

Appendix B – Letters of Support

Department of Environmental Protection



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**Tomoka State Park
2099 North Beach Street
Ormond Beach, FL 32174**

October 5, 2006

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
P.O. Box 1807
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This letter is being written to support the designation of the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail as a Florida Scenic Highway. A portion of Pine Tree Drive, Old Dixie Highway, Walter Boardman Lane, and Highbridge Road traverse Tomoka and Bulow Creek State Parks.

The canopy of majestic live oaks over these roads are an example of roads from the “Old Florida” that are fast disappearing. As one follows these roads many historic sites are passed ranging from prehistoric Native American sites to British plantations from the early 1800’s. Numerous scenic vistas allow beautiful photographic opportunities and many pulloffs allow access to the adjacent waterways for canoeing, fishing, and crabbing.

Over 180,000 visitors annually come through the Tomoka and Bulow Creek parks. Most of our visitors use these roadways for driving, jogging, biking, and motorcycling. The parks provide maps of “The Loop” to visitors in order to promote the area and aid them in their journey.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail is certainly worthy of the Florida Scenic Highway Designation. If I can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Benny M. Woodham Jr.
Park Manager

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Florida Native Plant Society Letter from Charles Cuidera



Florida Native Plant Society

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Saturday, Sept. 9th 2006

To: Florida Scenic Highways Program Review Committee

C/o Mariano Berrios - Program Coordinator
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Salutations!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our membership, I am pleased to acknowledge our enthusiastic endorsement and support of the continuing efforts of the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Advocacy Group (OSL&T CAG) to win a "Florida Scenic Highway" designation for one of our local roadways, affectionately known to us as "The Loop".

As you may know, the Florida Native Plant Society's mission is education-based and informed by a wide range of scientific and professional disciplines. Through the agency of our twenty-eight affiliate chapters (with a current membership of over three thousand individuals and organizations) and our numerous programs, we endeavor: "To promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of native plants and the native plant communities of Florida."


As local native plant/ naturalist enthusiasts, we bear acute witness to the relentless insults, delivered by those either uncaring or indifferent, toward the natural systems that sustain all life here in East Central Florida. Our heartfelt wish is to promote the awareness that regardless of one's status and special interests, --the preservation of Florida's unique ecosystems is everyone's job and best achieved through concerted cooperative effort.

We believe that designating the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor a "Florida Scenic Highway," in concert with the uncommon protection and distinction it affords will prove an enormous boon toward achieving this end whilst fulfilling our society's mission.

Knowing I would soon be writing to you, I decided (quite spontaneously) to drive the scenic 'Loop' during the early morning hours of Wed. August 30th (the day tropical storm "Ernesto" visited Volusia County). I wanted to explore the question: *Why is 'the loop' so important to those of us in the Florida Native Plant Society?* It being an unusually spectacular morning (no doubt due to the approaching storm-front), I felt a natural invitation for a direct experience of 'place' to help me ponder the question.

In addition to an ethereal mist 'hanging' in the lowlands as I drove North on S.R. A1A through Ormond-by-the-Sea, what impressed me most was the timelessness of the scene I found.

There was not much left for my imagination to create, as I turned left onto Highbridge Road; the landscape before me could well have been as the Timucuan Indians experienced it before the Spanish arrived!

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Having received copious amounts of rain only days before, after suffering an extended period of near record drought (a deficit of almost 13 inches of rainfall), I saw pockets of vibrant color emanating from the fresh native wildflower blooms growing on both sides of the roadway.

As I drove inland, past acres of rugged Saw Palmetto protecting the fore dune of the coastal strand, everywhere I looked there were was an assortment of wildflowers in bloom (amid verdant shrubs and trees); all appearing robust and rejuvenated by the recent rains. In addition, I witnessed an abundant display of bird and insect species (dependent upon on these plants and others for cover and sustenance), darting lively about the landscape.

Traveling past Volusia County's Highbridge Park on my left and North Peninsula State Park to my right, I made my way across the bridge at the Halifax River. As the road descended onto an expanse of salt marsh, it occurred to me that when considered in its entirety, 'the Loop' possesses many of the habitat classifications found throughout East Central Florida; all within close proximity to each other (a fact that is well documented by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory).

As I rounded Walter Boardman Lane and turned left upon Old Dixie Highway, I realized that I had in a very short time already traveled through beach dune, coastal strand, maritime hammock, tidal marsh, and riverine habitats. I was now well within old growth hardwood hammock, under an expansive shade canopy created by the live oaks that lined the roadway.

