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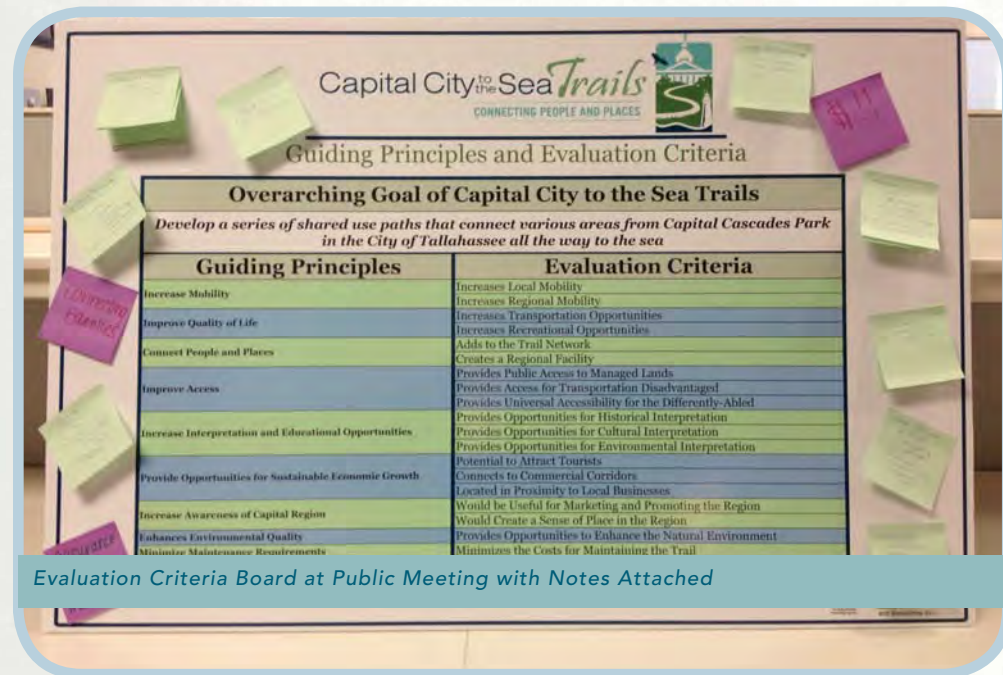
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The recommendations outlined in this section directly resulted from the significant public input received throughout the master planning process. The initial draft CC2ST network was developed as part of Public Workshop #1 and refined through stakeholder interviews, Tech review, and TAG review. The segments of the draft network were prioritized by the public during Public Workshop #2. *Figure 48* shows the evaluation criteria to which this input was directly applied, which was also vetted through the public involvement process. *Figure 49* shows the final ranking of CC2ST segments.

FIGURE 48: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Overarching Goal of Capital City to the Sea Trails	
<i>Develop a series of shared use paths that connect various areas from Capital Cascades Park in the City of Tallahassee all the way to the sea</i>	
Guiding Principles	Evaluation Criteria
Connect People and Places	Creates a Regional Facility (including connections to existing trails)
	Creates a Local Facility
	Enhances Connectivity to Existing and Planned Development (including connections via public transportation, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, and existing trails)
Improve Quality of Life	Increases Transportation Opportunities
	Increases Health, Wellness, and Recreational Opportunities
Improve Connectivity*	Provides Public Connectivity to Managed Public Lands (including connectivity to State Parks, National Forests, State Forests, Schools and Educational Opportunities)
	Provides Connectivity for Transportation Disadvantaged (Title VI Protected)
	Builds a better transportation network to attract differently-abled people
Provide Opportunities for Sustainable Economic Growth	Potential to Attract Tourists
	Potential to Draw Activity from a Broad Audience
	Connects to Commercial Corridors
Increase Awareness of the Capital Region	Located in Proximity to Local Businesses
	Would be Useful for Marketing and Promoting the Region
Minimize Environmental Impacts	Would Create a Sense of Place in the Region
	Provides Opportunities to Enhance the Natural Environment
	Can be Located Within Existing Right-of-Way
Develop a Maintainable Network	Minimizes Impacts to Floodplains, Surface Waters, Wetlands, Habitats, and Contaminated Sites
	Minimizes the Costs for Maintaining the Trail
Improve Safety	Improves Safety for a Variety of User Types
Includes Public Participation	Creates a Corridor Supported by the Public
Develop Strategic Partnerships	Provides an opportunity to develop a variety of partnerships with the public sector, the nonprofit sector, and private enterprise

*All facilities will be developed according to current applicable standards with the goal of providing universal accessibility



Evaluation Criteria Board at Public Meeting with Notes Attached

FIGURE 49: CC2ST SEGMENT RANKINGS

Rank	Trail	Total Score	Approximate Length (Miles)
1	US 98 Trail - from CR 59 (SMNWR entrance) to Ochlockonee Bay Trail (Surf Road) with TCC WEI Connector Trail	91.6	27
2	Trout Pond Trail North – from Tallahassee to Bloxham Cutoff Rd (SR 267)	89.9	14
3	Bloxham Cutoff Trail (SR 267)	76.6	14
4	Trout Pond Trail South – from Bloxham Cutoff Rd (SR 267) to Sopchoppy	76.3	15-18
5	Wakulla Springs Trail	69.1	12
6	Shadeville Highway Trail	61.4	9
7	Sopchoppy Trail	59.7	5
8	Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road Trail	54.9	9
9	Franklin County Connector	54.7	8
10	Spring Creek Trail	53.4	4
11	Otter Lake Trail	50.7	2
12	Shell Point Trail	47.1	6-7
13	Wakulla Beach Trail	40.1	4

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PROJECT 1: U.S. 98 FROM C.R. 59 TO OCHLOCKONEE BAY TRAIL (SURF ROAD) WITH TCC WEI CONNECTOR TRAIL

This Class 1 Trail segment ranked highest among all corridors based on several factors. C.R. 59 (the eastern terminus for this segment) is the entrance into the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, a popular destination for residents and visitors to the region. The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge has picnic areas, kayak launches, the St. Marks Historic Light House, unpaved trails, and much more that makes this one of top attractions in the study area. The existing St. Marks Trail connects to this proposed segment of CC2ST so trail users would be able to travel from the City of Tallahassee to the coast. Ochlockonee Bay Trail (OBT) (the western terminus for this segment) follows along Surf Road. Some segments of OBBT have been constructed; the remainder of OBBT is anticipated to be completed by 2019. The coastal communities of Panacea and the City of St. Marks are located along this segment, and, once OBBT is complete, the City of Sopchoppy will also be accessible via this connection.

