

## PARTNERSHIPS & AGREEMENTS

The groundwork for future partnerships and agreements has been established through the development of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies and the Action Plan.

The CAG has already established working relationships with many of the agencies, entities and specific individuals that will help form future partnerships and agreements. For instance, Jim Weimer from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Parks and Recreation, has been active in both the scenic eligibility and designation processes. The action plan items that relate to Paynes Prairie have already been coordinated with him and his agency and the CME will maintain and continue this partnership.



The Alachua County Department of Growth Management, Environmental Protection, and Public Works have been an integral part of the CAG and ultimately in completing the Corridor Management Plan. Alachua County representatives have written draft language for revisions to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan consistent with the Scenic US 441 Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. They have attended all of the CAG public meetings and workshops and have been extremely supportive in delivering the scenic designation and program benefits to their management and elected officials. The County's continued support throughout the management of this corridor through representation on the Corridor Management Council will be essential.

The University of Florida's Conservation Clinic was mainly responsible for the Scenic US 441 eligibility submittal and approval. The Clinic has continued to support the designation process by providing technical support from the Clinic's Director, Tom Ankersen and graduate student Michael Schmidt. The Clinic has now taken a more technical advisory role, as the CAG members and identified leaders have become more knowledgeable and better organized.

The Scenic US 441 and Loop/Spur Roads information booth that was established at this year's Micanopy Fall Festival was accomplished through partnerships with the Town of Micanopy, local businesses and property owners. Tom Staley, a homeowner along CR 234 in Micanopy organized the booth location and Worth Auxier and Sandy Burnett manned the booth during the two-day event. The booth was an excellent opportunity to inform local citizens and visitors about the Florida Scenic Highway Program and specifically US 441 and the Loop/Spur roads and receive their input and support for the designation. The CAG obtained approximately 400 signatures supporting the scenic designation during the festival.

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Partnerships with local businesses include Carol and George Goodwin of Goodwin Lumber who have participated in most of the workshops and meetings. The Goodwins have committed to supplying the wood necessary for building the “Old Florida Heritage Highway” signs at the entryways to US 441 (e.g., SR 331 (Williston Road) and the Marion County line).

The Corridor Management Council (CMC) or Entity will have ample opportunity to develop and foster partnerships and agreements with the CMC members and interested parties and individuals.