

Park & Recreation
Advisory
Committee
Ranking of 2024
Shared Use Path
Master Plan
Extensions and
Enhancements



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PARC Ranking Sheet - Suggested SUP EXTENSIONS (April 24, 2025 Mtg)

On/From/To	Suggested Extension	Committee Member Ranking	Notes
New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Rd to Main St	Provide a new Path connection along the south side of Periwinkle Way, behind the businesses, between Casa Ybel Rd and Main St.	1	
New Path Connection, Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd	Provide a new Path connection connecting Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd north of Periwinkle Way.	2	
Periwinkle Way, Dunlop Rd to Bailey Rd	Provide a Path along the north side of Periwinkle Way to improve access to businesses and neighborhoods, and to relieve congestion along the existing Path.	3	
Rabbit Rd, W. Gulf Dr to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Provide Path connection directly along Rabbit Rd between W. Gulf Dr and Sanibel Captiva Rd.	4	
Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot	Extend the Path from the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to the Fishing Pier parking lot.	5	
Dixie Beach Blvd, Royal Poinciana Dr to San Carlos Bay Dr	Extend the Path along Dixie Beach Blvd from its current terminus to the Parking lot north of San Carlos Bay Dr.	6	
Bailey Rd, S. of Bay Dr to Bay Shore Dr	Extend the existing Path along Bailey Rd from its current terminus to the parking lot on Bay Shore Dr.	7	
Algiers Lane, East of Camino Del Mar to Gulfside City Park Parking Lot	Extend the Path along the east side of Algiers Ln from its current terminus/where it turns through the park to the Gulfside City Park parking lot.	8	
W. Gulf Dr, Rabbit Rd to Dingman Dr	Extend Path west along W. Gulf Dr from where it curves at Surf Sound Ct.	9	
New Path Connection, Dixie Beach Blvd to Bailey Rd	Provide a new Path connection between Dixie Beach Blvd and Bailey Rd using the Royal Poinciana Dr and Bay Dr corridors.	10	
Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel Captiva Rd to Tarpon Bay Explorers	Extend the Path along Tarpon Bay Rd north of Sanibel Captiva Rd toward the Tarpon Bay Explorers.	11	
*Periwinkle Way, Tarpon Bay Rd to Palm Ridge Rd	Provide a Path along the north side of Periwinkle Way between Tarpon Bay Rd and Palm Ridge Rd.	N/A	*Completed (Funded by impact funds)
*Palm Ridge Rd, Periwinkle Way to Tarpon Bay Rd	Provide a Path along the west side of Palm Ridge Rd between Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Rd.	N/A	*Completed (Funded by impact funds)
Intersection	Recommendations from PARC	Committee Member Ranking	Notes
Wildlife Drive to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Add SUP from Ding Darling Exit to SUP at Sanibel Captiva Rd	1	
Wulfert Rd	Add SUP from Wulfert Rd at Wildlife Dr into designated end point within The Sanctuary	2	



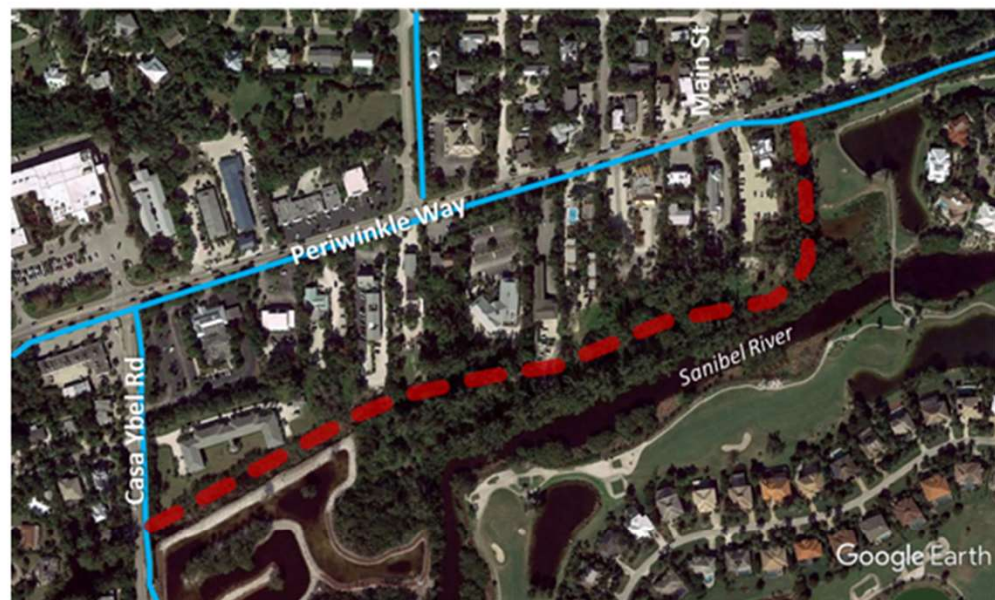
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9. New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Road to Main Street