Another reason this segment was the highest ranked project is its accessibility to schools. Entrances into Medart Elementary School, Wakulla Middle School, and Wakulla High School are located along U.S. 98. This segment will allow students and faculty to access the schools along this segment of the network. Other resources located along this segment are Woolley Park, Newport Park, and Medart Recreation Park, and Wildwood Golf and Country Club. This segment also parallels part of the Florida National Scenic Trail and crosses over the Wakulla River State Paddling Trail. While this corridor is separate from the Florida National Scenic Trail, some amenities such as trailheads and parking could benefit both trails. Included in this segment is the connector trail into the TCC WEI, potentially a top attraction in Wakulla County in coming years. The total length of this segment is approximately 27 miles.

Potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along U.S. 98
- Designated bicycle lanes along U.S. 98
- No build alternative



St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

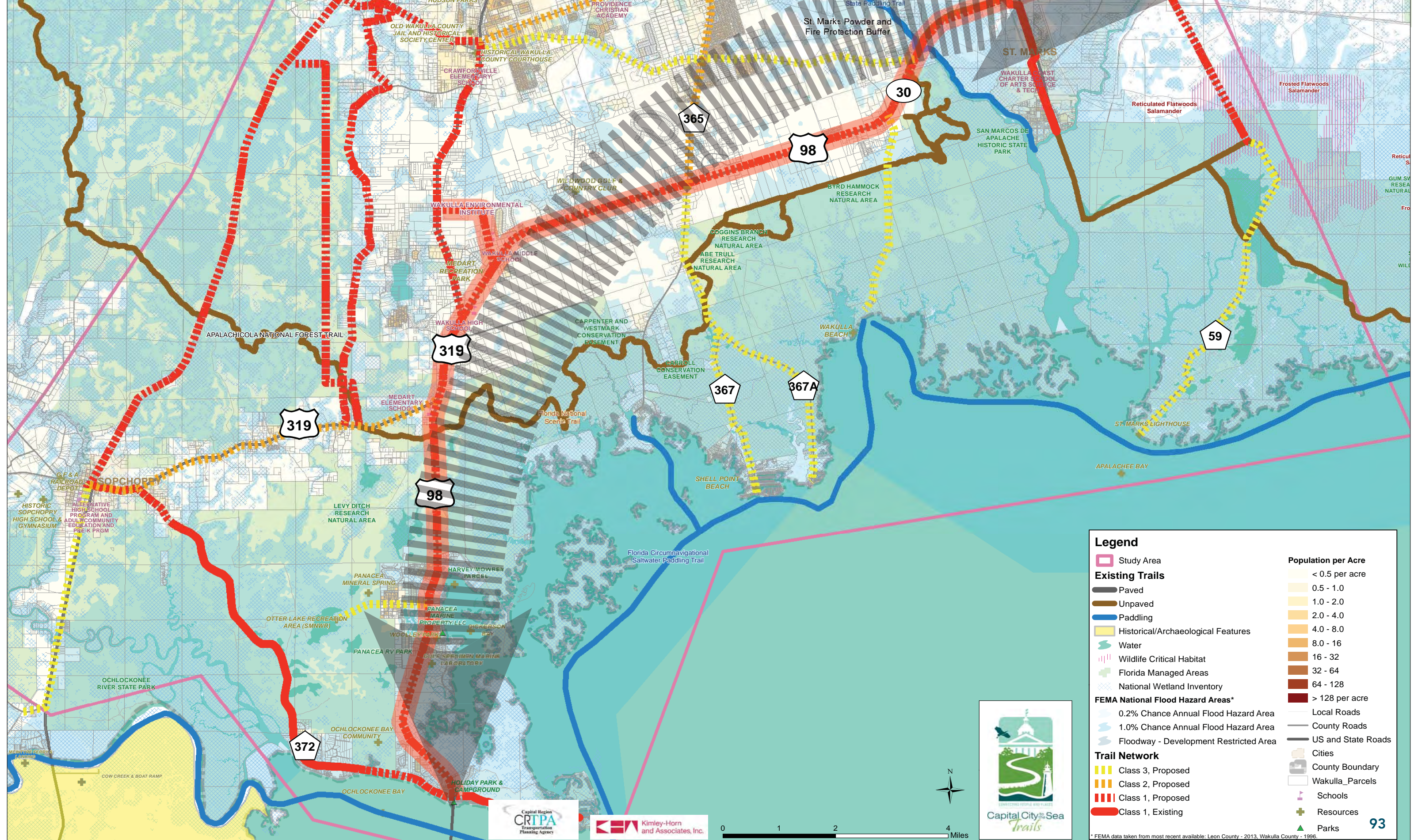


Bridge Over the Wakulla River on U.S. 98



Signage in St. Marks

FIGURE 50: U.S. 98 FROM C.R. 59 TO OCHLOCKONEE BAY TRAIL (SURF ROAD) WITH TCC WEI CONNECTOR TRAIL



Legend

Study Area	< 0.5 per acre
Existing Trails	0.5 - 1.0
Paved	1.0 - 2.0
Unpaved	2.0 - 4.0
Paddling	4.0 - 8.0
Historical/Archaeological Features	8.0 - 16
Water	16 - 32
Wildlife Critical Habitat	32 - 64
Florida Managed Areas	64 - 128
National Wetland Inventory	> 128 per acre
FEMA National Flood Hazard Areas*	Local Roads
0.2% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area	County Roads
1.0% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area	US and State Roads
Floodway - Development Restricted Area	Cities
Trail Network	County Boundary
Class 3, Proposed	Wakulla_Parcel
Class 2, Proposed	Schools
Class 1, Proposed	Resources
Class 1, Existing	Parks

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PROJECT 2: TROUT POND TRAIL NORTH FROM TALLAHASSEE TO BLOXHAM CUTOFF ROAD (S.R. 267)

This Class 1 Trail segment was the second highest ranked project for CC2ST. This segment includes the existing Georgia, Florida, and Alabama (GF&A) Trail at Trout Pond, a 2.4 mile shared-use path on the old GF&A Railroad corridor. Extending this existing trail will strengthen its appeal to users and bring a broader range of user types to the area. This segment will also connect Trout Pond Trail to the City of Tallahassee. The City of Tallahassee currently has several initiatives to make the community more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, including the Gaines Street Revitalization, FAMU Way Extension, and Capital Cascades Trail and Park. There is also an ongoing project to extend the shared-use path on Capital Circle to Capital Circle Southwest. With the Capital Circle construction and this proposed segment of CC2ST, the existing St. Marks Trail will connect to Trout Pond Trail.

Other connections that can be made with this segment include Lake Henrietta, Lake Alberta, Lake Munson, Jake Gaither Golf Course, and Springsax Park. This segment will also connect to Capital Circle from the Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) via Munson Slough. This segment will also enhance connectivity between Leon County and Wakulla County, by way of Bloxham Cutoff Road (S.R. 267).

