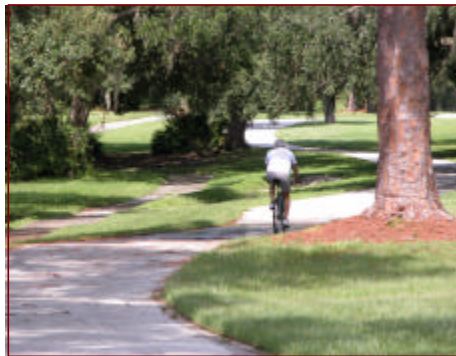


Existing Trail Facilities

The residents and visitors of the City of Clearwater enjoy many existing trail opportunities. Trails provide a multitude of benefits to our community. In addition to recreation, trails provide safe passages for non-motorized transportation, help improve air quality by reducing motorized vehicle trips and serve as a catalyst for economic development. Trails can connect all facets of our community, including neighborhoods, parks, natural resources, shopping and employment destinations.

In total, **Clearwater contains over 14 miles of existing trails** that are used by various non-motorized users.



Clearwater East-West Trail – Del Oro Section

Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.

~Plato

These users include cyclists, skaters, skateboarders, joggers and walkers.

There are two categories of trails within the City of Clearwater: *city-wide trails* and *local trails*. City-wide trails offer connectivity throughout Clearwater, while local recreation trails provide recreational opportunities within the geographic boundaries of specific parks.

City-Wide Trails

The existing city-wide trails that are presently open and used by the public include the Clearwater East-West Trail, the Pinellas Trail and a small segment of

Existing Trail Facilities

the Progress Energy Trail.

Clearwater East West-Trail

Started in the 1970's, the first section of the Clearwater East-West Trail intended to provide connection between and to various recreation facilities. The initial concept was expanded to include a critical east-west connection that links Tampa Bay to Clearwater Beach.

The Clearwater East-West Trail is presently a 4 mile



Clearwater East-West Trail-Cliff Stephens Park



Trail Rules Sign

multiple use trail facility that connects the Long Center to Safety Harbor (see the maps on the following pages). The Clearwater East-West Trail provides an invaluable linear corridor for non-motorized users and it connects various recreational, commercial, and educational destinations. These destinations include the Long Center, Bright House Networks Field, Cliff Stevens Park, Eddie C. Moore Softball Complex, Del Oro Park, Cooper's Bayou Park,

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Eisenhower Elementary School, Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Northeast Coachman Park and Coachman Ridge Park.

In addition to the trail segments that are currently open, there are several sections that are currently being developed. These segments include the connection of the Progress Energy Trail to the Pinellas Trail (Druid Trail) and the segment from the Pinellas Trail to Clearwater Beach (Memorial Causeway Trail).

Druid Trail

The Druid Trail, a subsection of the East-West Trail, will consist of a four-mile route along the Druid Road right-of-way. It will connect the future Progress Energy Trail and the existing Pinellas Trail. This section connects residential areas, Clearwater High School and new Glen Oaks Park. It will also offer alternative access to retail along Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard. The first phase of engineering and design began in August 2004 and is expected to be finished by the end of 2006. Construction is anticipated to



McMullen Booth Overpass

immediately follow and be completed in 2007.

Memorial Causeway

The Memorial Causeway section will connect downtown Clearwater, from the Pinellas Trail to Clearwater Beach. This section consists of a multiple use path with two signature bridges. One of the bridges has been completed (Memorial Causeway Bridge) and the second (Mandalay Channel Bridge) is in the engineering phase. It is estimated that approximately 15,000 people will enjoy this connection every week after its completion.



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Pinellas Trail

Located on the west side of Pinellas County, the Pinellas Trail was constructed in a former railroad corridor and is 33.7 miles long. It connects Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg and according to Pinellas County, is used by 1,000,000 people every year.



Pinellas Trail

Within the City of Clearwater, the trail traverses the downtown area and is approximately 4.3 miles in length. The trail's location in the downtown core creates an environment for bicycling and walking.

Progress Energy Trail

The future Progress Energy Trail, which in conjunction with the Pinellas Trail forms the Pinellas Trail network. The Progress Energy Trail will be approximately 20.6 miles in length and will be constructed in the utility right-of-way of Progress Energy.

The Progress Energy Trail will complement the Pinellas Trail because it will be located on the east side of Pinellas County. Although most of the trail is yet to be constructed, a small segment (.2



Progress Energy Trail



Existing Trail Facilities

Trail Name	Length in Miles
<i>Countryside Community Park Path</i>	0.3
<i>Crest Lake Park Paths</i>	1.5
<i>Forest Run Park Path</i>	1
<i>Lake Chautauqua Trail</i>	1
<i>McMullen Park Tennis Complex Path</i>	0.1
<i>Norton-Wright Park Path</i>	0.3
<i>Soule Road Park Path</i>	0.3
<i>Prospect Lake Path</i>	0.5
Total	5

City of Clearwater Local Trail Segments

miles directly west of the Bright House Networks Field) is currently open to the public. Bright House Networks Field is located on the east side of Old Coachman, north of Drew Street. It is important to note that the Progress Energy Trail will serve as part of the Clearwater East-West Trail in this area. This section will connect to the Druid Trail.

Local Trails

In addition to the city-wide trails in Clearwater, there are also many local trails within the City's Parks and Recreation system. These local

trails, though shorter in length, are an integral part of the Parks and Recreation system as they provide opportunities for recreation and exercise. The local trails are listed above.

Conclusion

Multiple use trails are a critical component of any comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian system. Trails offer invaluable recreation, health, transportation, tourism and economic development benefits to our community. The City of Clearwater



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already has 14 miles of trail facilities and an additional 5.2 miles are either in the engineering phase or under construction. These trails connect a variety of destinations including parks, natural resources, commercial, residential and educational resources.

