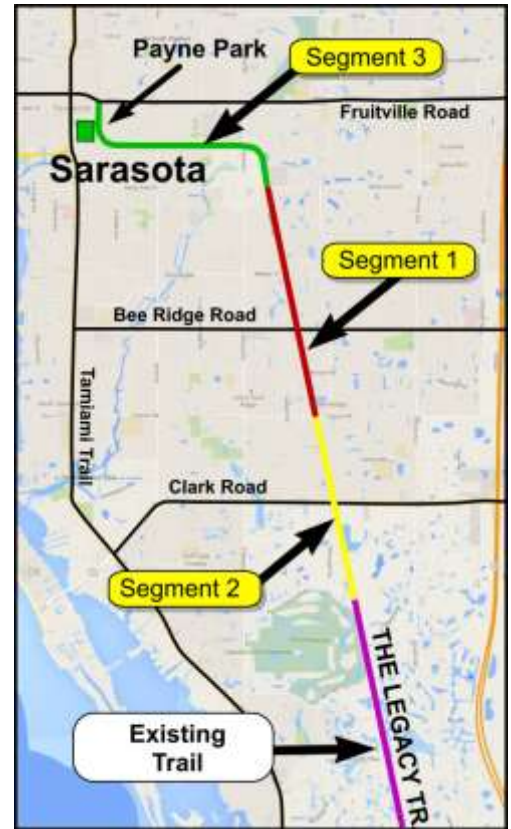


News You Can Use

LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION UPDATE

Sarasota County has announced that Segment 1 of the Legacy Trail extension, and portions of Segment 2 of the Legacy Trail northern extension are now open! This means the public can now enjoy the entire length of Segment 1, which goes from Proctor Road to Bahia Vista Street, and the portions of Segment 2 between Culverhouse Nature Park to Sawyer Loop and from just north of Ashton Road to Proctor Road. In June, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the North Port Connector, which will extend the county's interconnected trail system. In addition to the northern extension of the Legacy Trail, there will be new connections and trail improvements to enhance the City of North Port's connectivity to the trail.

With the extension of the trail, user safety becomes even more crucial. Attached are some tips on navigating the trail system.



Do you want to hear about the news on Palmer Ranch first hand? If so, simply visit our website: www.PalmerRanch.net. At the bottom of the home page, simply click on 'Sign Up For Our Newsletter.' You'll then be asked to provide your email address and first name. It's that easy!

Palmer Ranch Master Association – Mission Statement

'Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community'



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2021

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Q: What happens to the water in our ponds?

A: Most of it flows into Little Sarasota Bay and, eventually, the Gulf of Mexico.

All of Palmer Ranch's lakes and ponds are a part of a connected, man-made stormwater management system that is designed to help prevent flooding and maintain the Bay's water quality.

- Most of it evaporates—about 74%.
- The remainder flows into the Bay. Almost 35% of the water in the Bay is from direct runoff.

Our stormwater runoff flows into two creeks: Catfish Creek, which enters Little Sarasota Bay near Vamo, and South Creek, which flows through Oscar Scherer State Park and empties into the Bay south of Blackburn Bridge. We're part of the Little Sarasota Bay watershed—one of seven watersheds in Sarasota County.

A few facts about our watershed:

- It's 44 square miles, with 36 named lakes and ponds and eight named creeks and canals feeding into Little Sarasota Bay.
- It's home to oysters, manatees, sea turtles, dolphins, many species of fish, waterfowl, hawks, bald eagles, osprey, and much more.
- It has a healthy population of sea grass—nurseries of the ocean that support fish and shellfish and serve as food for manatees and sea turtles.
- Its creeks contain too little dissolved oxygen and too much nitrogen and phosphorous.
- Catfish Creek carries the largest amount of water in our watershed, and almost half the pollution load.
- The two creeks our stormwater ponds drain into—Catfish Creek and South Creek—do not currently meet Florida water quality standards.



Roseate Spoonbill – Credit: Mark Vance

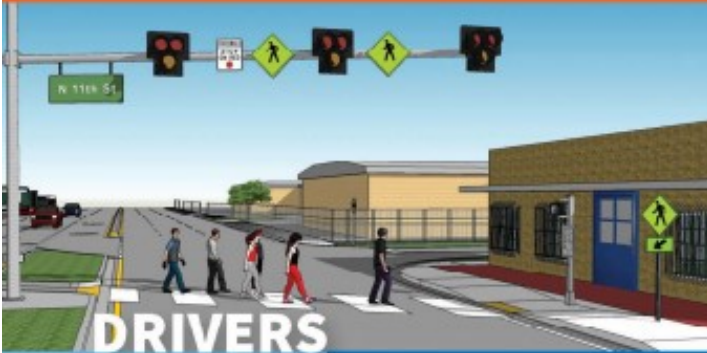
From fertilizing to applying pesticides to picking up pet waste (or not), many things we do every day affect our watershed. To learn more, visit: the Sarasota County Water Atlas at <https://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu> and enter "Little Sarasota Bay watershed" in the site's search bar.

NAVIGATING THE LEGACY TRAIL

Steps for a Safe Crossing



HOW TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON



DRIVERS

SEE THIS

DO THIS



GO!

FLASHING



SLOW DOWN
(Pedestrian has activated the push button)



Prepare to
STOP



STOP!
For Pedestrian

FLASHING



STOP!
Proceed with Caution if Clear

HOW TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON



PEDESTRIANS

SEE THIS

DO THIS



PUSH THE BUTTON
STOP & WAIT for "WALK" signal



START CROSSING
WATCH FOR CARS!

FLASHING



FINISH CROSSING



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