It was quite gratifying for me to reflect on our good fortune that North Peninsula, nearby Below Creek, and Tomoka State Parks all lie within the boundaries of the East Florida Section of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Within the boundaries of Tomoka State Park alone, one hundred sixty-five (165) species of birds have been observed within the park and it's surrounding waters. Over one hundred fifty (150) plant species have been identified as native to this locale (some designated rare and endangered).

How fitting that these natural areas, so rich in native plant and wildlife, receive special protection and management for future generations to enjoy!

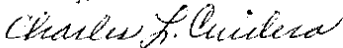
After a brief visit through the interpretive exhibits offered at Tomoka State Park, it came as no surprise to learn that the Florida's indigenous inhabitants, as well as the Europeans that displaced them, established substantial settlements along 'the Loop's periphery.

I truly believe that virtually anyone who takes the time to tour and experience what 'the Loop' has to offer, comes back with the feeling that they have just visited a very special place...like a gentle kiss upon one's forehead. Invariably, I experience a tangible sense of renewal and decompression with each visit!

In closing, as a resident of the North peninsula (Ormond-by-the-Sea), I would like to personally attest to the integrity and proven leadership of OSL&T CAG Executive Committee members, Chairman, Joe Jaynes (my former Volusia County representative -Council District IV), and Vice Chairman, Laura Bamberger, (a past President of Volusia County's North Peninsula Municipal Service District Board); both long-time proponents for winning "Florida Scenic Highway" status for 'the Loop'.

Pending your approval of the CAG's Designation Application and Corridor Management Plan, the administrative skills of Mr. Jaynes and Ms. Bamberger, acting together with a committed CAG membership, will be of utmost importance in ensuring success throughout the Implementation Phase of the Scenic Highways Program process. I have complete faith in the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Advocacy Group's competence to deliver and implement a plan worthy of the designation: "Florida Scenic Highway."
--May their efforts be a benefit to all in perpetuity!

Sincerely,



Charles Cuidera - Past President (2004), Pawpaw Chapter - Florida Native Plant Society
- University of Florida Master Naturalist & Volusia County Master Gardener

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For more information on: Native Plants, Wildflowers, and the Florida Native Plant Society visit www.fnps.org
Florida Natural Areas Inventory www.fnai.org

Cottages by the Sea of Ormond Beach

Cottages by the Sea of Ormond Beach
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Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Dear 'Corridor Management Entity' Group,

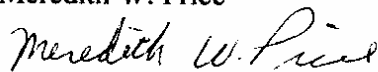
I wanted to contact and thank you for all the work you have done to save the beautiful natural areas north of Ormond Beach.

We have a small licensed business which rents individual private houses to tourists. Our houses are located, up the street from the beach, in Ormond by the Sea. Since we advertise on the internet, we have had people come to rent the houses from many different states and countries. Many of them ask questions about the same things.

Tourists who rent from us are very interested in seeing natural, traditional Florida. Of course they love to visit the beach and world famous theme parks, but they expect to see jungle areas, forests, palm trees and swamps. Ormond Beach has (still) the unique Loop region which tourists and visitors all love. People who visit the Loop for the first time are always in awe from the overhanging branches, swamps, birds and other wild life. They feel that they have had a unique experience that is not commercial, but natural.

Tourists bring money to our area which supports our economy through their spending and the taxes generated. We as a community should plan to retain our beautiful natural Loop for our own enjoyment and for the valuable tourist draw that it is. I support your work to attain Florida Scenic Highway status and wish you the best of luck in preserving this wonderful asset!

Meredith W. Price



President, Cottages by the Sea of Ormond Beach

Ormond Beach Historical Trust, Inc.



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August 20, 2006

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
PO Box 1807
Ormond Beach, FL 32175

Dear Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Advocacy Group:

The Ormond Beach Historical Trust would like to express our support for your efforts to obtain Florida Scenic Highway designation for "The Loop".

"Birthplace of Speed Park" is located at the Southeast corner of "The Loop". In 2003, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of speed trials on the beach. Just this past January, we celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the land speed record set by Fred Marriott in a Stanley Steamer. We had the largest gathering of vintage steamers in the U.S. and recreated a beach race followed by a ceremonial lap around the entire "Loop" by the steam vehicles. The event generated television coverage as far away as Japan and South Korea. Annually, in November, the south end of "The Loop" becomes the home of the antique car "Gaslight Parade" and vintage car show.

The Ormond Beach Historical Trust hosts "Trolley Tours" along "The Loop" twice a month. They highlight the many historic sights including the Ormond Tomb, Plantation Ruins and the Fairchild Oak. The tours are offered free of charge to school groups.