Description: Provide a new Shared Use Path connection behind the businesses along the south side of Periwinkle Way between Casa Ybel Road and Main Street.

Opportunities: A new Shared Use Path connection south of Periwinkle Way, behind the businesses, could provide an alternative east-west route for scenic and leisure enjoyment and alleviate some Path congestion along a segment of Periwinkle Way that includes a high volume of commercial driveways intersecting with the Path.

Challenges: Further evaluation would be needed to determine if there is available right-of-way, otherwise right-of-way may need to be purchased or easements may need to be obtained. Depending on the alignment there would most likely be environmental impacts as the area is currently covered in heavy vegetation and is adjacent to the Sanibel River.





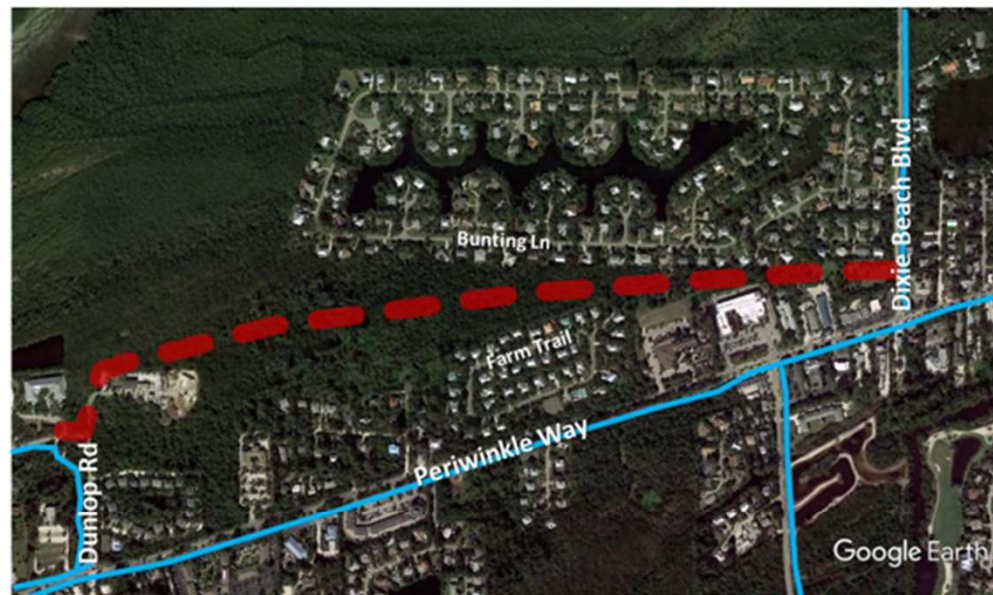
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6. New Path Connection, Dunlop Road to Dixie Beach Boulevard

Description: Explore possibility of providing a Shared Use Path connection through or adjacent to the conservation area north of Periwinkle Way to connect Dunlop Road to Dixie Beach Boulevard.

Opportunities: A new Shared Use Path through or adjacent to the conservation area north of Periwinkle Way would provide a parallel option to the Shared Use Path on Periwinkle Way and could help relieve congestion along a heavily used portion of the Path system.

Challenges: Regardless of the exact alignment there would be significant environmental impacts associated with constructing a Shared Use Path between Dunlop Road and Dixie Beach Boulevard. Public input would need to be sought as the alignment could route the Path adjacent to existing neighborhoods.





