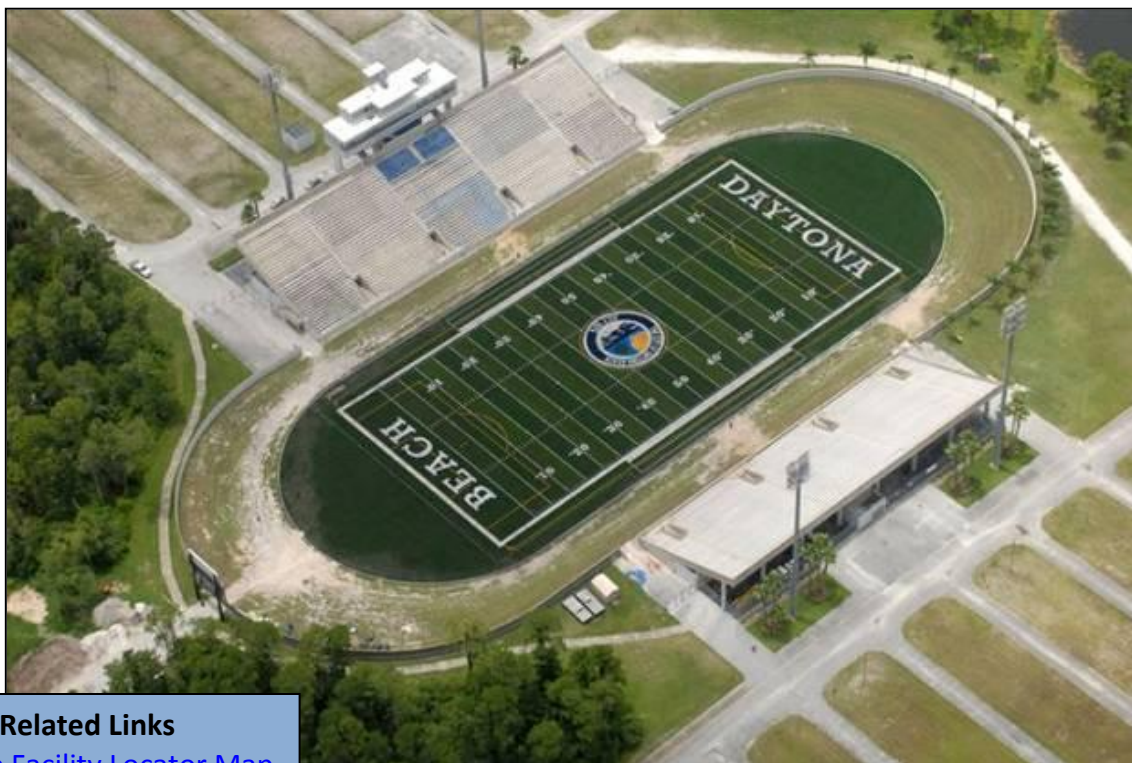
Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach-Leisure Services](#) Phone: 386-353-3309

Hours: During regularly scheduled events

ECHO funds helped replace the old grass field of 101,800 square feet with synthetic turf at this 10,000 seat stadium. The purpose was to save maintenance costs as well as increase the number of events that can be held each week.

Municipal Stadium is the home field of Atlantic, Seabreeze, and Mainland High Schools, as well as, [Bethune-Cookman University](#). Various special events can be held at this complex, including motocross.

Other stadium renovations that were completed include structural reinforcement of the grandstands, new roof on the press box, refurbished locker rooms, modernization of the elevator, wireless connectivity in the press box, and upgraded technology offering the ability for coaches in the box to communicate with personnel on the field.



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Grant: 2009-\$450,000



New Smyrna Beach Skate Park

City of New Smyrna Beach – 245 Industrial Park Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [City of New Smyrna Beach-Skate Park](#) Phone: 386-427-8417

Hours: Mon-Fri Noon until dark, Sat-Sun 10 am until dark

ECHO funds assisted with Phase I of the [New Smyrna Beach Skate Park](#) by developing 8,500 square feet of concrete skate area consisting of a flow/street area and a pool with tile and concrete pool coping. Parking was also added to the facility. Future phases include a 30,000 square foot skating area, but this is currently unfunded.

Team Pain, one of the premier skate park builders in the world, and Tony Misiano Construction were awarded the contract. The park is a big flow area with some very cool little pockets. You can run a different line each time all day.



2007-\$224,167 Grant:
Assisted with construction

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[Bethune Skate Park](#)
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Nova Community Skate Park

City of Ormond Beach – 440 North Nova Road, Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [City of Ormond Beach-Nova Skate Park](#) Phone: 386-676-3252

Hours: 7 days a week, 10 am-10 pm September thru May, 8 am-10 pm June thru August

This existing facility will double in size to 24,200 square feet and include a beginner area with mini ramps, a competition bowl, a cradle, and street elements.

This 61 acre recreation complex includes racquetball courts, tennis courts, picnic facilities, baseball, softball, and soccer fields, a



playground, and restroom facilities.

The park complex will remain open during the renovation and is expected to be finished by 2014.

Grant: 2012-\$225,000

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Reed Canal Park

City of South Daytona - 919 Reed Canal Rd., South Daytona

Link to this site: [City of South Daytona-Reed Canal Park](#)

Phone: 386-322-3000

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

Originally, this was a 32 acre under-developed natural resource based park with a 10 acre lake. In 2004, the City of South Daytona used ECHO funds to purchase an additional 3.3 acres which improved the park for more outdoor activities. The park is now a frequent site for model boat sailing, City programs, and Festivals.



In 2005, ECHO funds were used to expand the existing park onto an additional 18 acres. Improvements included a recreational trail, picnic, and playground facilities.

The park includes a multi-purpose field, barrier free playground, lighted concrete paths around the lake, and picnic facilities.



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Grants: 2004-\$300,000, 2005-\$200,000



Rob Sullivan Park



City of DeBary - 200 West Highbanks Rd., DeBary

Link to this site: [City of DeBary-Rob Sullivan Park](#)

Phone: 386-668-2040

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

This 27 acre park consists of 10 acres primarily devoted to sports. The Park has two baseball fields, one basketball court, one softball field, and one soccer field. In early 2004, the fields were laser leveled and new basketball goals were added. The Park's renovated concession stand re-opened in May 2004. ECHO funds assisted with two multi-purpose fields, additional parking, and walkways connecting the parking areas to the fields.



Related Links

- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
- [City of DeBary](#)
- [Mainstreet DeLand](#)
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Grants: 2010-\$250,000, 2012-\$80,000



Seville Soccer Field and Neighborhood Park



Trinity United Methodist Church - 185 Lemon Rd., Seville

Link to this site: [Seville Trinity](#) Phone: 386-749-2804

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

Located in the historic small community of Seville, the Trinity United Methodist Church was built in 1912 and has been exceptionally well preserved both inside and out. Their adjacent empty field had been used for informal recreation and community events. ECHO assisted in the addition of a formal soccer field, neighborhood park, and butterfly garden which will satisfy the growing needs of the community by providing a green zone and outdoor recreational space.



Grant: 2009-\$12,500



Related Links

- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
- [DeLeon Springs State Park](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Parks](#)
- [Seville School](#)



Sperling Sports Complex

City of DeLand - 1300 Matt Fair Blvd., DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand-Sperling Sports Complex](#) Phone: 386-740-5800

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, and during scheduled play

The Sperling Sports Complex was dedicated April 11, 1987. The complex includes a full size baseball field with a Class A lighting system for night play and a computerized scoreboard. The complex also houses three lighted softball fields, three soccer/football fields, a batting cage, a baseball practice field, an all-purpose practice field, press box, restrooms and concession stand.

