

Section 3: Corridor Vision

In our vision, 20 years from now the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail is made up of nearly 40 miles of looping two-lane public roadway that is a significant regional asset granting the community and visitors alike access to a unique combination of past and present Florida that showcases many outstanding historical, archaeological, recreational, natural, and scenic resources that truly capture the essence of Florida.

The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail traverses some of the most beautiful and diverse natural scenery remaining in all of northeast Florida. There is ready access to the Atlantic Ocean, Tomoka and Bulow State Parks, and numerous city and county parks. The roadway viewshed includes unobstructed vistas of two rivers, creeks and marshes, barrier island dunes and beach, and historic dwellings. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail now preserves the natural and cultural integrity of this unique coastal community by linking the roads and the people who use them through advocacy, education, scenic resource protection and roadway and Corridor enhancements.

Advocacy has awarded us a zoning overlay district guiding vigorous business enterprise while protecting our scenic resources and preserving the contour and character of our stunning dune and maritime forest ecosystem with its rich array of state, county, and city parks, rivers, creeks, and ocean shore habitat for native species, natural settings and historic landmarks.



Education has brought residents, visitors, and community and state leaders to an active awareness of the wealth of natural, scenic, and historical diversity in the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail. The Corridor's vital contribution to the quality of life of those who live and travel here, and of the value of proudly preserving it as a legacy for future generations through proactive community involvement and wise and respectful interaction with our environment.

We have enhanced our roadway and Corridor to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety improvements. Power lines have been buried and public structures retrofitted for storm-worthiness. Invasive plant species have been eradicated and the native biodiversity of the area allowed to flourish. Native vegetation has been restored or added to enhance the Corridor and its natural scenic vistas. Our natural resources are managed and sustainable.

Travelers of the scenic Corridor experience river vistas, salt water marshes, canopied ecosystems, native flora and fauna, and extensive tidal flats. They see a wide variety of wading birds fishing in the wetland areas.

Many come here to fish and to enjoy the natural beauty. Many stop along the way for side trips to visit museums, historic ruins, the tomb of James Ormond, and the famous old Fairchild Oak. Sun bathing, walking the beach, surfing, bicycling, bird-watching, hiking the trails, fishing and crabbing, jogging, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking, sailing and boating are every-day activities along the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail has joined nearly two dozen other scenic roadways as a Florida Scenic Highway, contributing to a higher quality of life statewide and serving as a model to other communities of how to live richly and well by staying in touch with our history and natural environment.