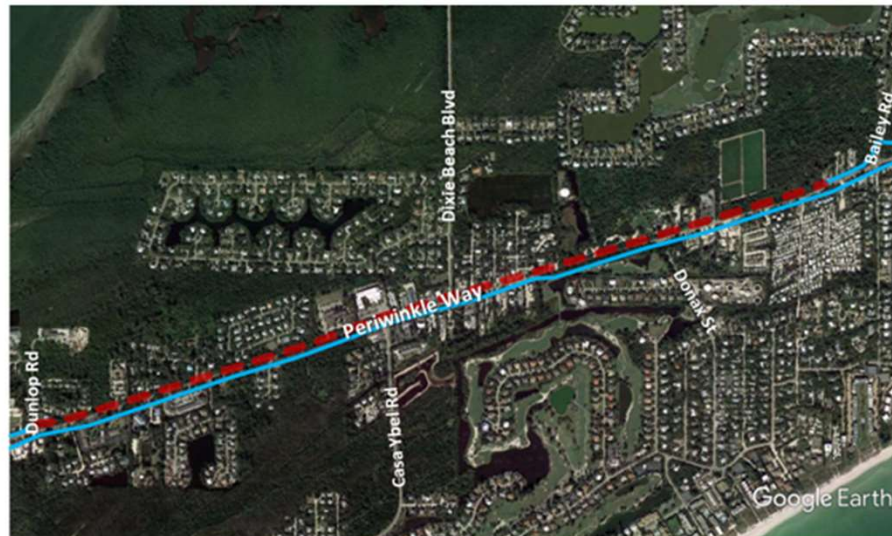
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10. Periwinkle Way, Dunlop Road to Bailey Road

Description: Consider providing a new Shared Use Path connection along the north side of Periwinkle Way between Dunlop Road and Bailey Road to help relieve congestion along the existing Path and improve access to the businesses and neighborhoods on the north side of Periwinkle Way.

Opportunities: could improve connectivity and safe access to the businesses and neighborhoods north of Periwinkle Way. Additionally, the Path could help alleviate congestion along the existing Periwinkle Way Path segment.

Challenges: Right-of-way along portions of the corridor is very limited; from Casa Ybel Road to Main Street the right-of-way line is located at the back of curb. In order to provide a Shared Use Path along the north side of Periwinkle Way between Casa Ybel Road and Main Street either right-of-way or easements would need to be obtained, additionally further evaluation would be needed to determine potential parking impacts to many of the properties located within this section. One option that may minimize impacts to parking and the amount of needed right-of-way, would be to consider providing a 5' monolithic sidewalk and curb through the section between Casa Ybel Road and Main Street. In addition to right-of-way challenges, impacts to the existing drainage system and environment would need to be further evaluated along with ensuring public support for the extension.



See Shared Use Path concept at the end of this Appendix.



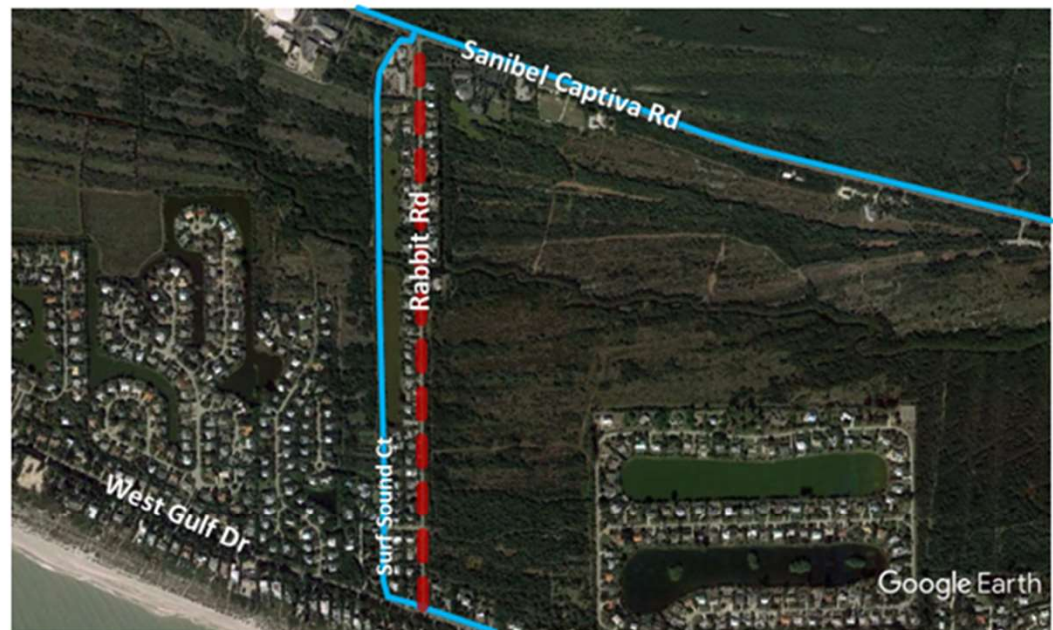
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2. Rabbit Road, West Gulf Drive to Sanibel Captiva Road