ECHO funding was used to develop five acres of practice fields to the current 15 acres at this regional Sports Complex.

Grant: 2005-\$73,500



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Strickland Shooting Range

County of Volusia - 1180 Indian Lake Rd., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Strickland Range](#) Phone: 386-226-0477

Hours: Tues - Sun 9 am – 5 pm

The Robert Strickland Shooting Range is built to National Rifle Association standards. It includes a state-of-the-art baffling and berm system to ensure shooter safety. Shooting distances are set at 7-yard, 15-yard, 25-yard, 50-yard and 100-yard target positions. The rifle shooting stations have a variable height swing-out seat that enables a person to shoot from the left or the right. All the shooting positions have been made wider to offer safer and more comfortable shooting. Fans are generously spaced to cool and clean the air.



This facility consists of a range house, firing line pavilion, assembly porch, and a shell parking lot. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission conduct hunter safety classes at this facility.

Grant: 2005-\$218,656



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Valentine Park



City of Orange City - 1595 W. French Ave., Orange City

Link to this site: [City of Orange City-Valentine Park](#) Phone: 386-775-5447

[Pet Friendly](#)

Hours: 7 days per week 7 am to ½ hour after dark, plus night baseball and basketball

Located less than a mile east of [Blue Springs State Park](#), Valentine Park is also located along the County's [Spring to Spring Trail](#). The park offers nearly 20 acres of recreation areas including three picnic pavilions with grills, sand volleyball, a multipurpose field, a fenced playground, tennis courts, baseball fields, basketball courts, and a nature trail. A meeting room is also available for rent. Restrooms are located near the park entrance. This ECHO project upgraded and added equipment

and exercise facilities to the park in an effort to encourage exercise from park goers.



Grant: 2008-\$79,819



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- [O Active Facility Locator Map](#)
- [Blue Spring State Park](#)
- [City of Orange City](#)
- [Mainstreet DeLand](#)
- [Visit West Volusia](#)
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BEACH PARKS & PARKING



Driving on the miles of beach is a Volusia County tradition dating back to the early days of the automobile. For years, beachgoers have enjoyed a leisurely automobile drive or bike ride on the wide, hard-packed sands.

While enjoying our beautiful beaches and array of beach activities, we must be mindful of our delicate ecosystem and dangers of mixing pedestrian and vehicular traffic. With this in mind, the County Council and Cities are increasing the number of off beach parking lots available to both residents and tourists. Most of the parking lots are free while some require a small fee. See below for a list of off beach parking locations.

Most areas of the beach are open to vehicles from sunrise to sunset Nov. 1 through April 30, and from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 31. There are daily [seasonal and annual fees](#) for driving on the beach. Beach goers are encouraged to park off the beach and walk or ride non motor vehicles on the beach. Pets are welcome at County parks as long they abide by the [rules](#). Pets are not allowed on most of our beaches, with the only exception being our [pet friendly beach](#).

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AI Weeks North Shore Beach Park

County of Volusia - 1631 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Beachfront Parks](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

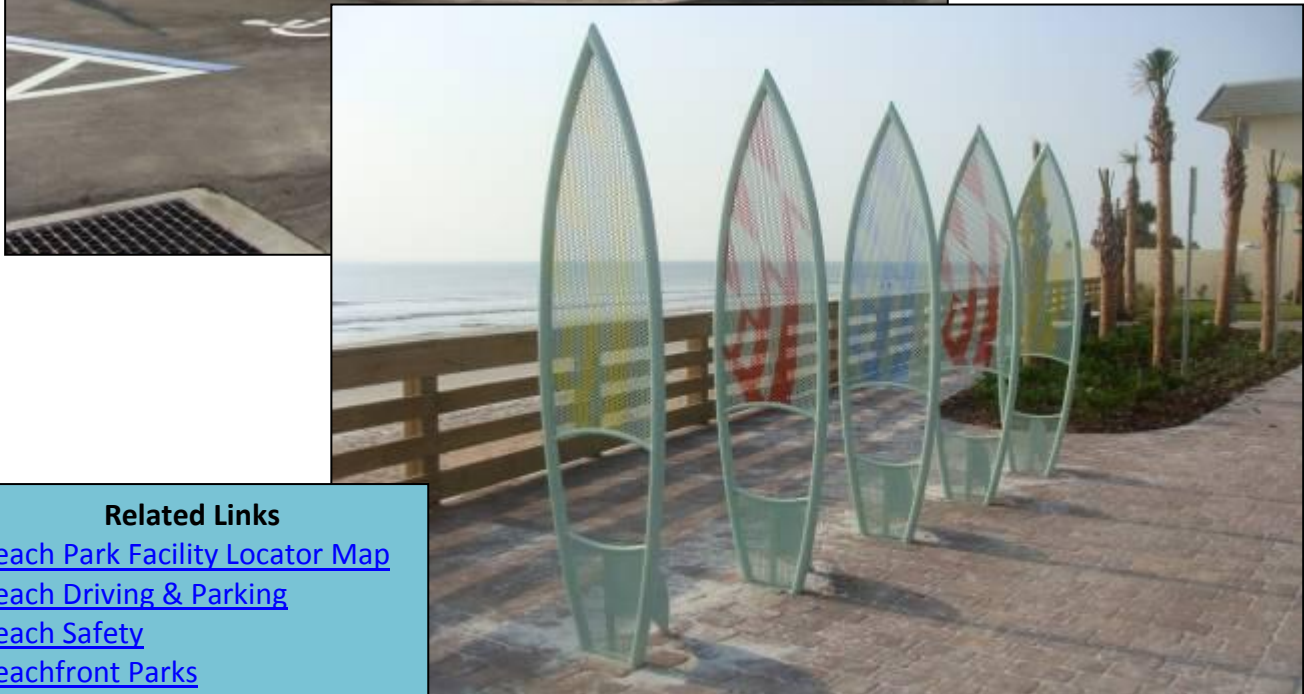
Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, free parking



This ECHO grant helped fund 100 off beach parking spaces, both east and west of A1A, in Ormond Beach. Stairs and ADA accessible walkways provide pedestrian access to the beach. An A1A pedestrian crosswalk is provided at the northeast corner of the west side lot. ECHO also assisted with new construction and upgrades including restrooms, showers, benches, bicycle racks, and fountain.



Grant: 2009-\$348,924



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Frank Rendon Beach Park

County of Volusia - 2705 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Beachfront Parks](#) Phone: 386-740-5800

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, free parking



Purchased by the County in 1994, this beachfront site was undeveloped and suffering dune habitat damage due to informally parked cars, boats, and pedestrian footpaths to the beach. Finished in 2003, the new park includes restrooms, beach showers, a playground, pedestrian dune walkover, picnic pavilion, sidewalks, bike parking, landscaping, and 141 parking spaces. The dunes have been restored and are protected by the designated paths and parking areas.

Grant: 2002-\$289,500



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- [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)



Breaker's Beach Park

City of Daytona Beach – 13 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [City of Daytona Beach-Parks](#) Phone: 386-671-8337

Hours: 7 days per week, 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, parking fee assessed



Located at the entrance to the Historic Main Street Pier in Daytona Beach and directly on the ocean, this four acre park provides metered parking for 65 vehicles, restrooms, a volleyball area, green space, decorative walkways, a splash park, and an environmental learning center.