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along L.L. Wallace Road, U.S. 319, Rivers Road, and Munson Slough
- Shared-use path along Springhill Road
- Shared-use path through the Apalachicola National Forest
- Shared-use path along perimeter of Apalachicola National Forest
- Designated bicycle lanes along Springhill Road
- No build alternatives



LL Wallace Road in the Apalachicola National Forest



Lake Elberta Near FSU and FAMU Campuses



Existing Segment of Trout Pond Trail

FIGURE 51: TROUT POND TRAIL NORTH FROM TALLAHASSEE TO BLOXHAM CUTOFF ROAD (S.R. 267)

Legend

Study Area
 Study Area

Trail Class, Status

- Class 1, Existing
- Class 1, Proposed
- Class 2, Proposed
- Class 3, Proposed

Existing Trails

- Paved
- Unpaved
- Paddling

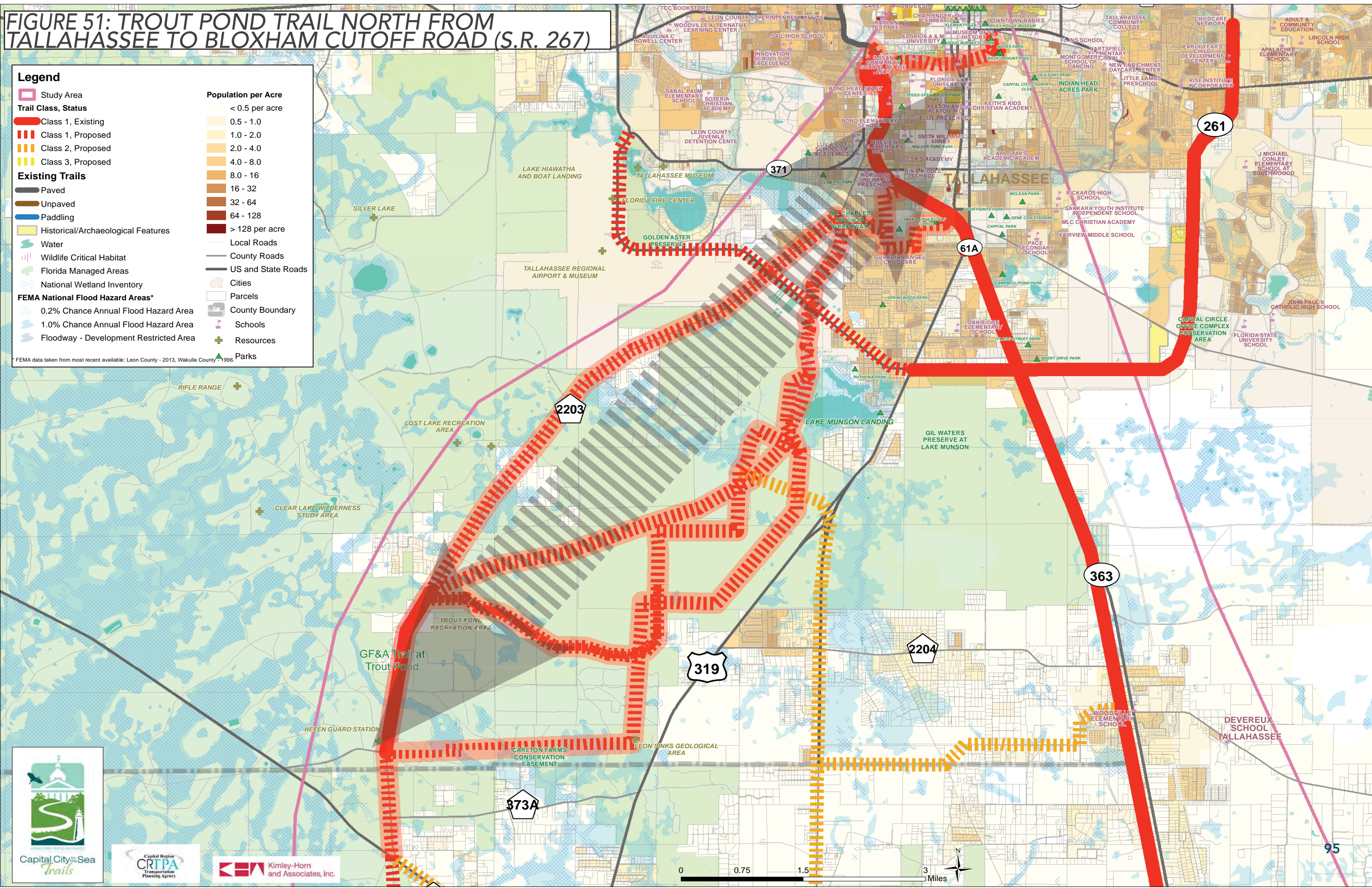
Other Features

- Historical/Archaeological Features
- Water
- Wildlife Critical Habitat
- Florida Managed Areas
- National Wetland Inventory
- FEMA National Flood Hazard Areas*
 - 0.2% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area
 - 1.0% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area
 - Floodway - Development Restricted Area
- Local Roads
- County Roads
- US and State Roads
- Cities
- Parcels
- County Boundary
- Schools
- Resources
- Parks

Population per Acre

- < 0.5 per acre
- 0.5 - 1.0
- 1.0 - 2.0
- 2.0 - 4.0
- 4.0 - 8.0
- 8.0 - 16
- 16 - 32
- 32 - 64
- 64 - 128
- > 128 per acre

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PROJECT 3: BLOXHAM CUTOFF TRAIL (S.R. 267)

The third highest ranked segment for CC2ST is the Bloxham Cutoff Trail, from Springhill Road, south of Trout Pond Trail to Woodville Highway. This Class 2 Trail segment would connect the ANF to Wakulla State Forest and Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. These natural areas are major attractions for residents and visitors alike, and making these locations accessible by trail will only enhance their appeal. This segment could also provide a connection to the proposed Heritage Village and Riversink Elementary School. Bloxham Cutoff Trail can also connect the extension of Trout Pond Trail to the existing St. Marks Trail. Another important feature of this segment is the Big Bend Scenic Byway (BBSB), a nationally recognized scenic highway, which goes along Bloxham Cutoff Road. The trail would serve as an intrinsic resource that would enhance the BBSB.

