

WHEREAS, this water trail is consistent with the [comprehensive land use plan of Lowndes County](#) regarding:

- II. Issues and Opportunities, 3. Community Wellness, Opportunities:
 - “Greater promotion of environmental clean-up, through organizations and programs such as Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful (KLVB), WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS), Adopt-a-Highway, Adopt-a-Stream, Rivers Alive, and the school systems, will address litter and pollution challenges.”
- V. Community Policies, 3. Wellness:
 - “3.4.3. An active, healthy lifestyle should be promoted through livable community urban design and development patterns, including hiking, running, and biking trails connecting urban and rural areas with parks and with water trails along our creeks and rivers.”
 - In 6. Natural Resources, Opportunities: “Promote education and awareness of water resources, importance of quality and quantity of water, historical resources, blueways, and boat landing locations (e.g. on the Withlacoochee, Little, and Alapaha Rivers).”
- V. Community Policies, 5. Land Use:
 - “5.3.4. Development patterns should be promoted that encourage walkability and integrate green spaces as well as both passive and active recreational areas, including hiking, running, and biking trails connected to parks and to water trails along the creeks and rivers.”
- As well as other passages; and

WHEREAS, many parks in Lowndes County are in the Alapaha River watershed, including Naylor Community Park and Riley-Ledford Park near Grand Bay Creek, Eastwind Park and Jaycee Shack Park at the top of Knights Creek, Chitty Park next to Mud Swamp Creek, Lovett Park, Greer Park, Payton Park, Scott Park, and Harrington Park in the Mud Swamp Creek watershed, including Olympic Park, Smith Park, and Fellowship Park only a few blocks from the Lowndes County Administration Building, and Library Park and South Lowndes Recreation Complex in Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the County has repeatedly supported parks and recreation with SPLOST and other funding, including approval by the voters of the County of the use of tax funds for the Naylor Boat Ramp through the 2013 SPLOST VII referendum; and

WHEREAS, Lowndes County has purchased land for a park at US 84 to provide public access to the Alapaha River with a Naylor Boat Ramp; and

WHEREAS, Lowndes County Public Works and the County Manager have agreed to make and place a pair of signs on US 84 directing people to the Naylor Boat Ramp; and

WHEREAS, Lowndes County Engineering has completed building the Naylor Boat Ramp;