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Grants: 2003-\$500,000, 2005-\$500,000



Rockefeller Beach Park

County of Volusia - 442 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Beachfront Parks](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, free parking



Located on the west side of A1A across from the Rockefeller beach access ramp in Ormond Beach, this site provides 34 off beach parking spaces and a crosswalk to

support safe access to the Atlantic Ocean. Park amenities include bicycle racks, trash & recycling receptacles, decorative arches, restrooms, and an interpretive display celebrating the history of the area as the “birthplace of speed”.



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Sun Splash Beach Park

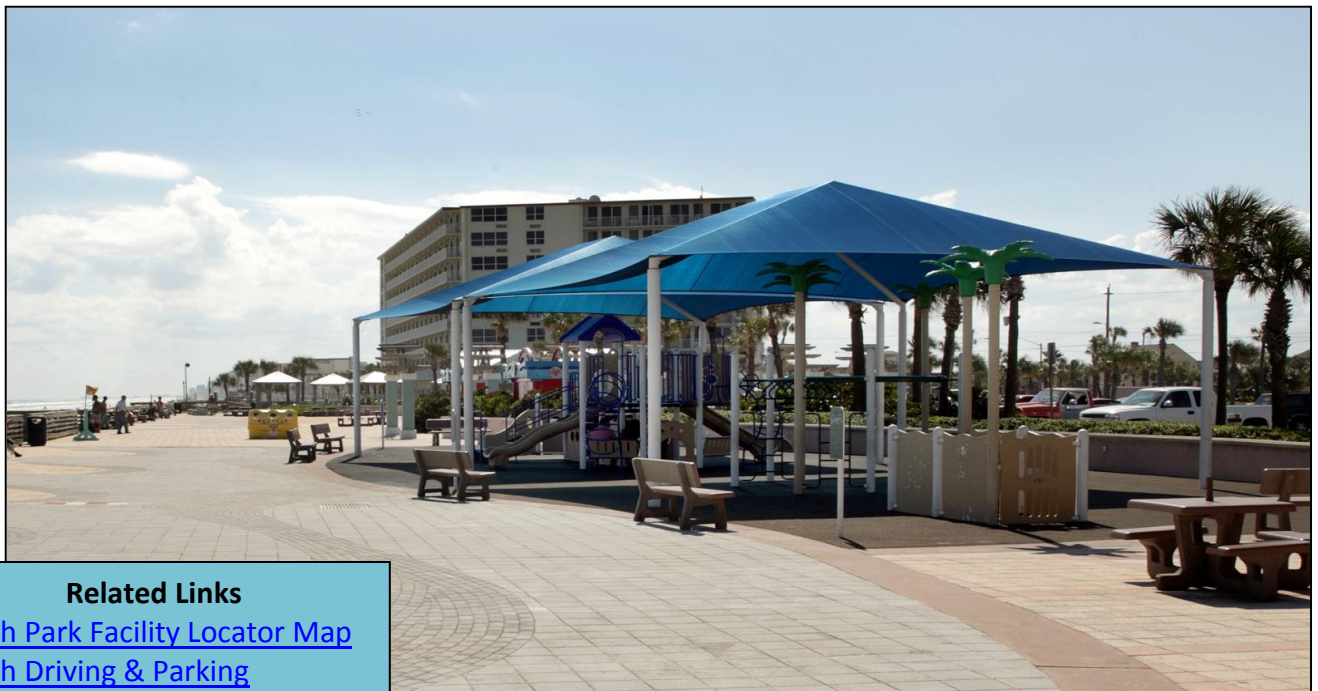


County of Volusia - 611 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Beachfront Parks](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Open 7 days per week, sunrise to sunset, free parking

This popular park, located between International Speedway Boulevard and Silver Beach Avenue, provides 220 off beach parking spaces. The ECHO grant provided upgrades to the existing amenities to enhance the public's experience. The park renovation also added a portion of seawall where rain water run-off was eroding the area between the beach and the park.



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Grant: 2010-\$213,754



Toronita Beach Park



County of Volusia - 4200 S. Atlantic Ave., Wilbur-by-the-Sea

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Beachfront Parks](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

Hours: Park is under construction and not open to the public, parking will be free

When completed, this 2 acre site will provide over 75 off beach parking spaces with beach access and marked crosswalks. The design includes a family-style restroom facility, water fountain, community playground, bicycle racks, and trash and recycling receptacles. This facility is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2012.



Grants: 2007-\$158,134, 2009-\$435,950

- Related Links**
- [Beach Park Facility Locator Map](#)
 - [Beach Driving & Parking](#)
 - [Beach Safety](#)
 - [Beachfront Parks](#)
 - [Downtown Daytona Beach](#)
 - [Town of Ponce Inlet](#)

COUNTYWIDE TRAIL SYSTEM

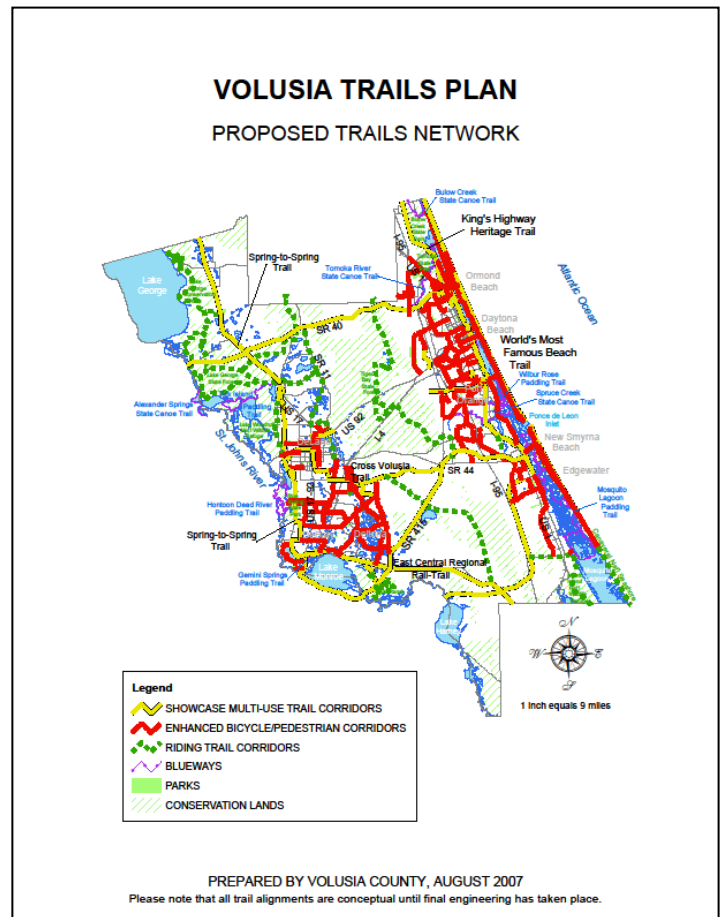
The concept of a county-wide trail system was developed through multiple public meetings held around the county. In November 1999, the Volusia County Council approved the first Trails Plan and the official Trails Plan map.

Since then, two public countywide summits were held to update the plan and add or delete segments. In July 2004, the County Council dedicated \$1 M annually from the ECHO program funds for trail construction.

One of the main goals of the trail system is to link schools, parks, and retail outlets through the trail system. While the [Showcase Multi-use Trails](#) are being developed by Volusia County, various cities are contributing the interior connections.

The countywide trail system is currently made up of the [Cross Volusia Trail](#), the [East Central Regional Rail Trail](#), and the [Spring-to-Spring Trail](#). Other county trails include [Beach Trails](#) and [Blueway Trails](#).

