

# The Legacy Trail

- Largest recreation and first design-build project completed by Sarasota County
- Follows an abandoned rail corridor (Rails-to-Trails)
- Spans 10.6 miles from the historic Venice Train Depot through Sarasota

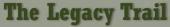


IMPROVING YOUR WORLD

# Brings History to Life

- Reflects the character of the historic rail corridor
- 19 interpretative signs educate users of historic and environmental sites







## Brings History to Life

• Restored, reused and replicated portions of the existing rail track, switches and eight trestle bridges





#### Improves Connectivity

- Links seven county and state parks
- Connects to the Venetian Waterway Trail, providing access to the Venetian Waterway Park and beaches







### **Improves Connectivity**

- Provides a safe bicycle and pedestrian route connecting six area communities:
  - Venice
  - Nokomis
  - Laurel
  - Osprey
  - Palmer Ranch
  - Sarasota

### Quality of Life



#### A Place to View Wildlife

#### **The Legacy Trail**

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### Friends of The Legacy Trail

- Supports, promotes and protects The Legacy Trail
- Boasts more than 140 members
- Trail ambassadors educate users and ensure safety







#### Creating a Legacy for Sarasota

- Grand opening attracted thousands
- Over 120,000 users since opening in March 2008
  Legacy Trail opens
- Numerous education opportunities for youth camps near the trail



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Cyclists and skaters open new Legacy Trail from Sarasota to Venice



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#### We'll See You on The Legacy Trail

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