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along Bloxham Cutoff Road
- Shared-use path along Bloxham Cutoff Road, then routing through Wakulla State Forest or Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park
- Designated bicycle lanes along Bloxham Cutoff Road
- No build alternative



Bloxham Cutoff Road



Trail in the Wakulla State Forest



Signage at Wakulla State Forest Trailhead along Bloxham Cutoff Road

FIGURE 52: BLOXHAM CUTOFF TRAIL (S.R. 267)

Legend

Trail Class, Status

- Class 1, Existing (Red solid line)
- Class 1, Proposed (Red dashed line)
- Class 2, Proposed (Orange dashed line)
- Class 3, Proposed (Yellow dashed line)

Existing Trails

- Paved (Grey line)
- Unpaved (Brown line)
- Paddling (Blue line)
- Historical/Archaeological Features (Yellow shaded area)
- Water (Blue area)
- Wildlife Critical Habitat (Pink hatched area)
- Florida Managed Areas (Green hatched area)
- National Wetland Inventory (Blue hatched area)

FEMA National Flood Hazard Areas*

- 0.2% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area (Light blue shaded area)
- 1.0% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area (Medium blue shaded area)
- Floodway - Development Restricted Area (Dark blue shaded area)

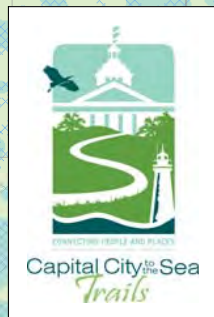
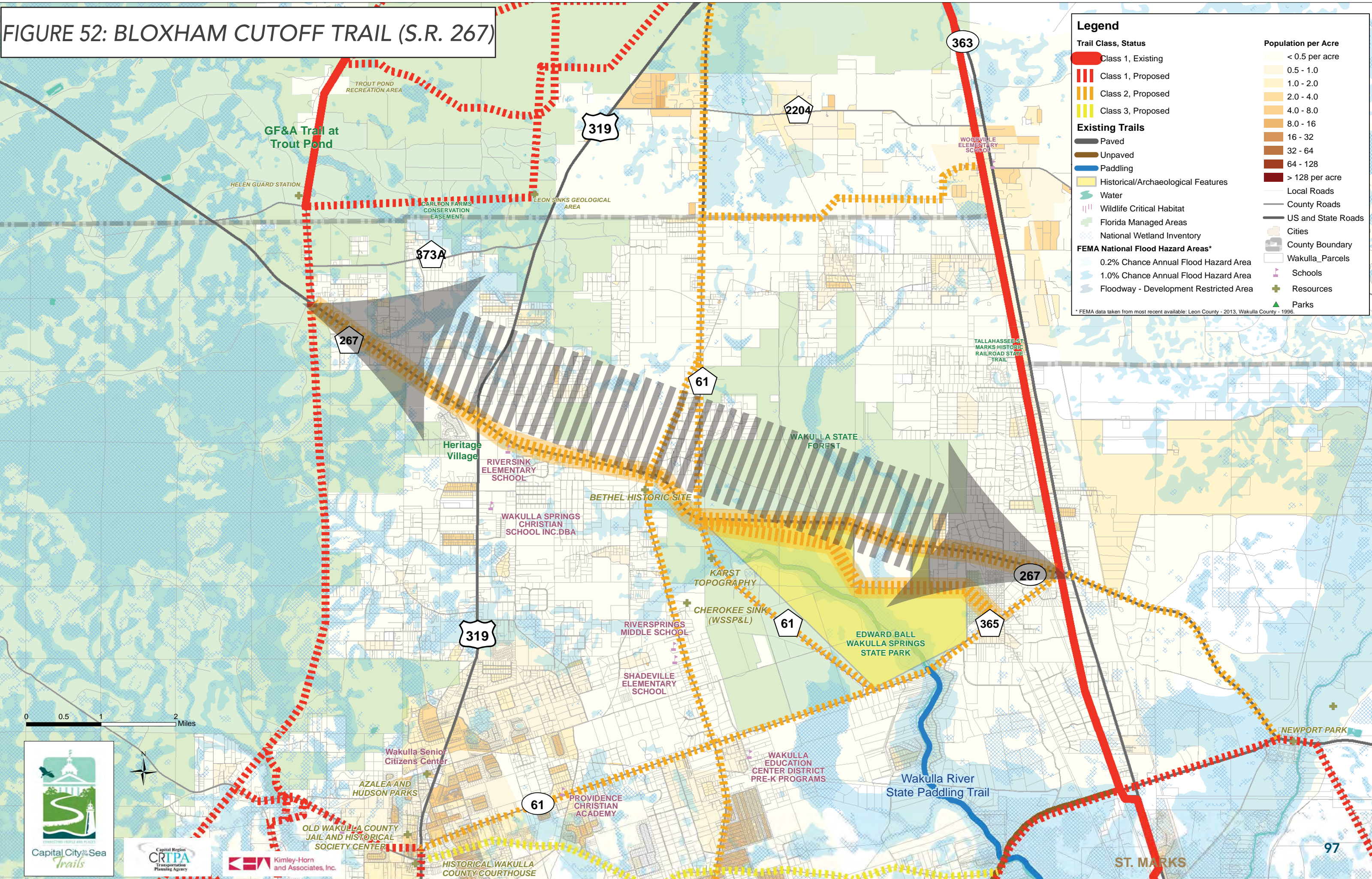
Population per Acre

- < 0.5 per acre (Lightest yellow)
- 0.5 - 1.0 (Light yellow)
- 1.0 - 2.0 (Yellow)
- 2.0 - 4.0 (Light orange)
- 4.0 - 8.0 (Orange)
- 8.0 - 16 (Dark orange)
- 16 - 32 (Brownish orange)
- 32 - 64 (Brown)
- 64 - 128 (Dark brown)
- > 128 per acre (Darkest brown)

Other Features

- Local Roads (Thin grey line)
- County Roads (Thick grey line)
- US and State Roads (Thick black line)
- Cities (Grey area)
- County Boundary (Thick grey line)
- Wakulla_Parcel (Thin grey line)
- Schools (Purple icon)
- Resources (Green icon)
- Parks (Green triangle icon)

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PROJECT 4: TROUT POND TRAIL SOUTH FROM BLOXHAM CUTOFF ROAD (S.R. 267) TO SOPCHOPPY

This Class 1 Trail segment would connect Bloxham Cutoff Road to Sopchoppy, connecting the City of Sopchoppy to the existing Trout Pond Trail, which will connect to the City of Tallahassee by way of Project 2, noted above. This segment will also connect the City of Sopchoppy to the town of Crawfordville. A connection to U.S. 319, which is a commercial corridor in Wakulla County, will also be a part of this segment.