In addition to the fore mentioned trails, trail systems are found within many of our parks, and act as trailheads for arterial countywide trails that provide adventures in a variety of environments.



[Link to Volusia County Park Trail System](#)



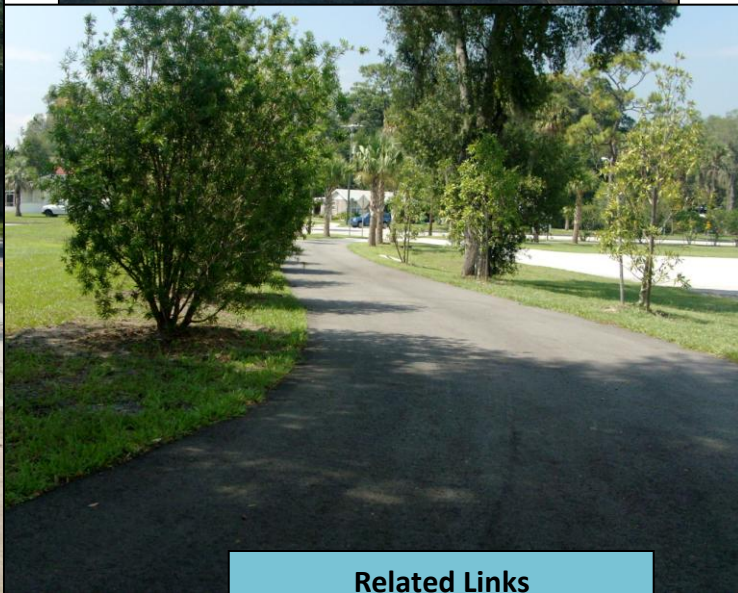
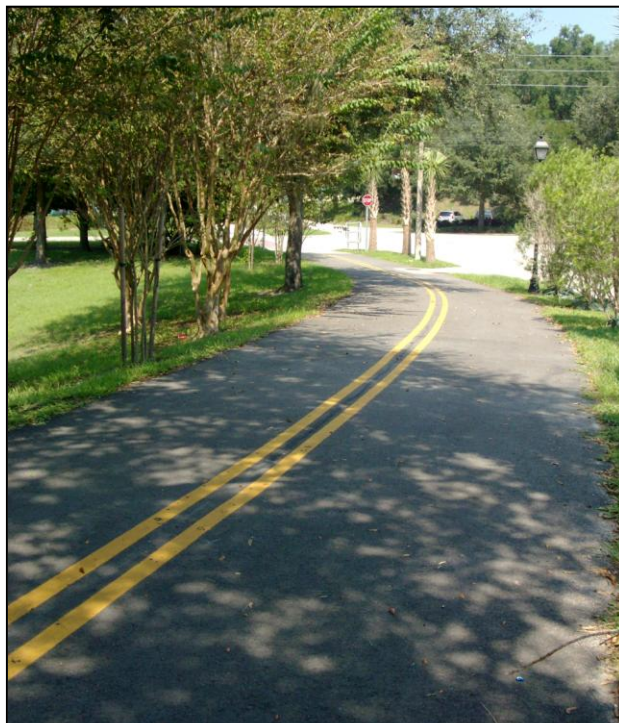
[Florida Greenways and Trails](#)

Alabama Greenway Trail

City of DeLand - Alabama Ave., DeLand

Link to this site: [City of DeLand](#) Phone: 386-740-5800

The Alabama Avenue Trail is a 1.2 mile pedestrian trail that travels through the heart of downtown DeLand paralleling routes 17-92 along Alabama Avenue. The Trail starts at Earl Brown Park and passes north through the core of DeLand, past [Spec Martin Stadium](#) and the Conrad Baseball Park, along the historic Garden District, and through Downtown DeLand, ultimately ending at [Painter's Pond Park](#), just south of historic [Stetson University](#).



Grant: 2009-\$600,000

Related Links
[City of DeLand](#)
[DeLand Trails](#)
[Mainstreet DeLand](#)
[Visit West Volusia](#)
[Volusia County Trails](#)



[Pet Friendly](#)

Cross Volusia Trail

City of New Smyrna Beach - Sugar Mill Dr. to Pioneer Tr., New Smyrna Beach

Link to this site: [City of New Smyrna Beach-Parks & Recreation](#)

Phone: 386-424-2175

This development of the Cross Volusia Trail will eventually link with the [East Central Regional Rail Trail](#) and the [Spring to Spring Trail](#), allowing residents access to the entire county without the use of roads or highways.



Funded phases of the trail run between Pioneer Trail and Sugar Mill Drive and are approximately 2.2 miles long. ECHO funds will assist with construction of this new trail, which accesses utility corridors, through neighborhoods, as well as shopping districts. This

project is expected to be completed by the end 2013. The Lake Helen Facility is this trails' designated trailhead.



Related Links

- [Trails Locator Map](#)
- [City of New Smyrna Beach](#)
- [Historic Downtown NSB](#)
- [Visit Southeast Volusia](#)
- [Volusia County Trails](#)

Grant: 2010-\$281,853



East Central Regional Rail Trail

Volusia County - Parks, Recreation, & Culture - Providence Blvd to Osteen

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Trails](#) Phone: 386-736-5953

The East Central Regional Rail Trail (ECRRT) is the longest abandoned rail line in Florida. The corridor was purchased by the State of Florida Office of Greenways and Trails on December 31, 2007 and was turned over to Volusia and Brevard counties for development and maintenance. In the western part of Volusia County, the 50-plus mile corridor runs from Enterprise through south Deltona, east to Edgewater and south to Titusville. This corridor will become part of Volusia County's [Showcase Multi-Use Trails](#) network. Plans to pave the trail for bicycling and wheelchair use have begun in Enterprise. The first segment to be paved runs from Providence Boulevard accessed through the [Green Springs Park Trailhead](#) in Enterprise, to the Osteen Civic Center just east of SR 415. This portion of the trail recently opened.

The next segment to be paved will travel from Dale Street and Park Avenue in Edgewater to Cow Creek road. This segment is planned to begin construction in fiscal year 2012-2013. The remaining corridor will be paved in future years.



Related Links

[Trails Locator Map](#)

[Overview of ECRRT](#)

[Trail Link](#)

[Volusia County Trails](#)



Lake Helen Trail and Trailhead



City of Lake Helen – 321 Pleasant St., Lake Helen

Link to this site: [City of Lake Helen](#) Phone: 386-228-2121

Hours: Open daily sunrise to sunset

[Pet Friendly](#)

As a part of the Showcase Multi-Use Trails, this trail is part of the [Cross Volusia Trail](#) and will eventually connect to the countywide network [East Central Regional Rail Trail](#) and [Spring to Spring Trail](#). The City of Lake Helen has built 5,700 linear feet of multi-use trail which is accessible by foot, bike, and horse. A trailhead was also built, which includes restrooms, a children's playground, pavilion, community board for posting messages, and an equestrian arena that is heavily utilized.



Grant: 2004-\$184,995



Related Links

[Trails Locator Map](#)

[City of Lake Helen](#)

[Trail Link](#)

[Volusia County Equestrian Trails](#)

[Volusia County Trails](#)

Spring to Spring Trail

Volusia County - Parks, Recreation, & Culture - Gemini Springs to DeLeon Springs

Link to this site: [Volusia County-Trails](http://www.volusia.org/trails) Phone: 386-736-5953

When complete, this trail will stretch 26 miles from Gemini Springs Park to DeLeon Springs State Park. It is being designed to accommodate walkers, joggers, inline skaters, bicyclists, and people with disabilities. To date, Volusia County has completed several segments of the trail. The Spring-to-Spring Trail has six trailheads for your convenience: [DeBary Hall](#), [Gemini Springs Park](#), [Green Springs Park](#), [Lake Beresford Park](#), [Blue Spring State Park](#), and [Lake Monroe Park](#). To date, more than half of the 26 mile trail has been completed. Sections will open to the public as they are completed.



