Open House for the Proposed Space Coast Trail



DATE:

Thursday, December 7, 2017

TIME:



Anytime between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

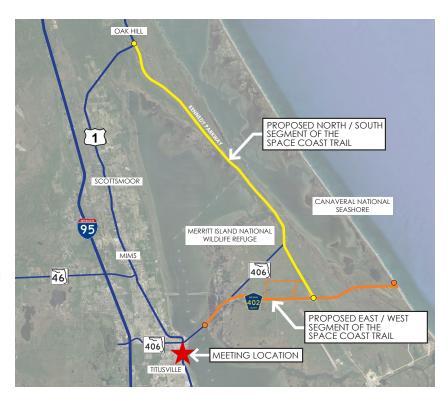
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LOCATION:

City of Titusville City Hall 555 S. Washington Avenue Titusville, FL 32796

Stop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to learn more about the proposed Space Coast Trail and to submit comments on the proposal. Staff from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Park Service (NPS), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be available during the meeting to discuss the project.

MEETING LOCATION MAP:



SPACE COAST TRAIL PD&E STUDY

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore P.O. Box 2683 Titusville, FL 32781-2683

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SPACE COAST TRAIL



Located within the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the construction of a multi-use trail from Parrish Park at the entrance to the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge to Parking Area No. 1 within the Canaveral National Seashore and following Kennedy Parkway from Beach Road (CR 402) to US 1.

The proposed Space Coast Trail would become the eastern end of Florida's Coast-to-Coast Trail that extends from St.

Petersburg on the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean and serve as major component of the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail. The proposed trail would provide non-motorized opportunities for bicyclist and hikers and expand opportunities for wildlife observation, photography, and environmental education within the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore. Stop by anytime during the scheduled open house to learn more about the project.



JOINT PLANNING EFFORT

The proposed Space Coast Trail is a federal planning project on the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore, located along Florida's central east coast in Brevard and Volusia counties.

The USFWS and NPS are the co-lead agencies for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under development to evaluate the potential impacts associated with the proposal in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NASA is a cooperating agency on the EA and FDOT is a key partner in the planning, funding, and construction of the proposal. The USFWS, NPS, NASA, and FDOT are coordinating very closely on this proposal to meet all applicable rules, regulations, and policies and to facilitate public involvement.







How to submit comments?

Comments may be submitted in the following methods:



In person at the Open House Public Meeting Thursday, December 7, 2017 at City of Titusville City Hall 555 S. Washington Avenue Titusville, FL 32796



Mail comments to Cheri Ehrhardt, Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 2683, Titusville, FL 32781-2683



Submit in writing at NPS's Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=67041.

To ensure consideration of your comments in the development of the Environmental Assessment, please submit comments by **January 12, 2018**.

If you have any questions prior to the scheduled meeting, contact Cheri Ehrhardt by email at cheri_ehrhardt@fws.gov or by phone at (321) 861-2368.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

FOR COMPLETION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

DECEMBER 7, 2017
Conduct Open House

JANUARY 12, 2018Deadline for comments on

the development of the Environmental Assessment

FALL 2018

Conduct public review and comment on Environmental Assessment

LATE 2018

Make final decision

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Lorena Cucek, by phone at 386-943-5392, or via email at lorena.cucek@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us.