Description: Consider providing a Shared Use Path connection directly along Rabbit Road between West Gulf Drive and Sanibel Captiva Road.

Opportunities: Would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic directly along Rabbit Road. As an alternative to providing a Shared Use Path, on-street bicycle facilities could be explored as an option to better accommodate bicycle travel along Rabbit Road.

Challenges: Limited right-of-way and while further evaluation would be needed, accommodating a Shared Use Path may have significant drainage and environmental impacts, especially if located along the east side of Rabbit Road.





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13. Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot

Description: Consider extending the Shared Use Path from its current terminus at the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance north toward the Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier parking lot.

Opportunities: Provide enhanced connectivity and safe access to the northern amenities of Lighthouse Park including the Sanibel Fishing Pier and additional bike parking facilities.

Challenges: Further evaluation would be needed, but potential significant drainage, utility, and environmental impacts. Periwinkle Way becomes an unpaved roadway approximately 500' north of the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance.





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8. Dixie Beach Boulevard, Royal Poinciana Drive to San Carlos Bay Drive

Description: Consider extending the Shared Use Path along Dixie Beach Boulevard from its current terminus to the Bock Peace Park parking lot north of San Carlos Bay Drive.

Opportunities: Extending the Shared Use Path from Royal Poinciana Drive to the Bock Peace Park parking lot at San Carlos Bay Drive would enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections to the park.

Challenges: It appears that there is sufficient right-of-way available along both sides of Dixie Beach Boulevard to accommodate a Shared Use Path. Impacts to drainage would need to be further evaluated along with outreach to ensure public support for extending the Path.





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12. Bailey Road, South of Bay Drive to Bay Shore Drive

Description: Consider extending the Shared Use Path along Bailey Road from its current terminus south of Bay Drive to the parking lot on Bay Shore Drive.

Opportunities: Extending the Shared Use Path approximately 800' to the north would provide improved connectivity and safe access to Bayshore Park parking lot and facilities at the northern terminus of Bailey Road. This would help support the desire to connect people with island destinations and recreational activity centers in addition to a direct connection to one of the Sanibel Heritage Trail's points of interest.

Challenges: There appears to be sufficient right-of-way, however, impacts to drainage would need to be evaluated. Parallel parking is currently permitted along the west side shoulder of Bailey Road north of Bay Drive. If a Path was constructed along the west side of Bailey Road, it may impact the ability to permit parking along the street.





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7. Algiers Lane, East of Camino Del Mar to Gulfside City Park Parking Lot

Description: Consider extending the Path along the east side of Algiers Lane from where the current Path turns into the park to the parking lot at the end of Algiers Lane.

Opportunities: Extending the Path to the Gulfside City Park parking lot would provide additional connectivity to the park's facilities and access to the beach, which could help address parking demand.

Challenges: Environmental concerns such as disruption to vegetation and drainage would need to be further evaluated to determine the level of impact and feasibility of the extension. Special consideration should also be given to the potential Path terminus at the Gulfside City Park parking lot and how Path users would interact with an often-congested parking area.