Related Links

[Trails Locator Map](#)

[Trail Link](#)

[Volusia Magazine](#)

[Volusia County Trails](#)

Grant: 2008-\$552,066, 2009-\$600,000

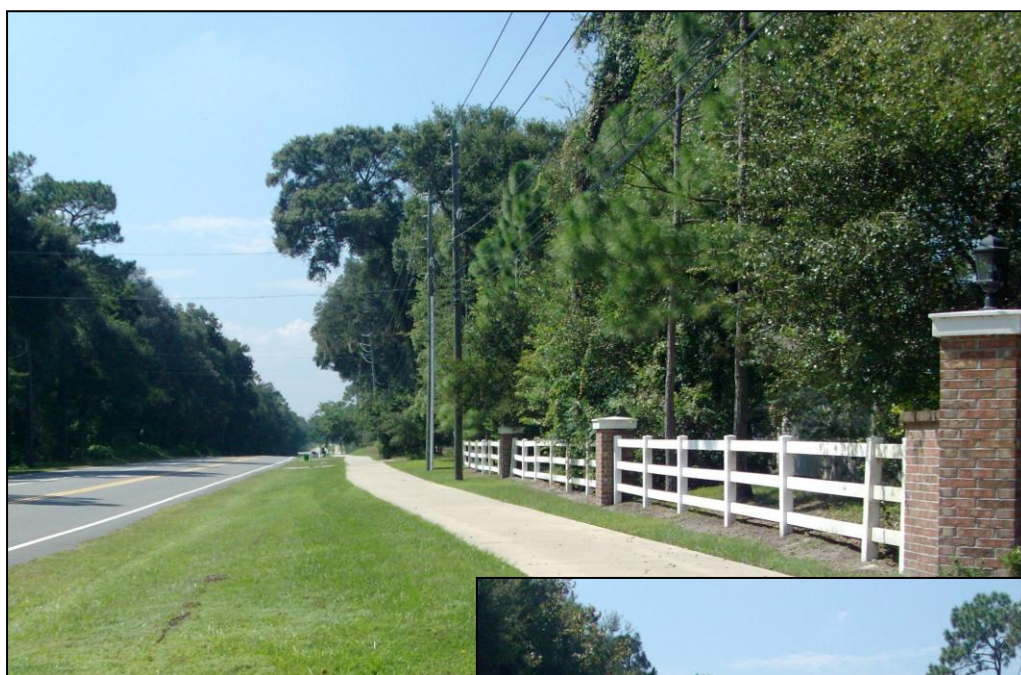


Trails South

City of DeLand – Taylor Road from Stratford Road to Blue Lake Road

Website: [City of DeLand](#) Phone: 386-740-5800

Two grants helped fund two miles of this ancillary trail in the City of DeLand that is a connection for the [Showcase Multi-Use Trail](#) system. These trails connect the [Alabama Greenway](#) to Victoria Park Subdivision, and are interconnected by existing 8' sidewalks. Landscaping with native vegetation, canopy trees, and safety enhancements (such as crossovers and safety signage) are included.



Related Links

[City of DeLand](#)

[DeLand Trails](#)

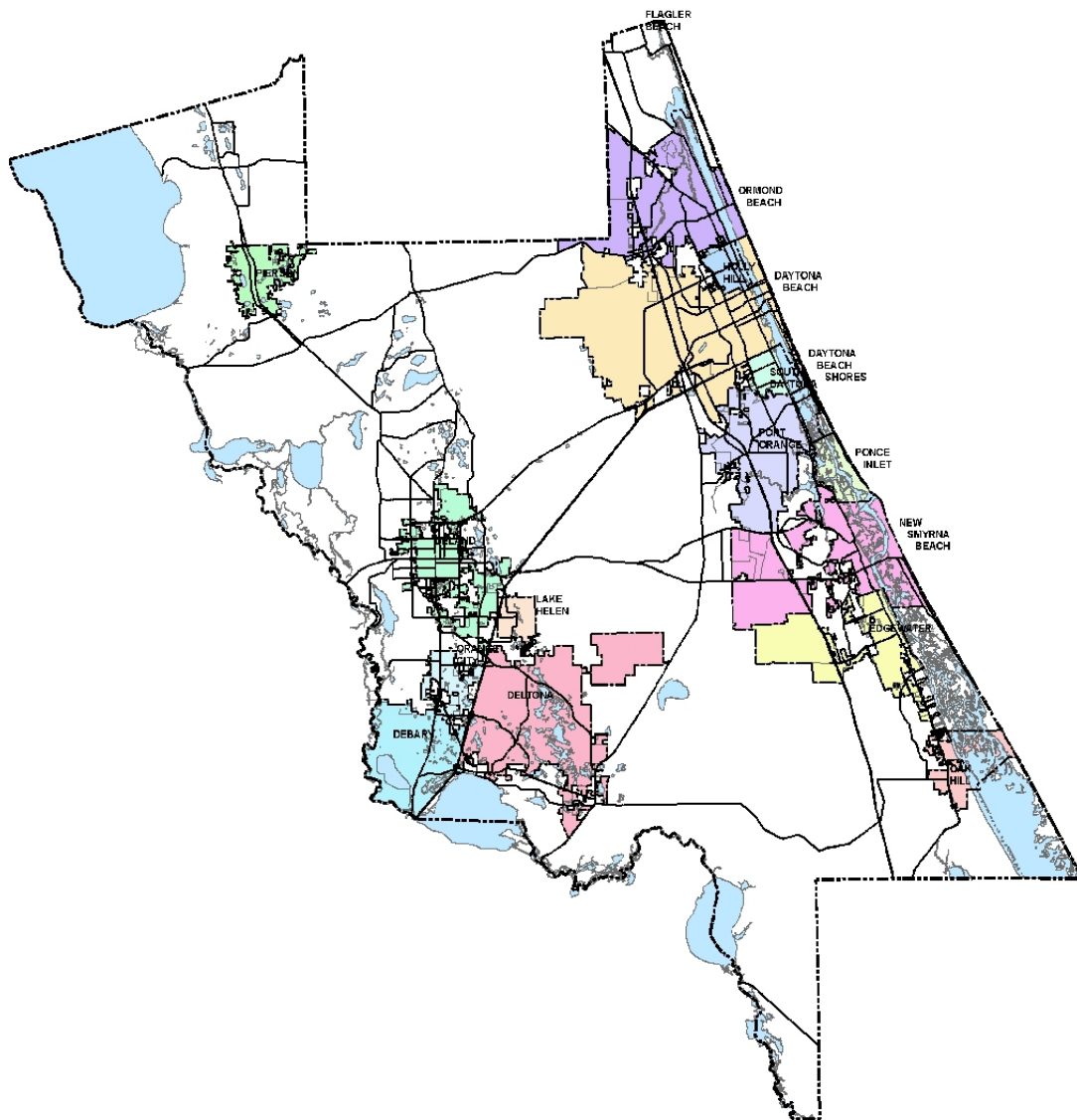
[Trail Link](#)

[Blue Spring State Park](#)