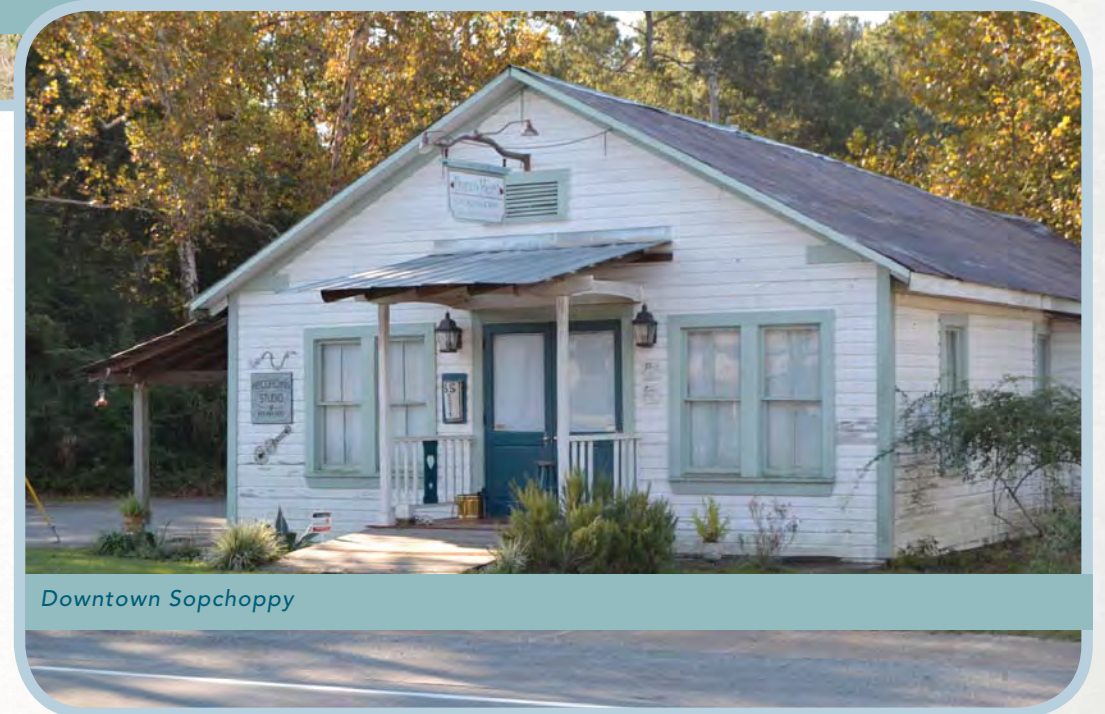
One of the potential alternatives would connect to the TCC WEI. That same route would also connect to the U.S. 98 corridor. Other potential alternatives for this segment provide access to the Apalachicola National Forest as well as the following proposed CC2ST segments: U.S. 98 from C.R. 59 to Ochlockonee Bay Trail (Surf Road), Bloxham Cutoff Trail, MLK, Jr. Memorial Road Trail, and Shadeville Highway Trail.

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along the abandoned GF&A Rail corridor, along Arran Road, and along U.S. 319
- Shared-use path along the abandoned GF&A Rail corridor
- Shared-use path along the abandoned GF&A Rail corridor then along Lawhon Mill Road
- Shared-use path along the perimeter of the Apalachicola National Forest
- Designated bicycle lanes along U.S. 319
- No build alternative



Old GF&A Rail Corridor



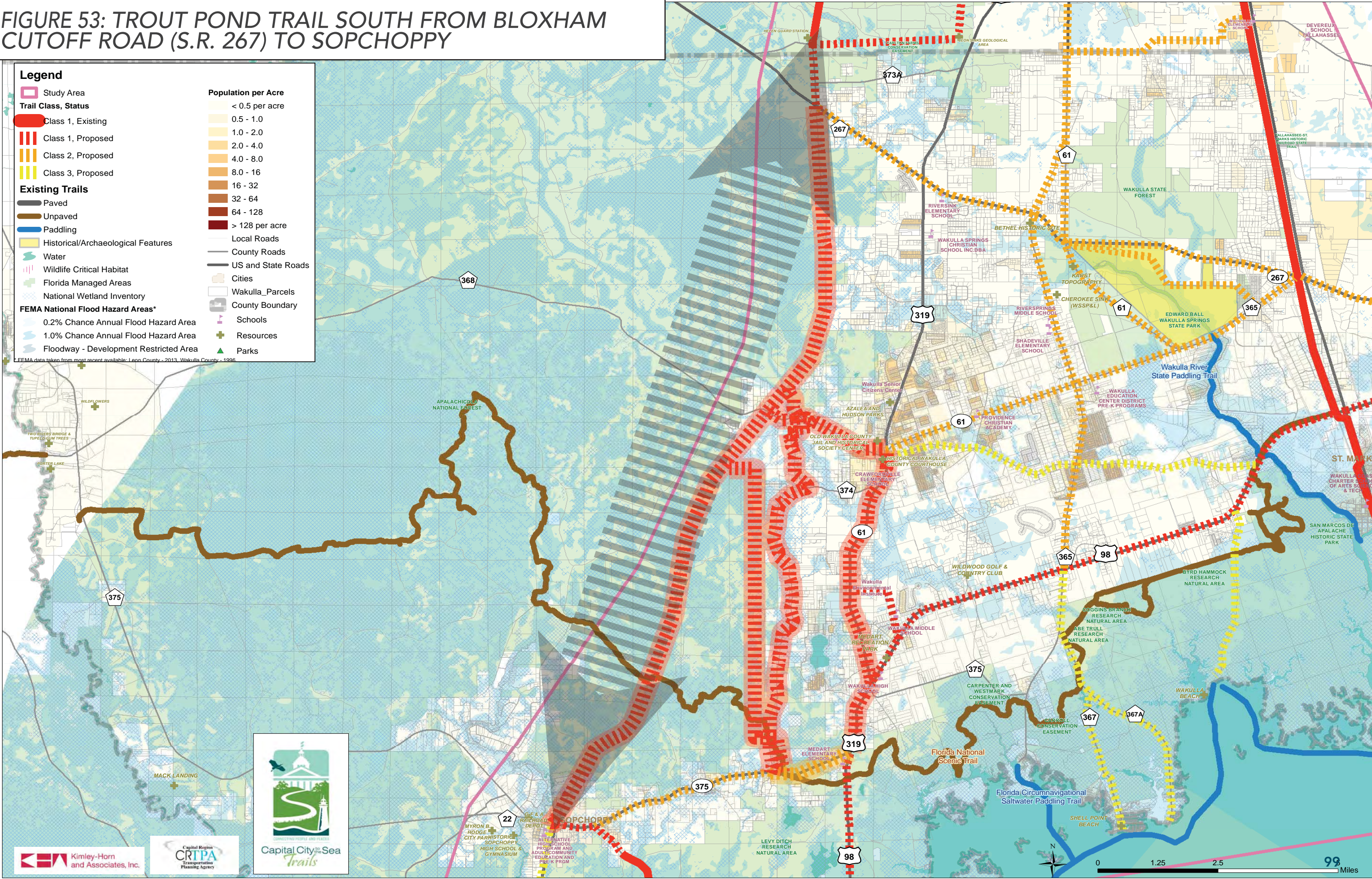
Downtown Sopchoppy

FIGURE 53: TROUT POND TRAIL SOUTH FROM BLOXHAM CUTOFF ROAD (S.R. 267) TO SOPCHOPPY

Legend

- Study Area**
 - Study Area
- Trail Class, Status**
 - Class 1, Existing
 - Class 1, Proposed
 - Class 2, Proposed
 - Class 3, Proposed
- Existing Trails**
 - Paved
 - Unpaved
 - Paddling
- Other Features**
 - Historical/Archaeological Features
 - Water
 - Wildlife Critical Habitat
 - Florida Managed Areas
 - National Wetland Inventory
 - FEMA National Flood Hazard Areas*
 - 0.2% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area
 - 1.0% Chance Annual Flood Hazard Area
 - Floodway - Development Restricted Area
- Population per Acre**
 - < 0.5 per acre
 - 0.5 - 1.0
 - 1.0 - 2.0
 - 2.0 - 4.0
 - 4.0 - 8.0
 - 8.0 - 16
 - 16 - 32
 - 32 - 64
 - 64 - 128
 - > 128 per acre
- Infrastructure**
 - Local Roads
 - County Roads
 - US and State Roads
 - Cities
 - Wakulla_Parcel
 - County Boundary
 - Schools
 - Resources
 - Parks

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PROJECT 5: WAKULLA SPRINGS TRAIL

This Class 3 Trail segment follows the scenic Wakulla Springs Road, which connects U.S. 319 to Bloxham Cutoff Road where Wakulla State Forest and Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park are located. The other proposed CC2ST segments that the Wakulla Springs Trail would connect are: Tallahassee to Trout Pond Trail, the existing St. Marks Trail, Spring Creek Highway Trail, Bloxham Cutoff Trail, and Shadeville Highway Trail. This segment may also provide a connection to the community of Woodville and Woodville Elementary School.