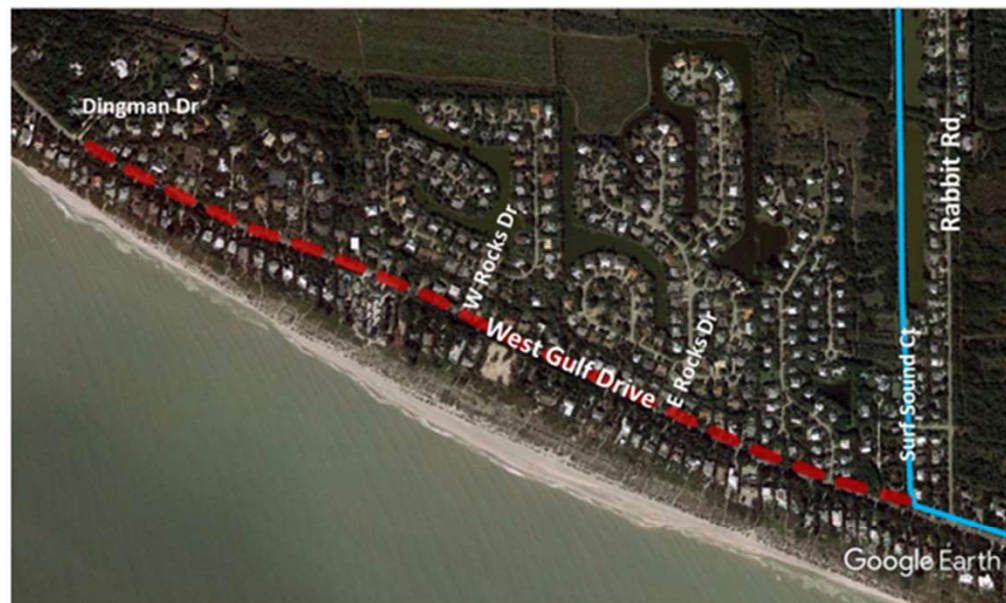
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1. West Gulf Drive, Rabbit Road to Dingman Drive

Description: Consider extending the Shared Use Path along West Gulf Drive from its current terminus at Surf Sound Court to the west towards Dingman Drive creates an approximately 1.5 mile extension.

Opportunities: Would provide direct Shared Use Path access to residents west of Rabbit Road along West Gulf Drive.

Challenges: There appears to be sufficient right-of-way along the north side of West Gulf Drive, but further evaluation is needed to determine extent of drainage, utility, and environmental impacts. Further public engagement would be necessary to gauge support for such an improvement, past suggestions of a Path extension along West Gulf Drive have been met with some public opposition and concerns of increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic from residents of nearby neighborhoods.





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11. New Path Connection, Dixie Beach Boulevard to Bailey Road

Description: Explore possibility of a new Shared Use Path connection between Dixie Beach Boulevard and Bailey Road in the vicinity of the Royal Poinciana Drive and Bay Drive corridors.

Opportunities: A new Path connection between Dixie Beach Boulevard and Bailey Road along the Royal Poinciana Drive and Bay Drive corridors could provide an alternative connection north of Periwinkle Way.

Challenges: Royal Poinciana Drive and Bay Drive are both private residential streets. A path extension in this location would entail acquiring necessary easements, which would require consent from all adjacent property owners. These neighborhood impacts would need to be considered along with whether the extension has neighborhood support. Additionally, there are potentially significant environmental impacts. Lands to the south of Royal Poinciana Drive and between Royal Poinciana Drive and Bay Drive are designated as Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation District. The land immediately to the east of Royal Poinciana Drive is owned by SCCF on street bicycle facility improvements could be explored as an alternative to Path improvements to help mitigate the need for right-of-way and/or easements; however, the existing pavement width is narrow, and if the connection through environmentally sensitive lands cannot be achieved, the path extension in this location does not provide an alternative to the Periwinkle Way path.