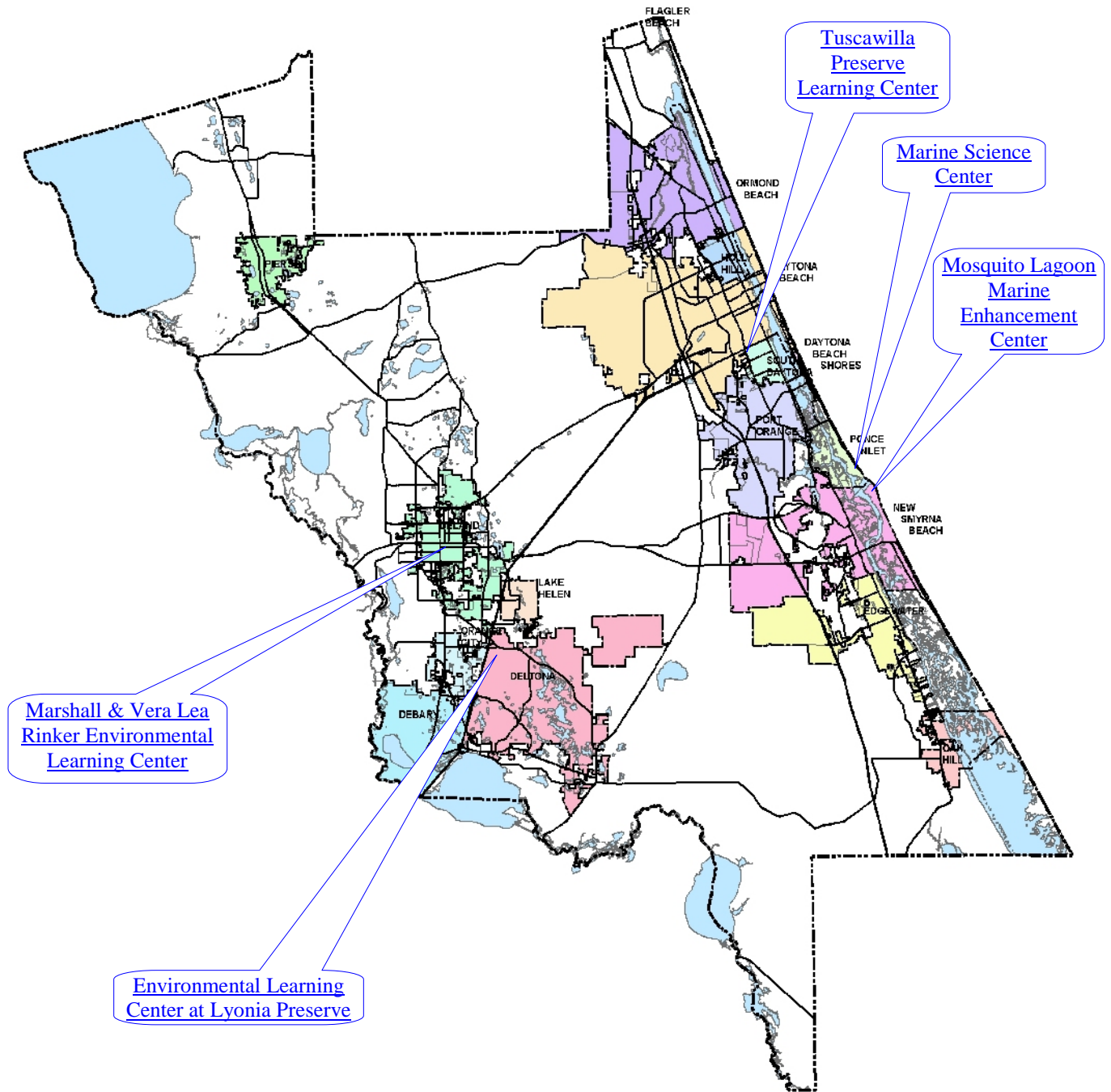
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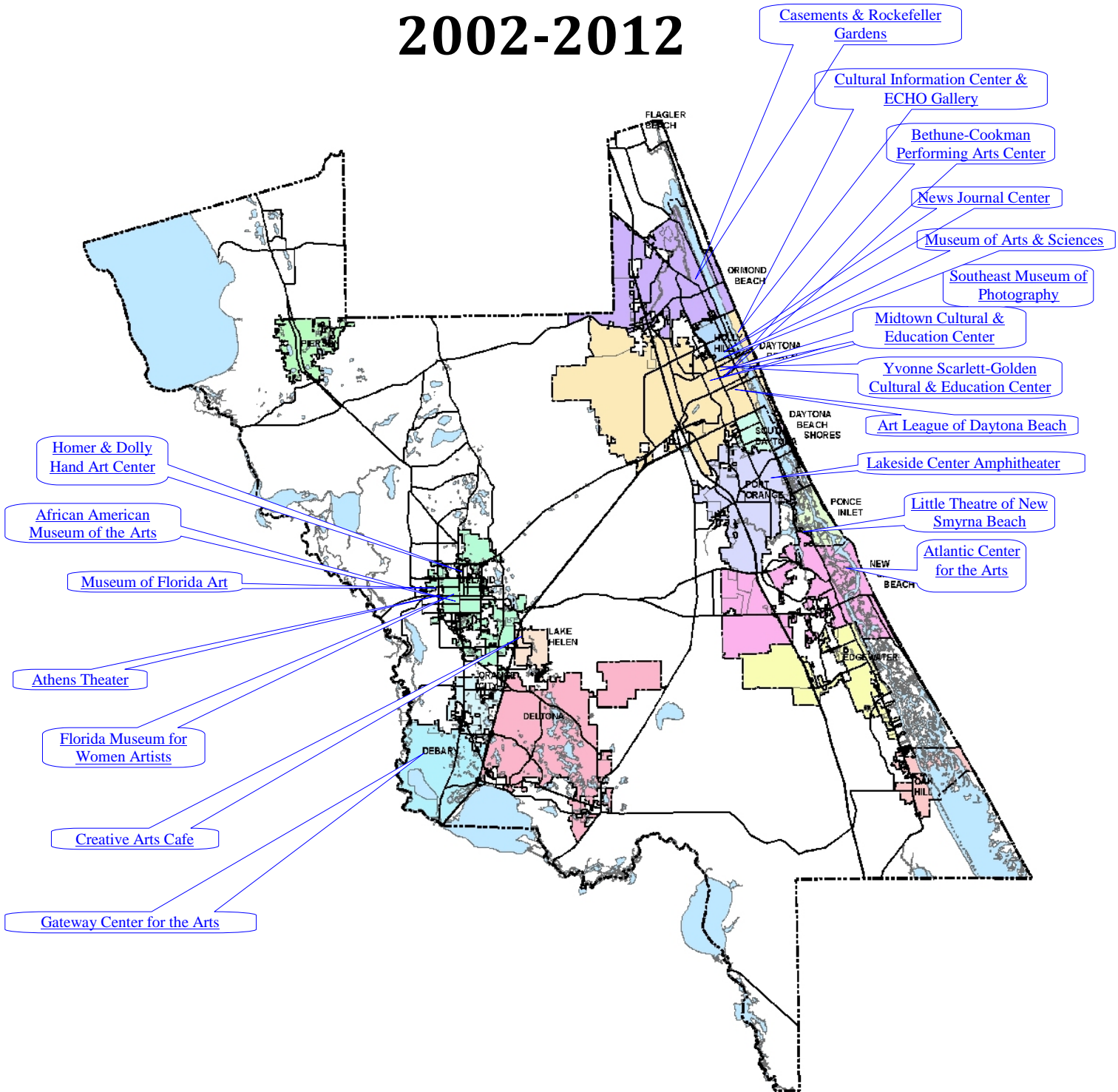
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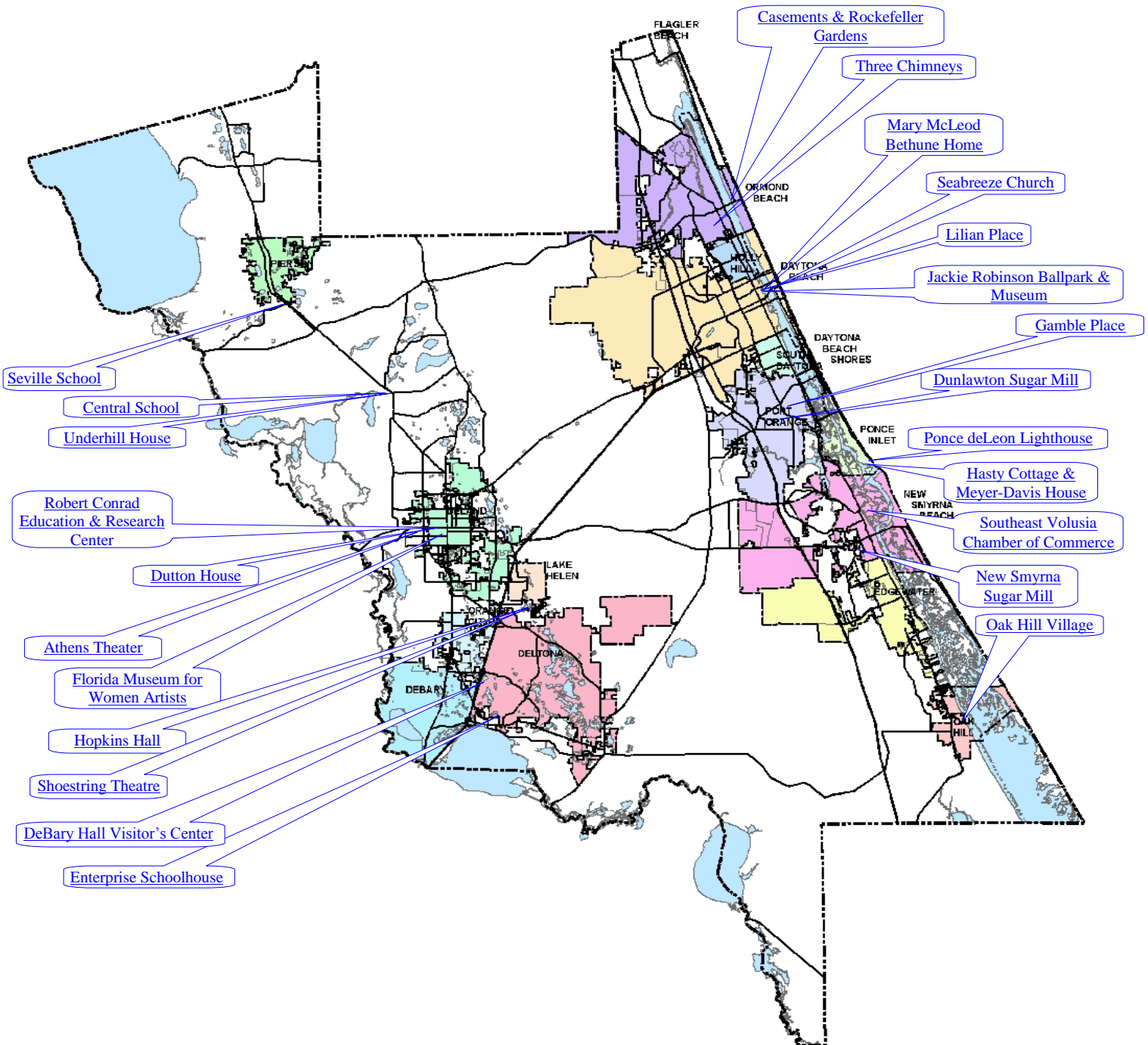