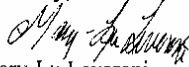
Many historic buildings are along the roads including several listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Anderson Price Memorial Building is home to free monthly "Discover Our History" lectures and that building is in the process of being renovated into a museum.

The historic Casements is home to the annual "Living History Festival" and many other events.

This letter could go on for pages detailing the historic sites along "The Loop" including the Timucuan settlement of Nocoroco and the "Lost Causeway" once used when timber for shipbuilding was a major Volusia County industry. We cannot stress enough the historic value of the area.

On a personal note, I believe that "The Loop" is a beautiful example of Old Florida. Locals always take out of town guests to "The Loop" as a must see. The visitors are always amazed the first time that they see it and make it their first stop on return visits.

Sincerely,


Mary-Lu Leveroni
Treasurer

Citizens for Ormond Beach, Inc.

Citizens For Ormond Beach Inc.
P.O. Box 31
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September 14, 2006

**Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
P.O. Box 1807
Ormond Beach Fl.32175**

Attn: Joe Jaynes Chairman

Citizens For Ormond Beach is a non-partisan, non-profit civic organization which is dedicated to the betterment of our city. Our membership of approximately 180 citizens is proud to endorse the concept of a Corridor Advocacy Group to preserve and protect the famous Ormond Loop and the scenic North Peninsula Trail.

You can count on our cooperation to help drive this project forward until these corridors achieve official scenic corridor status. And we look forward to the time when the CAG morphs into a Corridor Management Entity, at which time CFOB will be an active supporter.

Sincerely yours,


**Brian Daly
President**

Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce



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June 14, 2006

Mr. Joe Jaynes
Ormond Beach Scenic Loop Corridor Advocacy Group
P.O. Box 1807
Ormond Beach, FL 32175

Dear Mr. Jaynes,

I am writing to express the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce's support for the designation of portions of state Road A1A, Highbridge Road, Walter Boardman Lane, Old Dixie Highway, North Beach Street, State Road 40 and John Anderson Drive as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Highway.

We agree that this designation will help to protect, enhance, preserve and maintain this unique and important resource, while enhancing its value to residents and businesses. The Scenic Highway designation will increase the corridor's beneficial role in establishing our community's identity and attractiveness, while supporting appropriate economic development, recreation, and tourism. We believe the potential benefits of recreational amenities, resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement and public education are certainly worthy of our support.

Please phone me at 386-677-3454 if you have any questions or if we can assist your efforts in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Cripps', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Cripps
Executive Director

Member: U.S. Chamber of Commerce • Florida State Chamber Of Commerce

Democratic Club of the Halifax Area

Mary K. Garber, President
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August 23, 2006

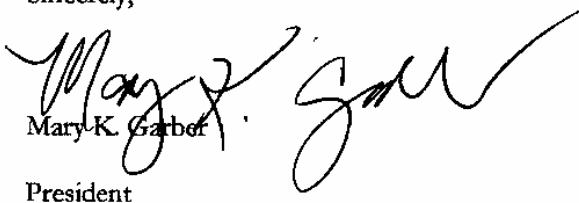
To Whom It May Concern:

As president of the Democrat Club of the Halifax Area, I would like to endorse the designation of Florida Scenic Highway to sections of Granada Boulevard, North Beach Street/Old Dixie Highway, Walter Boardman Lane, Highbridge Road, John Anderson Drive, A1A and a short section of Pine Tree Road (known as Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail.) At our next meeting in September, I will ask the club to issue an official proclamation of support.

The Halifax Democratic Club covers the areas of Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, Holly Hill, and surrounding unincorporated areas. The club has more than 200 members living and working in the greater Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach area. Many of them, including myself, live on or near the roadways being considered for Florida Scenic Highway designation and use the roadways and surrounding land on a regular basis for biking, hiking, and fishing as well as for commuting.

Each day we watch as more of old Florida's scenic beauty and unique natural environment is undergoing change due to growth or development. A survey of our members last year revealed that protecting Florida's environment is one of their main concerns. Therefore, we respectfully request that the above roadways be granted Florida Scenic Highway designation.

Sincerely,


Mary K. Garber
President

Flagler Audubon Society

To the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail

September 22 2006

The Flagler Audubon Board voted to endorse the designation of Florida Scenic Highway to sections of North Beach Street/Old Dixie Highway, Walter Boardman Lane, Highbridge Road, John Anderson Drive, A1A and a short section of Pine Tree Road (known as Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail.) Our chapter has over 300 members living and working just north of greater Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach area.