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along C.R. 61 and along County Line Road, Sunflower Road, and Elgin Road
- Designated bicycle lanes on C.R. 61, County Line Road, Sunflower Road, and Elgin Road
- Shared land markings on Elgin Road and Sunflower Road with designated bicycle lanes on County Line Road and C.R. 61
- No build alternative

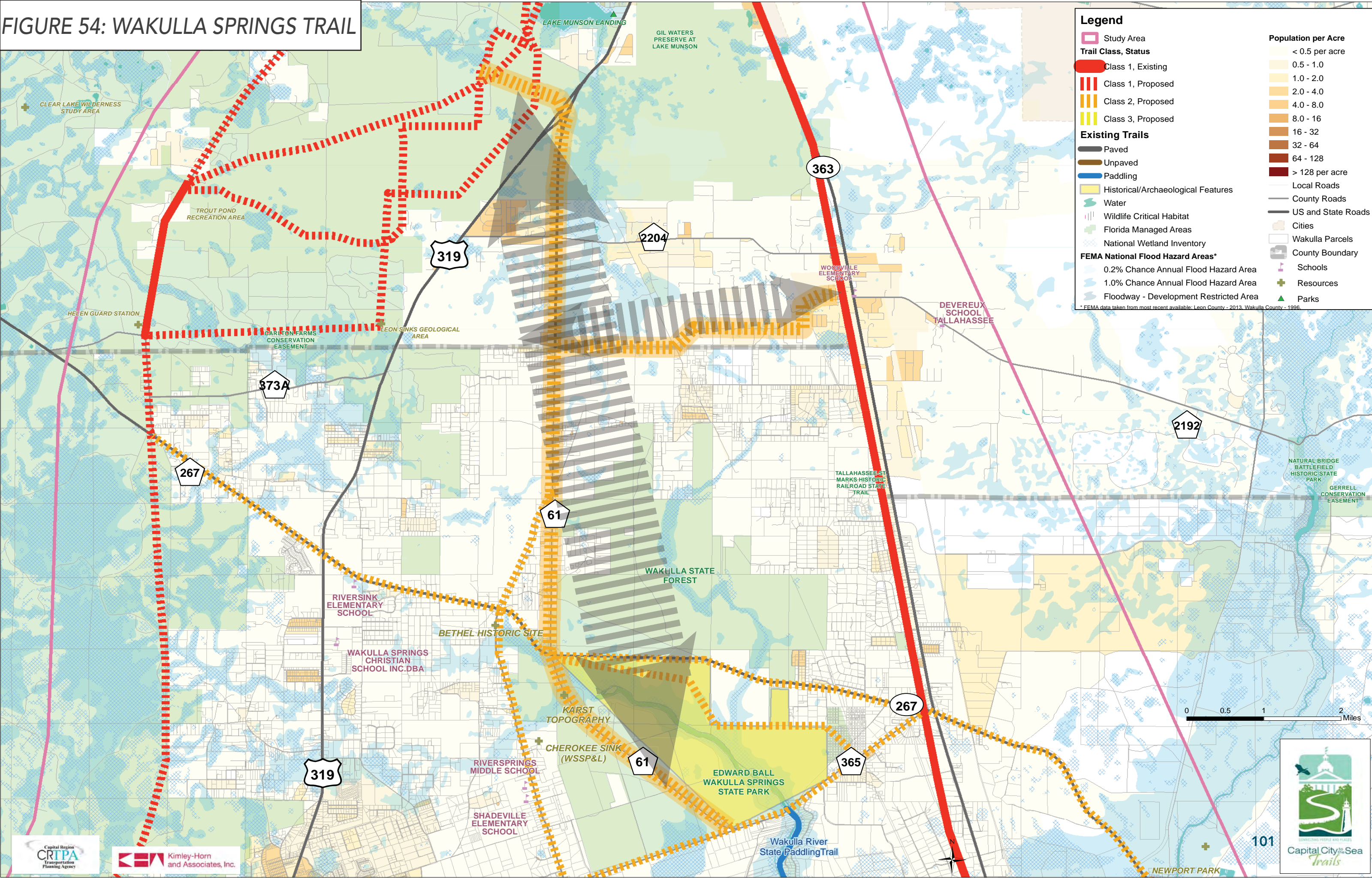


Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park



Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park

FIGURE 54: WAKULLA SPRINGS TRAIL



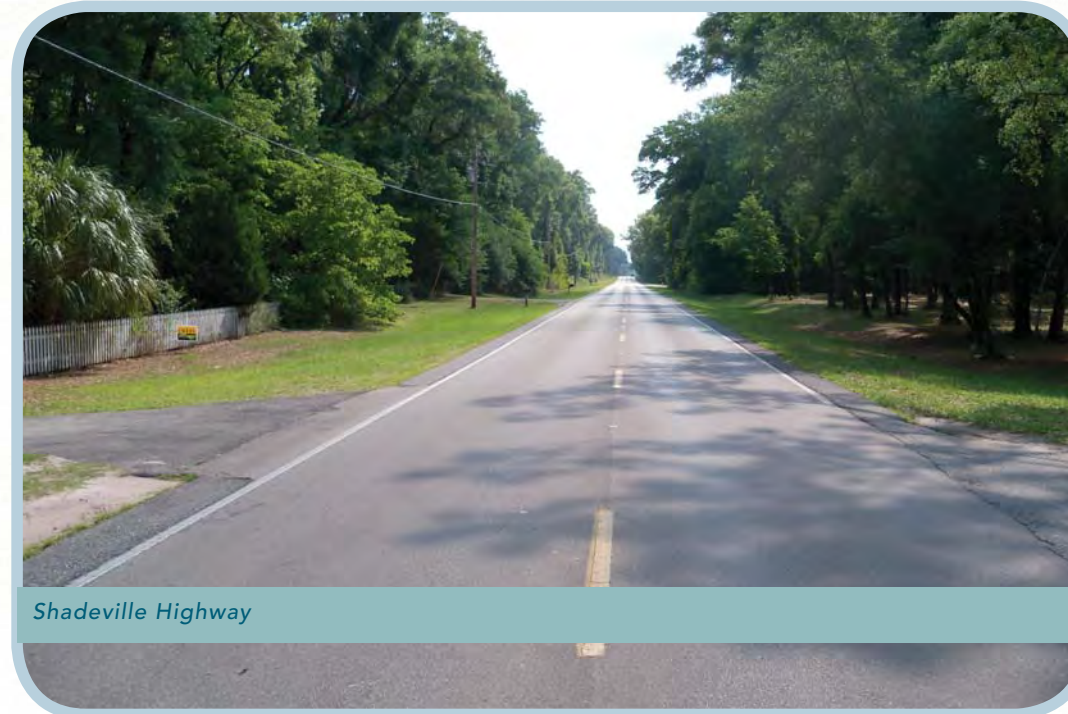
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PROJECT 6: SHADEVILLE HIGHWAY TRAIL

