The quality of Sanibel's natural environment and the Island's economic base can both be sustained through the direct and indirect benefits derived from maintaining and enhancing the Shared Use Path system. Fostering Island-wide accessibility through enhanced pedestrian, bicycle and non-motorized forms of transportation will have many direct and indirect benefits, including reduced energy consumption, CO_2 emissions, automobile operating expenses and demand for multiple vehicle trips that contribute to congestion. The Island-wide condition and accessibility of the Share Use Path system also enhances property values.

The Public Works Department also reviews applications for development permits to ensure appropriate site planning and design of improvements to private property situated along the Shared Use Paths. The Planning Department also recommends amendments to the Land Development Code to address land use, design, site planning, and environmental goals, objectives, and policies associated with the implementation of the Sanibel Plan.

Figure 4-2 is a basic organizational chart that depicts the various City department responsibilities for the Shared Use Path system.

Shared Use Path Widths

The availability of right-of-way along with environmental and land use constraints often limit the City's ability to widen and expand the Path system. These constraints can create Path widths that typically would be considered sub-standard, especially given the number and diversity of users on the Paths. The current Shared Use Path widths range between 6 and 12 feet. (see Figure 4-3). As shown in Table 4-1, most of the Shared Use Path system (80.09%) is 8 feet wide or greater.

Table 4-1: Shared Use Path Mileage by Width

Path Width	Mileage	Percent of Total System
6 Feet	5.12	19.91%
8 Feet	15.18	59.02%
10 Feet	5.28	20.53%
12 Feet	0.14	0.54%

8-Foot Shared Use Path along Sanibel Captiva Road at Wild Lime Drive

Path Width
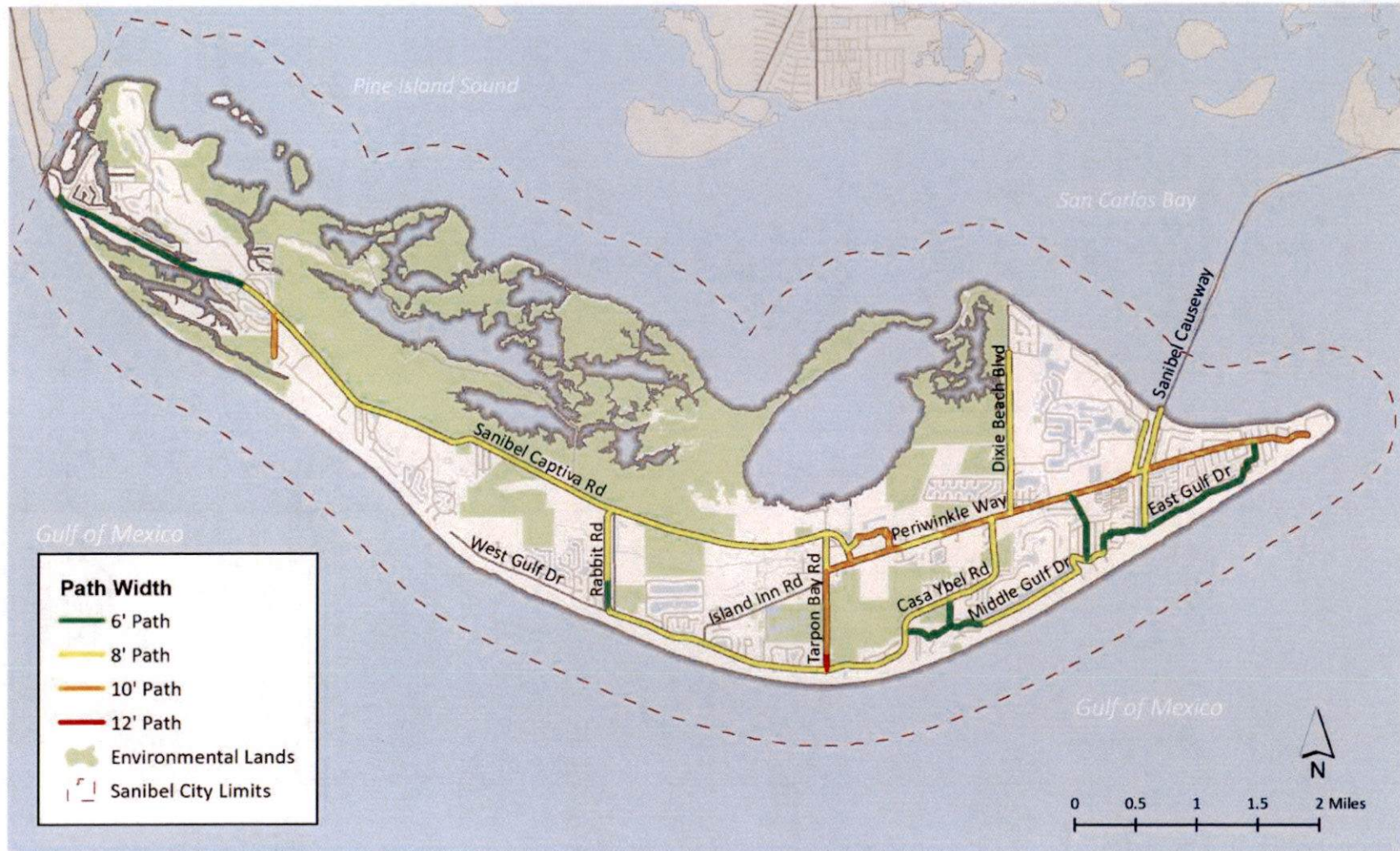- 6' Path
- 8' Path
- 10' Path
- 12' Path
- Environmental Lands
- Sanibel City Limits

Figure 4-3: Shared Use Path Widths