

SILVER SPRINGS

STATE PARK

SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK PEDESTRIAN BOARDWALKS

MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Financial Project ID Number: 426179-1

Project Information

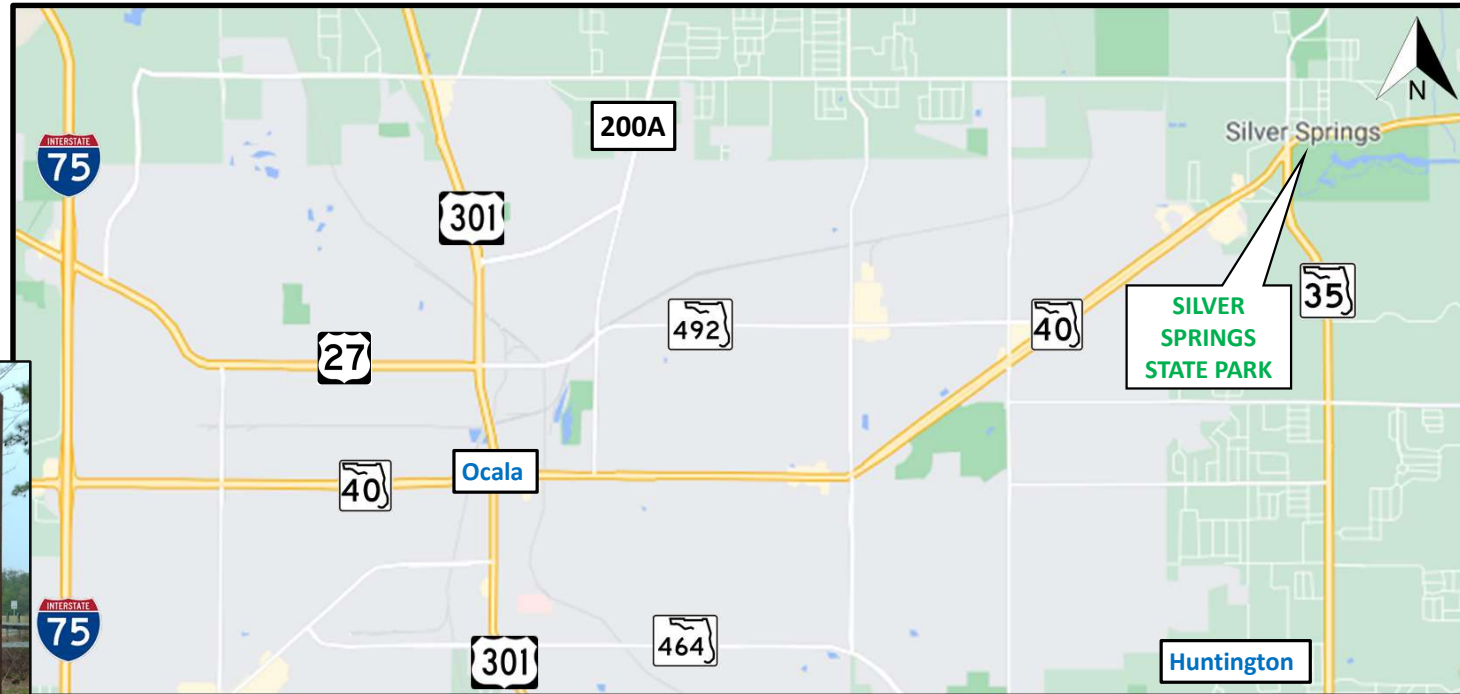


Project Location



LOCATION

- Within Silver Springs State Park
- Located on the side of the park with the springs





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Project Description



PROPOSED PROJECT

- Two, 8-foot-wide boardwalks over branches of the Silver River within the Park.
 - ✓ The Half Mile Creek boardwalk is 800 feet long connecting to an existing trail.
 - ✓ The Fort King Waterway boardwalk is 550 feet long and connects to an existing boardwalk on Ross Allen Island.

Both sites are partially located in archaeological sites subject to oversight by the State Historic Preservation Officer.



Half Mile Creek Site



TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

- Half Mile Creek Trail needed to connect the existing Creek Trail on the west side of Half Mile Creek with the lesser used portions of the park east of Half Mile Creek.