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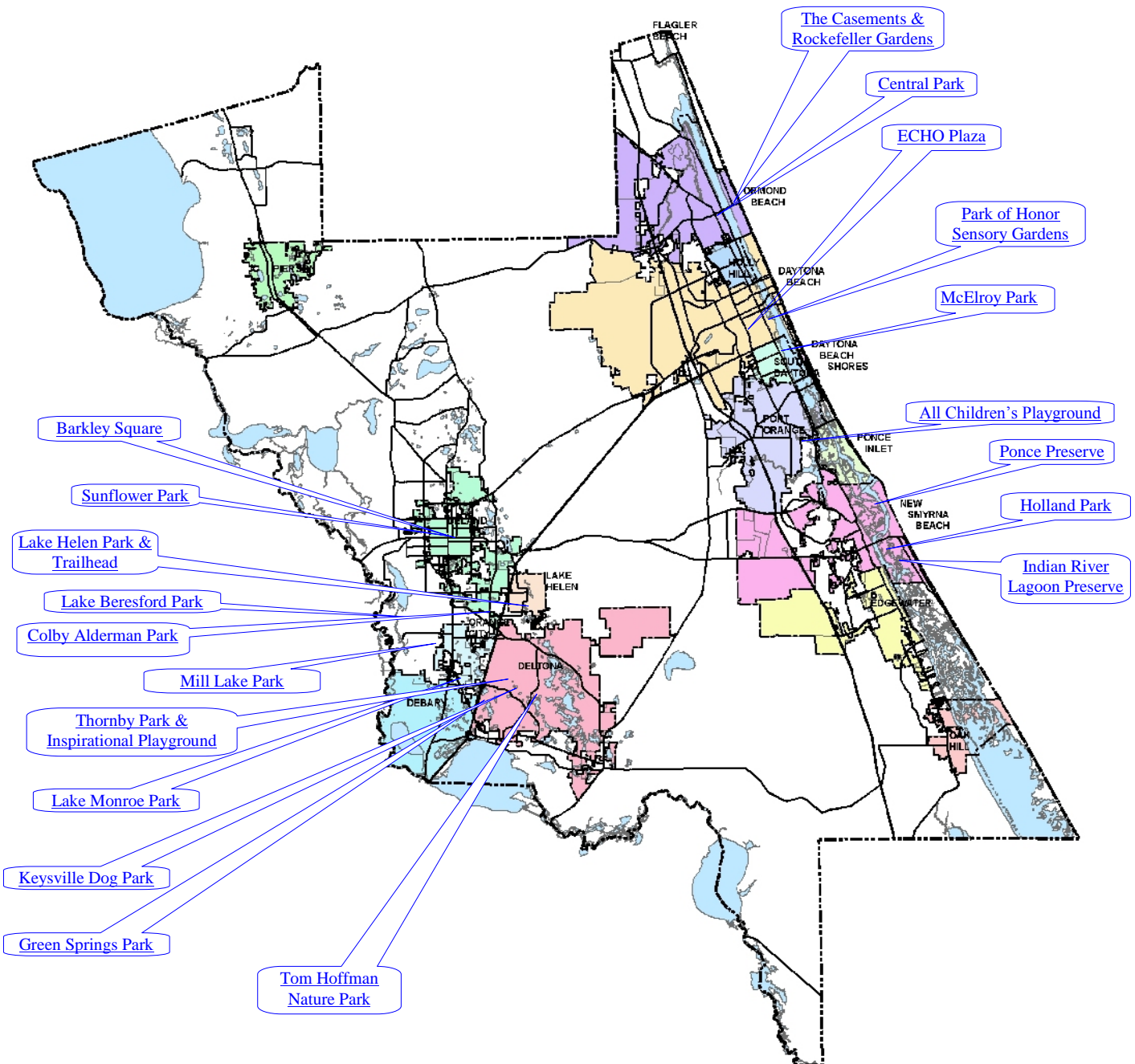
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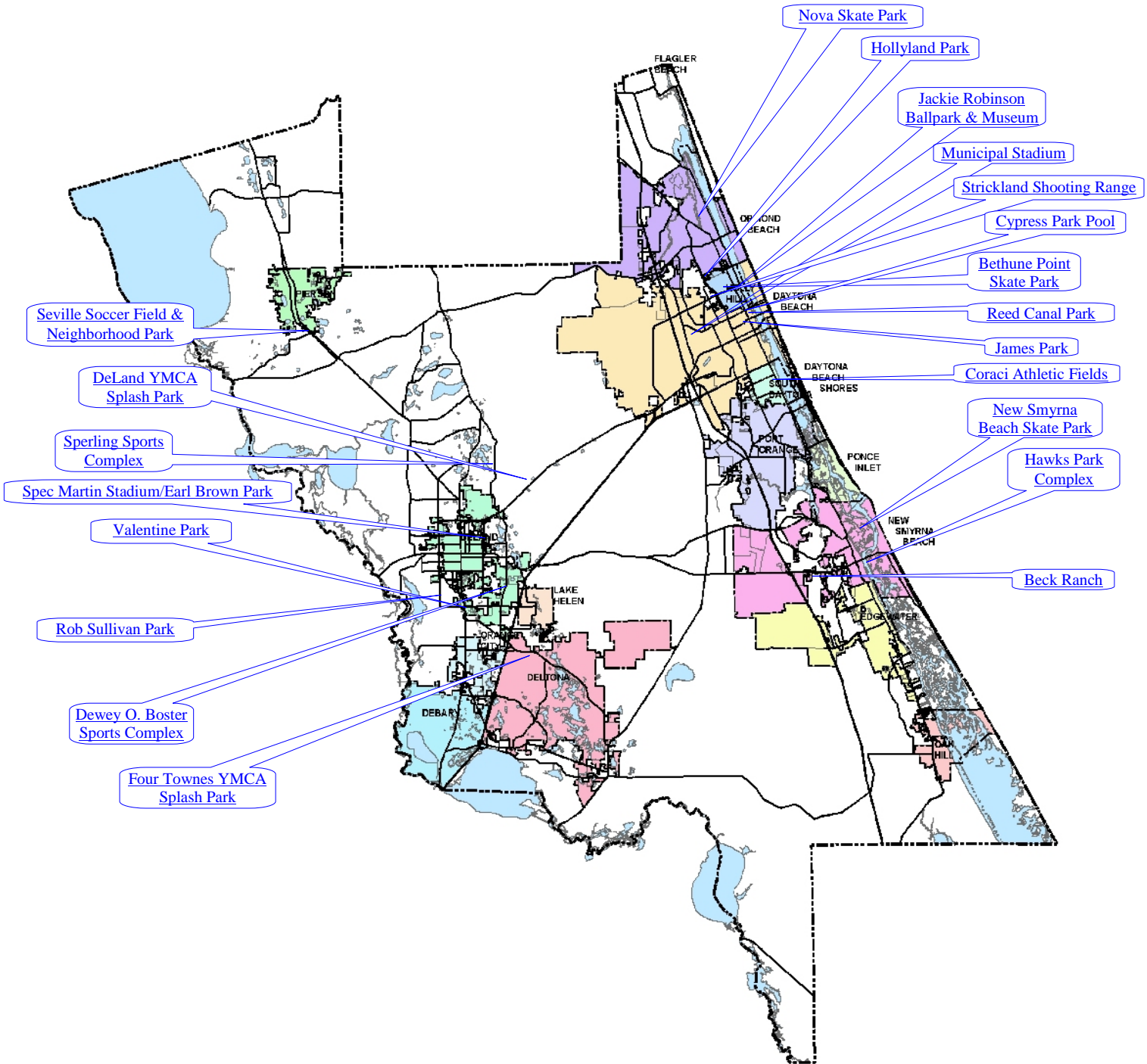
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