The roadways listed above all contain natural beauty, unique to central Florida. They either run adjacent to or through historic areas which contain remnants of past cultures (i.e.: sugar mills.) Much of the roadway is lined either by wetlands and marshes or by original oaks and palmettos which provide food and habitat for countless species of birds, mammals, lizards and aquatic animals. Migrating birds utilize areas along these roadways to rest and feed during their travels.

The ecosystem that these roads encompass is critical to the health of the bird and wildlife populations not only in Volusia County but also provides a vital wildlife corridor up and down the whole coastline. The Audubon Society of Florida is coordinating a major effort to focus conservation efforts on the end to end health of the coastal ecosystems and the loop is a critical part of the overall plan for wildlife survival.

With so many of central Florida's unique landscapes undergoing development, we believe it is imperative to preserve the remaining natural resources, whenever possible. To this end, we respectfully request that the above roadways be granted Scenic Highway designation.

Nell Jewel

Co president Flagler Audubon
Society

Ormond Beach Garden Club



*Ormond Beach Garden Club
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Ormond Beach, Florida 32176*

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Mr. Joseph Jaynes,

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail (new name)

P.O. Box 1807

Ormond Beach, FL 32175

Dear Mr. Jaynes,

The Ormond Beach Garden Club strongly supports the designation of Florida Scenic Highway to sections of North Beach Street/Old Dixie Highway, Walter Boardman Lane, Highbridge Road, John Anderson Drive, A1A and a short section of Pine Tree Road (known as the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail.) Our club consists of 67 members, many of whom are long-time residents of Ormond Beach, some residing on or near the roadways in question.

Our club slogan, "Ormond Beach Beauty, Our Civic Duty," quite literally proclaims our interest in preserving, protecting and enhancing the unique natural, cultural and historic resources found along the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop. For the past 55 years, our members have planted and maintained community and private gardens, raised funds to purchase trees and held workshops to educate ourselves and the community about the importance of protecting our natural resources. The preservation of the existing tree canopy and roadside wetlands is important not only to the quality of life of the people who live in the area, but provides food and habitat for countless species of mammals, birds and aquatic life.

We believe the scenic character of this corridor should be preserved and enhanced for future generations.

Sincerely,

Dorothy E. Hartley President, Ormond Beach Garden Club

Dorothy Hartley

Senator James "Jim" King, Jr.



SENATOR JAMES E. "JIM" KING, JR.
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August 30, 2006

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Citizen Advocacy Group. They are attempting to achieve Florida Scenic Highway status for approximately 30 miles of roadways in northeastern Volusia County.

Approval of their Eligibility Application from FDOT was received in July and they are now working on the Corridor Management Plan. The roadways run adjacent to the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway providing transportation routes for motorized vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Two large segments traverse scenic vistas of marshland, old growth oak trees and state park land. Other sections run through communities of well-kept single family homes and the main thoroughfare of Ormond Beach with businesses on both sides of the corridor.

It is my hope that the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail will be given favorable consideration for Florida Scenic Highway status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jim".

James E. "Jim" King, Jr., Senator
Florida Senate, 8th District

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East Coast Plein Air Group

Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail
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Attn: Volusia/ Flagler Environmental Action Committee

Re: Corridor Management Plan

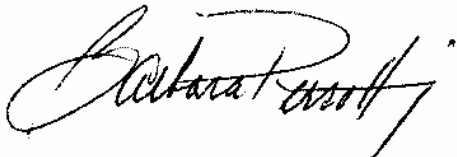
To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the East Coast Plein Air Group... we feel we have a mission to preserve and create paintings that represent what we know to be endangered lands to include what we deem as historical, archeological and natural resources. We have our work cut out for us. Many of our works can be seen through the following web site. www.pleinairflorida.org .

Three years back, in 2004 we focused on painting those areas designated to be the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail. This show was held at the Casements Cultural Center and was extremely well attended... it drew so much attention that we agreed to paint another area of Ormond.... not on the Loop, but also endangered..thus so, we played a hugh role in obtaining a grant to improve that locale. Also, we were brought to City Hall and the Mayor awarded our group with a proclamation of a job well done and set aside a special day just for us. This year our show will focus on Beaches.

Wherever we direct our attention, we remain dedicated to the Ormond Scenic Loop, known to be one of the most beautiful scenic areas of the South (and the most endangered). Therefore, you will always find painters from our group trying to capture its beauty. How better may we preserve for generations to come, what is so dear to our hearts. A painters life is filled with dedication. We do what we must do and will continue to do just that... with the wonderful support we receive from the area residents who share our mission... little by little, it is harder and harder to paint along the loop.... the increased traffic patterns, and other changes are quickly taking place.... how sad it is to see.

