Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Multi-Use Trail

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Introductions

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- Town limits
- Right-of-way owners
Multi-use Trail Overview
Existing Typical Section – Okeechobee Boulevard

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Vision Zero?
Proposed Typical Section – Okeechobee Blvd
Multi-use Trails

- Use USDA Forest Service guidelines and Wellington experience
Wellington Trails
Unimproved Multi-use Trail
Okeechobee Boulevard Crossings

- Proposed crossings at all lettered streets and Folsom Road
- Existing Palm Beach County crossings with similar usage
  - Traffic control design as a cohesive language
“F” Road Canal Bank - Existing

EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION
"F" ROAD CANAL BANK

NOT TO SCALE
“F” Road Canal Bank - Today
Sharing the Roads

Florida Statute 316.0825
Sharing the Roads

![Image of a road with a car and horses]](image-url)
“F” Road Bank Proposed Typical Section

TYPICAL SECTION #2
”F” ROAD CANAL BANK
NOT TO SCALE
Connecting North to South

- Master Roadway, Equestrian and Greenway Plan (2009)
- Unique opportunity to provide protected trail between Royal Palm Beach Pines Natural Area and Loxahatchee Groves Park
- Trailheads
- Trail hierarchy signing
Who does this benefit?

- Pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists already using the corridor
- Drivers/passengers using the road
  - Near misses due to multiple conflicts points and large decision tree
  - Eliminates tractor trailers parked on Okeechobee Boulevard
    - Unshielded roadside hazards
- Every potential user waiting for a safe, inviting place to walk, run, ride, or bike
Intangibles

• Palm Beach County is the Horse Show Capital of the World but Ocala wants the title!

• Wellington is built out and price-prohibitive
  ◦ The professional horseperson’s choice – Loxahatchee Groves or Ocala

Improve quality of life for horses!
Intangibles

- Every seasonal facility in Palm Beach County requires year-round care
  - Landscapers
  - New construction
  - On-site/off-site caretakers
  - Refurbishment (painting, HVAC, roofing, fencing)
  - Ring maintenance
  - Fencing

- Agro-tourism
- Local businesses
- Local equestrian community retention
Success stories

- Wellington, FL
- Parkland, FL
- Middleburg, VA
- Blowing Rock, NC
- Lexington, KY
Thank You!