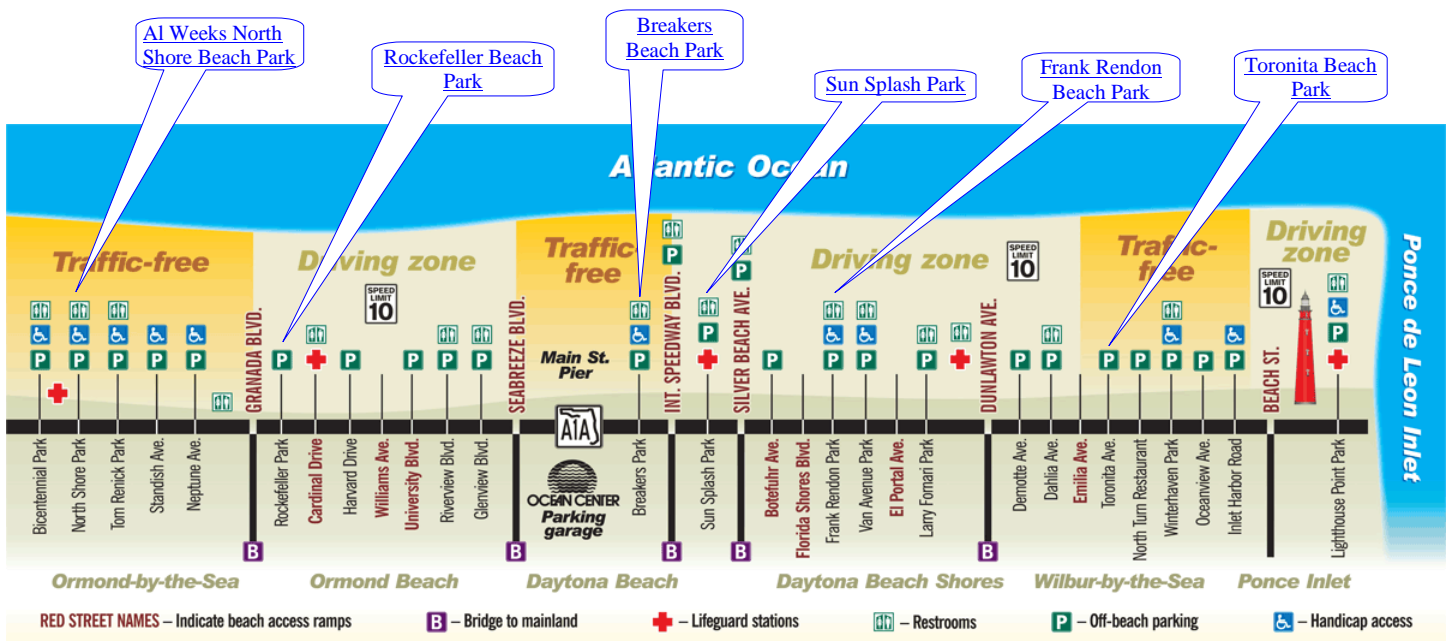
Outdoor Passive Parks Awarded Grants 2002-2012



Outdoor Active Parks Grants Awarded 2002-2012



Beach Parks & Parking Awarded Grants 2002-2012



Trails Awarded Grants 2002-2012