This Class 2 Trail segment for CC2ST would follow Shadeville Highway. This segment would connect the existing St. Mark Trail to the community of Crawfordville. It is an important segment, because it creates a connection to Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park from both the St. Marks Trail and Crawfordville. The Wakulla Community Center is also along this segment, which would allow residents to access the center through other forms of transportation. This segment also crosses the Wakulla River State Paddling Trail and connects to the northern access point for the paddling trail.

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

- Shared-use path along Shadeville Highway
- Designated bicycle lanes along Shadeville Highway
- No build alternative



Shadeville Highway



Bridge Over Wakulla River on Shadeville Highway

FIGURE 55: SHADEVILLE HIGHWAY TRAIL

Legend

Study Area
 Study Area

Trail Class, Status

- Class 1, Existing
- Class 1, Proposed
- Class 2, Proposed
- Class 3, Proposed

Existing Trails

- Paved
- Unpaved
- Paddling
- Historical/Archaeological Features
- Water
- Wildlife Critical Habitat
- Florida Managed Areas
- National Wetland Inventory

FEMA National Flood Hazard Areas*

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- Floodway - Development Restricted Area

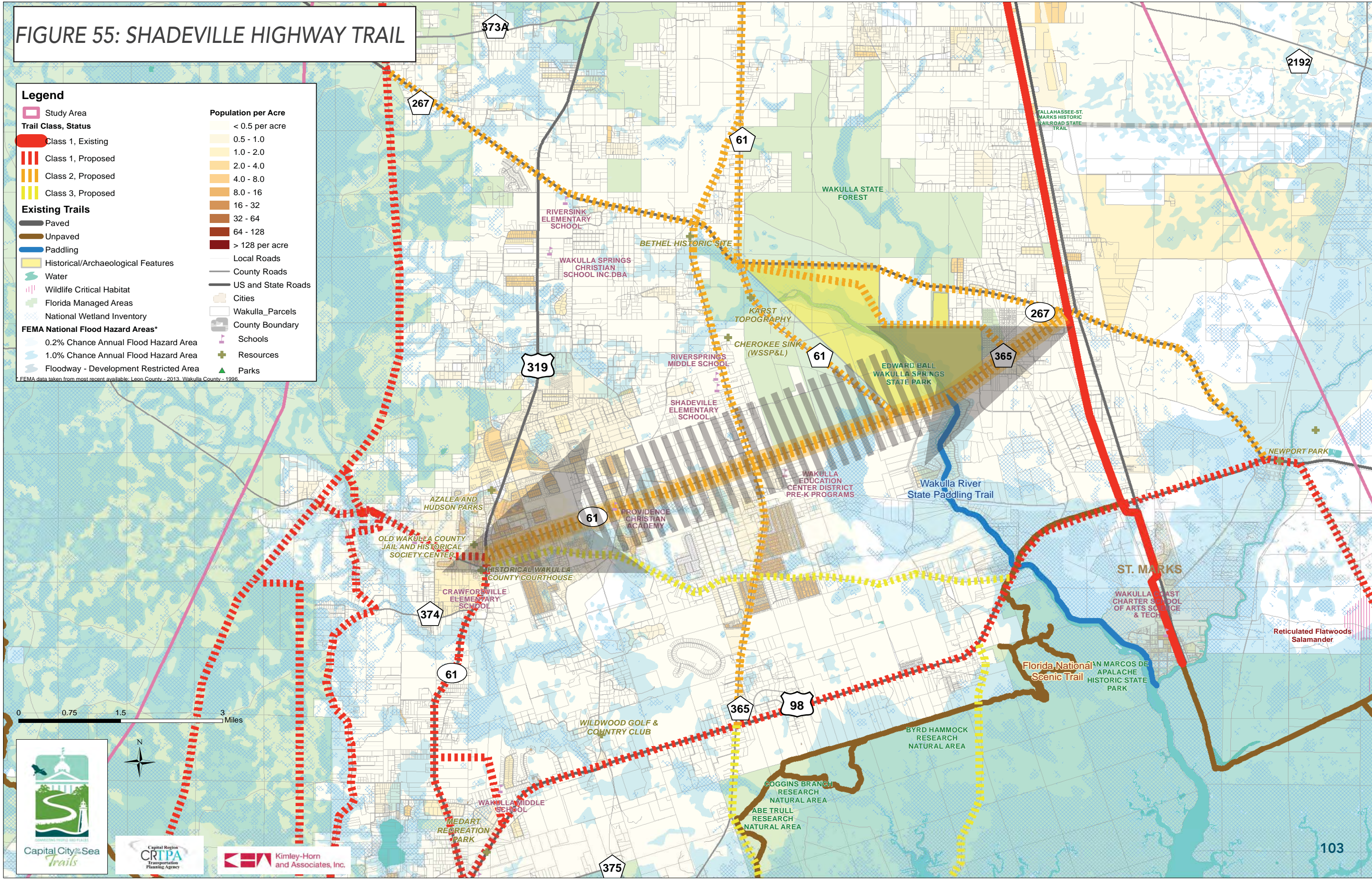
Population per Acre

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- 2.0 - 4.0
- 4.0 - 8.0
- 8.0 - 16
- 16 - 32
- 32 - 64
- 64 - 128
- > 128 per acre

