

# Public Involvement

Community involvement has been invaluable to the successful planning and implementation of the Good Neighbor Trail Project.

On March 6, 2000, the Brooksville City Council appointed twelve members from the community to serve on the Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee to ensure public involvement in the implementation of the Good Neighbor Trail Management Plan. The Committee has organized plant and wildlife surveys of the site for native and exotic nuisance vegetation and animals, (including a specimen tree survey and an initial historic resource survey). The Committee has also assisted in development of the restoration plan and design planning for the Good Neighbor Trailhead facilities and nature trail.

The Committee meets regularly to work on project components of the Good Neighbor Trail. The Committee also has coordinated numerous public workshops, events and festivals (see History & Timeline) to raise awareness and to encourage public support for the project. These public workshops, festivals, and clean-up events have been well attended by the public and will continue well after the Trail and Trailhead facility are built.



Good Neighbor Trail Festival 2004



Good Neighbor Trail Workshop 2003

- trees**
- Loblolly Pine
  - Laurel Oak
  - Southern Red Cedar
  - Water Oak
  - Live Oak
  - Cabbage Palm
  - Magnolia
  - Slash Pine
  - Black Cherry
  - Flatwoods Plum



**birds**

- Northern Cardinal
- Red-Bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Piliated Woodpecker
- White-eyed Vireo
- Red Shouldered Hawk
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- American Robin
- American Kestrel
- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- Common Yellowthroat Warbler
- Barred Owl
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Chimney Swift
- Northern Mockingbird
- Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
- Carolina Chickadee
- Morning Dove
- Eastern Blue Bird
- Rubycrowned Kinglet
- Hermit Thrush
- Palm Warbler
- Black-and-White Warbler
- American Goldfinch
- Black Vulture
- Great Egret



**Did you know?**

In 2001, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission estimated that 3.24 million people participated in some form of bird and wildlife viewing. The net effect was the creation of 28,400 jobs with a total economic impact of \$2.861 billion dollars for Florida's economy.

Pileated Woodpecker



**CONNECTION TO SUNCOAST TRAIL**  
( 42-MILE MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM CONNECTING HILLSBOROUGH CO. WITH HERNANDO CO. )



Cyclist enjoying the Suncoast Trail.

# Good Neighbor Trailhead



Mountain biker enjoying the off-road trails at Croom in the Withlacoochee State Forest.

**CONNECTION TO WITHLACOOCHEE STATE TRAIL**  
( 46-MILE MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM CONNECTING PASCO CO. WITH CITRUS CO. )



GOLDENROD



EVENING PRIMROSE



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Some of the beautiful native vegetation found on the Good Neighbor Trail site.

*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

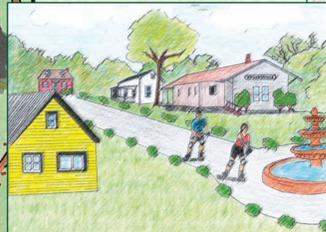
Nelson Henderson



Rendering of the future Good Neighbor Trail.



Rendering of the future Parsons Brook Path.



Rendering of the future Historic Village.

Planning Neighborhood Space with People

*"Recreation trails are for people. They allow us to go back to our roots. Trails help humans make sense of a world increasingly dominated by automobiles and pavement. They allow us to come more closely in touch with our natural surroundings, to soothe our psyches, to challenge our bodies, and to practice ancient skills."*

Randolph T. Hester, Jr.

Members of the Florida Native Plant Society conduct a survey of plants growing at the Trailhead site.