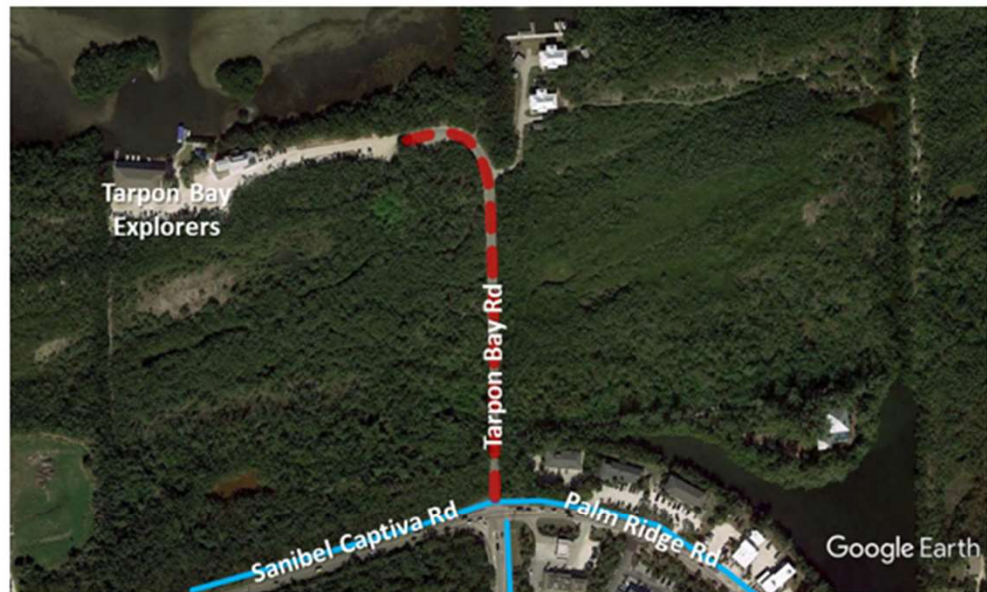
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3. Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel Captiva Road to Tarpon Bay Explorers

Description: Consider extending the Shared Use Path north along Tarpon Bay Road from Sanibel Captiva Road toward Tarpon Bay Explorers.

Opportunities: Path extension would provide connection between the Shared Use Path system and the Tarpon Bay Explorers Rental and Charter Company.

Challenges: Limited right-of-way, environmental impacts including mangrove forests and wetlands, and a potential Native American mound adjacent to Tarpon Bay Road would need to be evaluated before further consideration.



JN Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge Road Safety Audit



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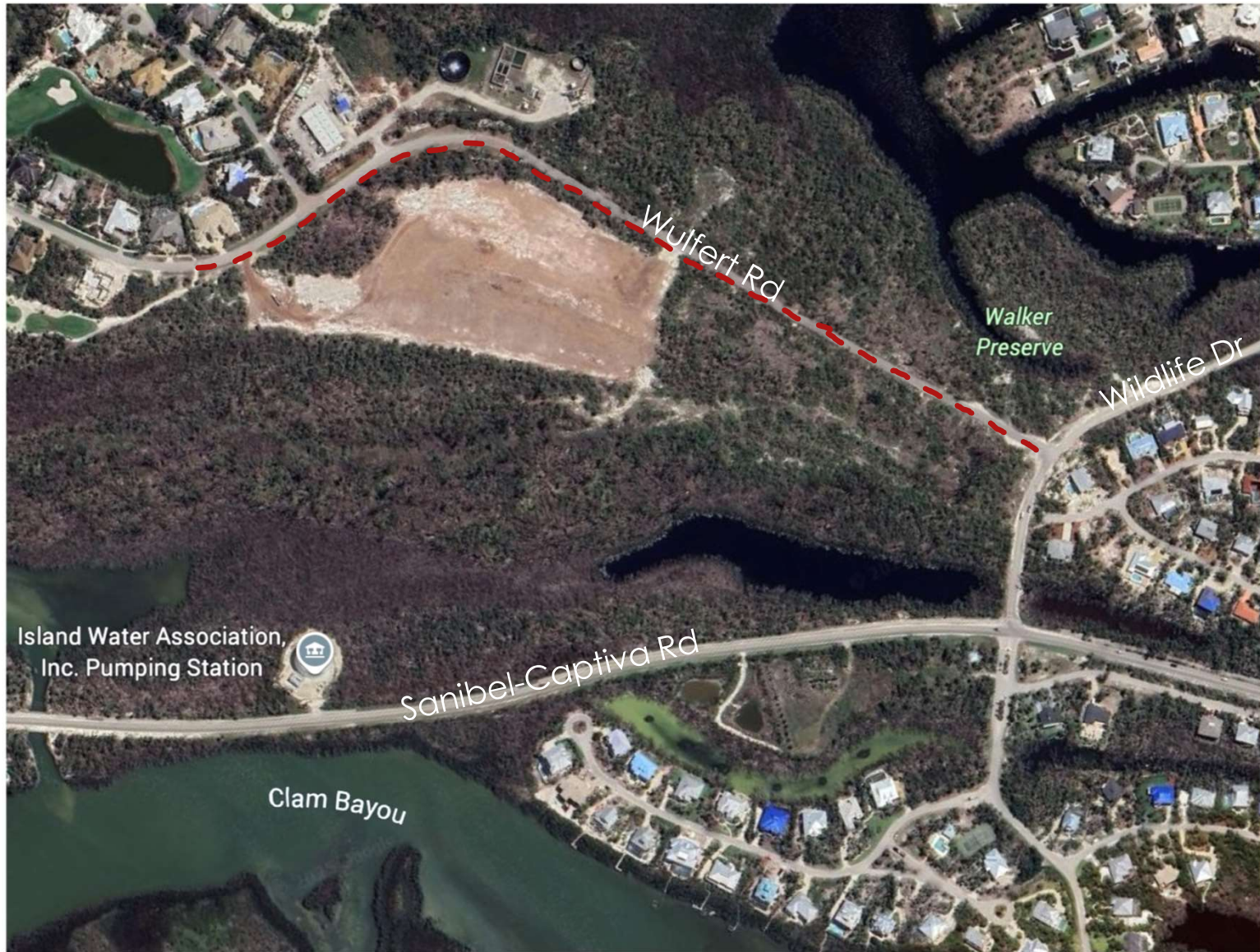


