

# River of Grass Greenway

[www.evergladesROGG.org](http://www.evergladesROGG.org)



Parallel to the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG) is a proposed hard-surfaced 12-14 foot wide shared-use path (separated from the highway) suitable for a range of non-motorized activities such as bicycling, walking, bird watching, photography, wheelchair access, fishing, and general enjoyment of the greater Everglades natural area. Upon completion, ROGG will extend from Krome Avenue (at the eastern edge of Everglades National Park near Miami) to the Naples area, a distance of approximately 76 miles.

Over 90% of the pathway is proposed to go within FDOT or SFWMD right-of-way adjacent to national and state parks, with potential for spurs to nearby historic and cultural centers including Everglades City and the Miccosukee Indian Village. Parks include Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, Collier-Seminole State Park, and Picayune Strand State Forest.

The Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) is the only cross-state corridor in southern Florida available to cyclists and hikers, and the only road access to many popular Everglades destinations.

The ROGG was conceived by the Naples Pathways Coalition (NPC), which continues to promote it.

## Focus on Education, Sustainability

ROGG is much more than a recreation and transportation corridor. An important focus of the pathway is the potential for environmental education and stewardship. The pathway will be designed and built for sustainability, with acute awareness of potential environmental impact. Addressing the needs of citizens, local businesses along the pathway, and governmental and tribal officials is crucial to the conceptualization and development of this unique greenway.

## State & Federal Grants for the ROGG

Federal Transit Admin. (FTA) grant through Sarbanes Transit in Parks program for Feasibility Study & Master Plan of entire 76-mile pathway. **ACTIVE**  
[www.miamidade.gov/rogg](http://www.miamidade.gov/rogg)

FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants:

- Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for 16 miles between CR 92 and SR 29. **Currently On-hold**  
[www.ROGGwest.com](http://www.ROGGwest.com)
- Design of 2.3 miles between 6Ls Farm Rd and CR 92. **ACTIVE**

FTA Sarbanes grant for PD&E of some segments in Miami-Dade County. **TBD**

Technical assistance from Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program 2008–2015 **ACTIVE**

# Letters / Resolutions of Support for further study of ROGG concept

- David Rivera (U.S. Representative)
- Mario Diaz-Balart (U.S. Representative)
- Collier County Board of County Commissioners
- Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
- Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Miami-Dade MPO)
- Collier County Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Dept.
- The Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- Big Cypress National Preserve
- Everglades National Park
- Collier-Seminole State Park
- Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Prk
- Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce
- Marco Is. Area Chamber of Commerce
- Convention & Visitor Bureau (Naples, Marco Is., Everglades)
- Collier County Health Dept.
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Adventure Cycling Assoc.
- Friends of Fakahatchee
- City of Marco Island
- City of Naples
- City of Homestead
- City of Everglades City
- City of Florida City
- Everglades Association
- Borrelli & Partners

## ROGG Vision Statement

The River of Grass Greenway is a non-motorized transportation and recreation corridor across the Everglades, connecting Naples and Miami, that promotes enhanced opportunities for education and stewardship of the environmental and cultural assets of this unique area.

## Citizen Support Organization

The Friends of the ROGG (**FROGG**) is dedicated to the establishment, preservation, and safe use by the general public of the ROGG. FROGG is an entity of Naples Pathways Coalition, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Become a **FROGG** to support ROGG, receive updates & action alerts. [www.evergladesROGG.org](http://www.evergladesROGG.org)