Other Features

- Local Roads
- County Roads
- US and State Roads
- Cities
- Wakulla Parcels
- County Boundary
- Schools
- Resources
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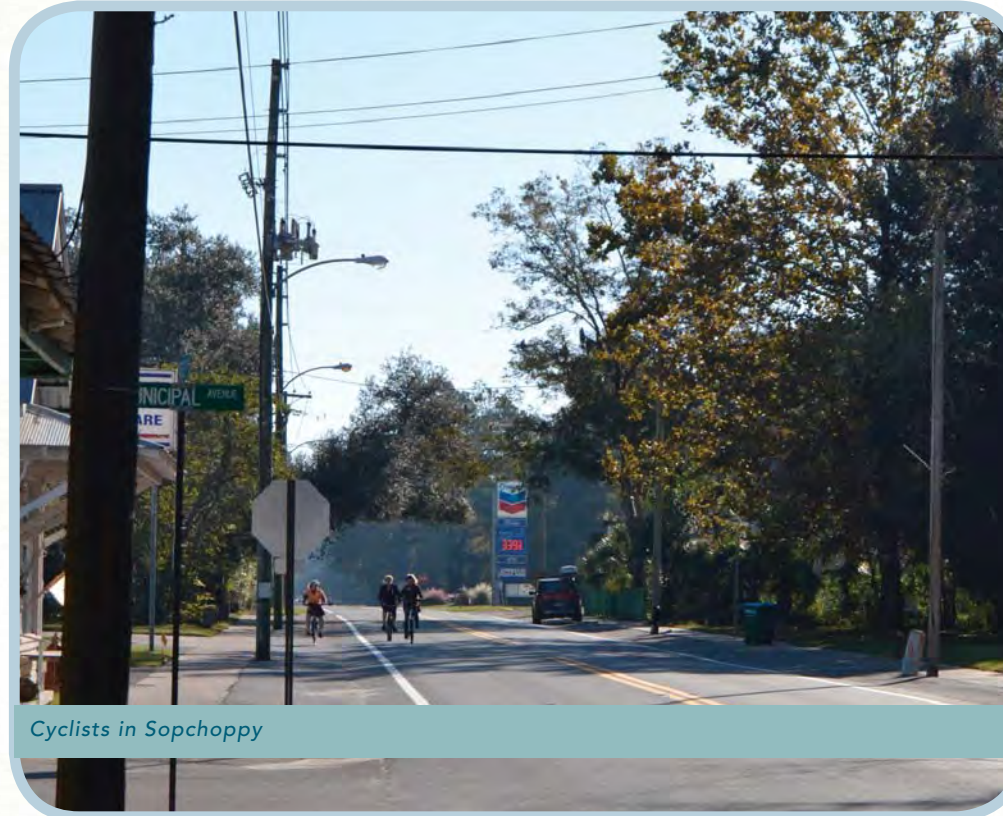
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PROJECT 7: SOPCHOPPY TRAIL

This Class 2 Trail segment would connect the City of Sopchoppy to the proposed Trout Pond Trail south and to U.S. 319. Depending on which of the potential alternatives is chosen for the Trout Pond to Sopchoppy Trail, the Sopchoppy Trail may connect Ochlockonee Bay Trail to Trout Pond.

The potential alternatives for this segment that may be evaluated during the PD&E process include:

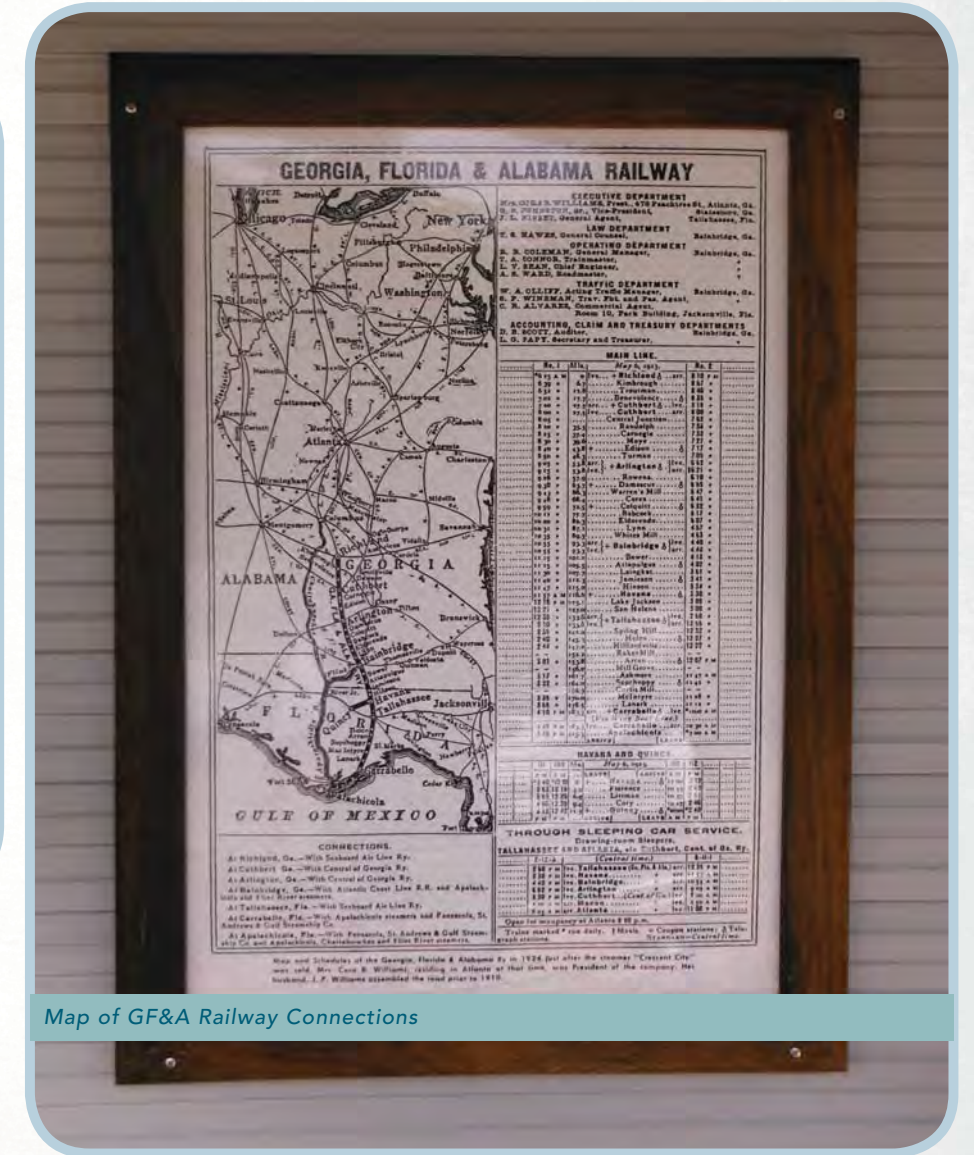
- Shared-use path along U.S. 319
- Designated bicycle lanes on U.S. 319
- No build alternative



Cyclists in Sopchoppy



Sopchoppy Depot



Map of GF&A Railway Connections

FIGURE 56: SOPCHOPPY TRAIL

Legend

Study Area
 Study Area

Trail Class, Status

- Class 1, Existing
- Class 1, Proposed
- Class 2, Proposed
- Class 3, Proposed

Existing Trails

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Roads and Infrastructure

- Local Roads
- County Roads
- US and State Roads
- Cities
- Wakulla_Parcels
- County Boundary
- Schools
- Resources
- Parks

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