Wildlife Drive Section between "Alligator Bend" and Sanibel-Captiva Road

At the section of Wildlife Drive between the Refuge's exit and Sanibel Captiva Road, the roadway turns from one way to two way. Currently there are many incidents of cyclists going against traffic on this section of roadway, resulting in near misses between vehicles and bikes. It is recommended that the shared-use path be extended from Sanibel Captiva Road to the Refuge exit and it be placed on the south side of the road to avoid the utility poles. Adding this path would require wetlands in field delineation. A preliminary desktop assessment estimates approximately 350 feet of the proposed shared-use path passes

through wetlands (see memo in Appendix B). Similar to the path for the Tarpon Bay Road site, it is recommended that the portion of multi-use path within wetlands be constructed as a boardwalk. It is also recommended to refresh centerline pavement markings. To address speeding along this segment, it is recommended that speed humps be installed on both sides ahead of the horizontal curve. Lastly, tree trimming to minimize the tree canopy over the road which creates shadows on the vehicles and cyclists.





Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Ranking of 2024 Shared Use Path Master Plan Enhancements

PARC Ranking Sheet - Suggested SUP ENHANCEMENTS (May 15, 2025 Mtg)

Intersection	Suggested Enhancement	Committee Member Ranking
Periwinkle Way at Bailey Rd	Visibility and crossing improvements	1
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Rabbit Rd	Improve crosswalk alignment and visibility	2
Periwinkle Way at St Michael Church	Visibility and crossing improvements	3
Bailey Rd at Sand Castle Ct	New crossing potential	4
Causeway Blvd at Chamber of Commerce	General crossing improvements	5
Periwinkle Way at Roadside Park	General crossing improvements	6
Middle Gulf Dr at Cowry Ct	Improve visibility and crosswalk alignment	7
Casa Ybel Rd at Algiers Ln	Crosswalk alignment	8
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Tarpon Bay Rd/Palm Ridge Rd	General crossing improvement, assignment of right-of-way	9
Middle Gulf Dr at Par View Dr	Enhance connection to Shared Use Path	10
Periwinkle Way at Meridian Dr	Visibility and crossing improvements	11
West Gulf Dr at Rabbit Rd	Improve wayfinding	12
Periwinkle Way at Yachtsman Dr	New crossing potential	13
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Ding Darling Entrance	Improve visibility of Path users	14
Middle Gulf Dr at Casa Ybel Rd	Crosswalk alignment	15
East Gulf Dr at Nerita St	General crossing improvements	16
Intersection	Recommendations from PARC	Committee Member Ranking
1740 Periwinkle (Sanibel Community Church) and Periwinkle	New crossing potential (Committee Member Quillen 4/24/25 mtg)	1
Donax and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	2
Dixie Beach Blvd and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	3
Periwinkle and Tarpon Bay	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	4
SCCF Bailey Tract & Tarpon Bay Rd	Improve visibility and crosswalk alignment (Committee Member Arroyo 4/24/25 mtg)	5
Casa Ybel and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	6
West Gulf and Tarpon Bay	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	7

Seeking City Council Direction to Staff on Next Steps