Most Sincerely,



Barbara Perotti
East Coast Plein Air/ Plein Air Florida
Who's Who in American Art

Shadow Woods Neighborhood Association, Inc.

**Shadow Woods Neighborhood Association, Inc.
4000 Old Dixie Highway
Ormond Beach, FL 32174**

July 24, 2006

Mr. Joe Jaynes
Chairman
Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Advocacy Group
116 Wilmans Blvd, Apartment 6
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Dear Joe,

This letter is to again thank you for appearing at our Annual Homeowners meeting on January 9, 2006 and presenting the goals and objectives of your organization. We offer our unanimous support for the designation of the “Loop” and sections of A1A as a Florida Scenic Highway.

As you know, our 125 member Association property “fronts” behind the Conservation Buffer on the West side of Old Dixie Highway at the North end of the “Loop”. We also have maintenance responsibility for the Conservation Buffer bounding our property extending for approximately ½ mile along Old Dixie Highway. In this regard, we continue to perform periodic trash pickup on the upper two miles of the “Loop” and monitor the preservation of the Conservation Buffer along this section of the roadway.

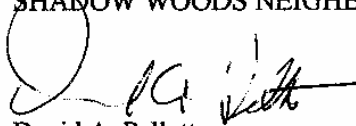
At our annual meeting on January 9, 2006, a motion was made and unanimously passed that:

“The Shadow Woods Neighborhood Association is to participate in the Ormond Scenic Loop CAG and support the designation of the portion of Old Dixie Highway known as The Loop as a Florida Scenic Highway.”

The “Loop” is an important part of our neighborhood. We thank you for your continuing effort as Chairman of the CAG and we appreciate your untiring efforts to improve our quality of life.

Sincerely,

SHADOW WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.


David A. Pellett
President

Halifax River Audubon

Halifax River Audubon

*P.O. Box 166
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July 5, 2006

Mr. Joseph Jaynes,
Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
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Dear Mr. Jaynes,

The Halifax River Audubon Board voted to endorse the designation of Florida Scenic Highway to sections of North Beach Street/Old Dixie Highway, Walter Boardman Lane, Highbridge Road, John Anderson Drive, A1A and a short section of Pine Tree Road (known as Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail.) Our chapter has over 500 members living and working in the greater Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach area.

The mission of our chapter is "To promote an understanding of and an interest in wildlife and the environment that supports it and to further the cause of conservation of all natural resources." Walter Boardman, for whom one of the roadways was named, was a former Conservation Chair of Halifax River Audubon. Our chapter installed a bird observation deck at Walter Boardman Pond in 1995. We conduct three bird counts per year in conservation areas surrounding The Loop roadways.

The roadways listed above all contain natural beauty, unique to central Florida. They either run adjacent to or through historic areas which contain remnants of past cultures (i.e.: sugar mills.) Much of the roadway is lined either by wetlands and marshes or by original oaks and palmettos which provide food and habitat for countless species of birds, mammals, lizards and aquatic animals. Migrating birds utilize areas along these roadways to rest and feed during their travels.

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Sincerely,



John Roessler
President

City of Ormond Beach – Historic Landmark Preservation Board



September 19, 2006

CITY OF ORMOND BEACH

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RE: Letter of Support for the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail
Corridor Management Entity

Dear Mr. Berrios:

The Ormond Beach Historic Landmark Preservation Board (HLPB) supports the designation and implementation of a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway, respectively. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail passes through the City's designated Historic District from North Beach Street to East Granada Boulevard and continues on Old Dixie Highway to John Anderson Drive. There are many historic structures along the corridor which tell the story of the City of Ormond Beach from the vacation home of John D. Rockefeller Sr., Bulow Plantation, Ormond Tomb, Fairchild Oak and the Dummett Plantation, to the historic southern homes of the Dix sisters.

Along this corridor, one can view a tremendous variety of indigenous natural Florida landscape including: beach dune and palmetto scrub with a view of the Atlantic Ocean, hardwood hammock and river views, cypress swamp, forested wetlands, marshes and pine forests. The HLPB supports the protection, enhancement, preservation and maintenance of the intrinsic resources of the designated corridor. It is our belief that the significant benefits of resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement and public education can result from the scenic highway designation. Please seriously consider Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway providing for the necessary enhancements to preserve its beauty, historic character and natural amenities in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Robert Thames
Chair, Historic Landmark Preservation Board