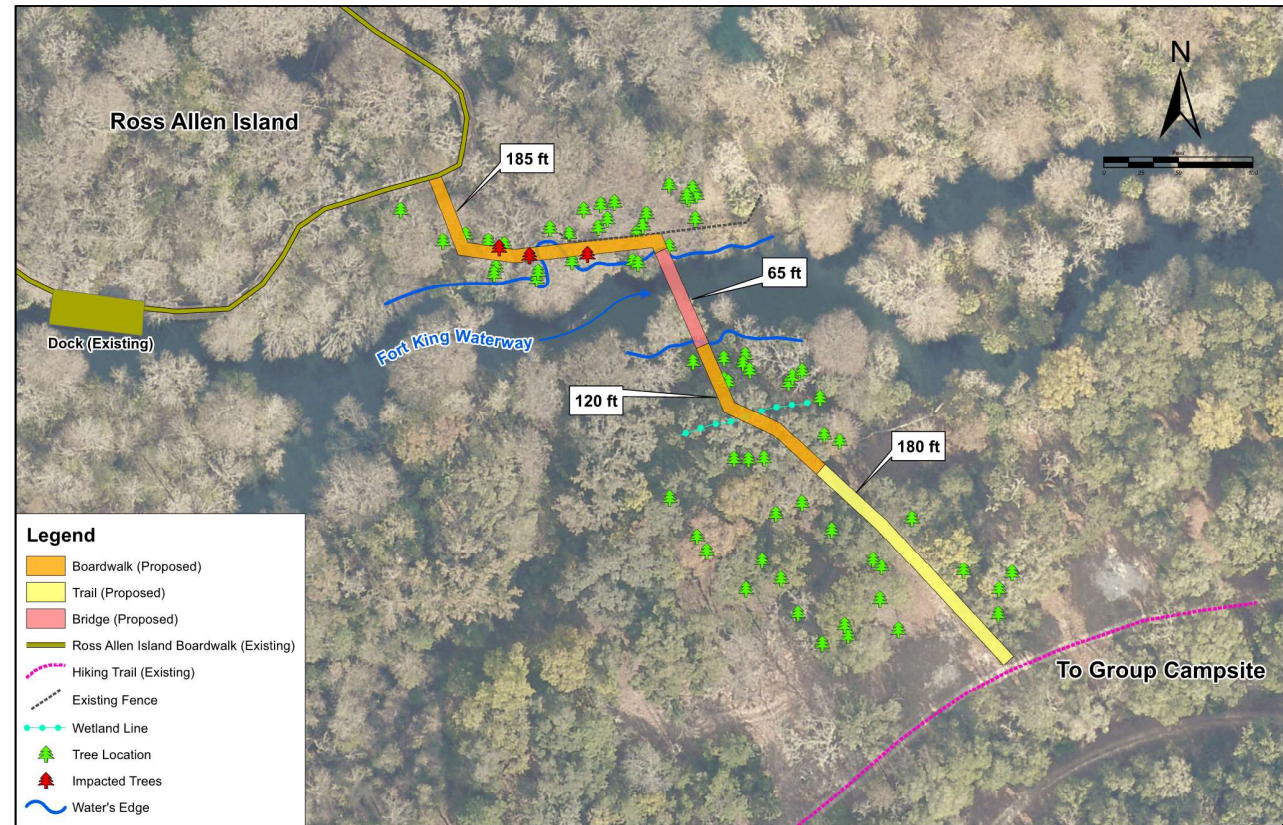


Fort King Waterway Site

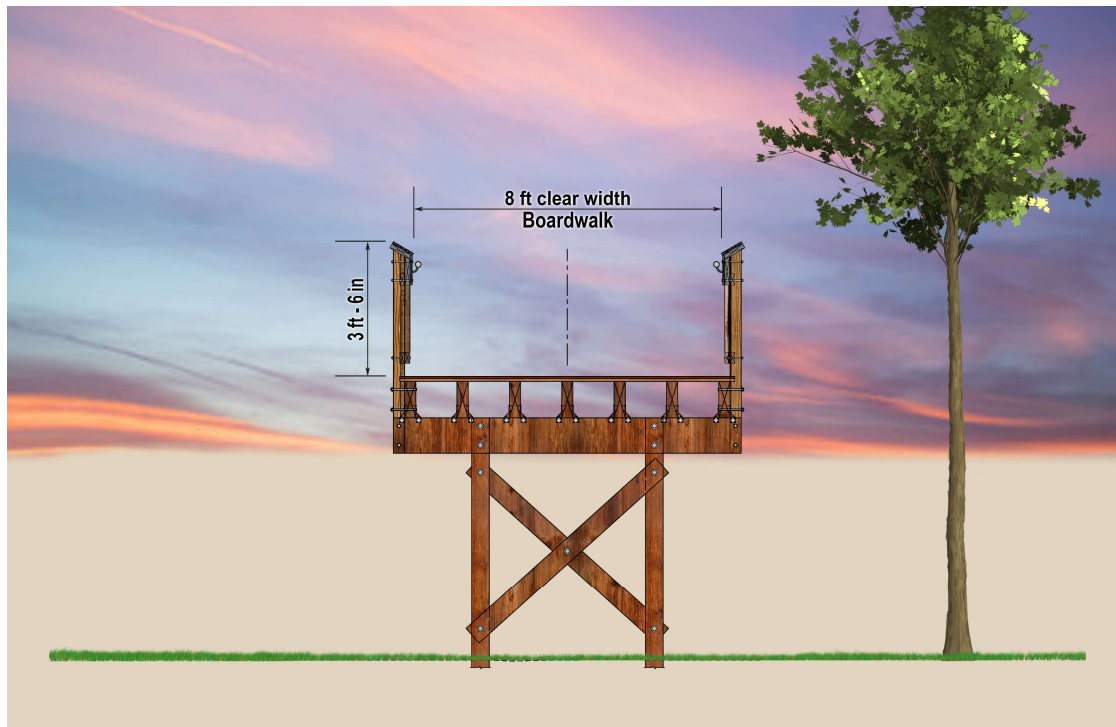


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- Fort King Waterway Trail provides hiking connectivity between the existing Ross Allen Island boardwalk and the existing underutilized hiking trails that lead to an existing group camp site.



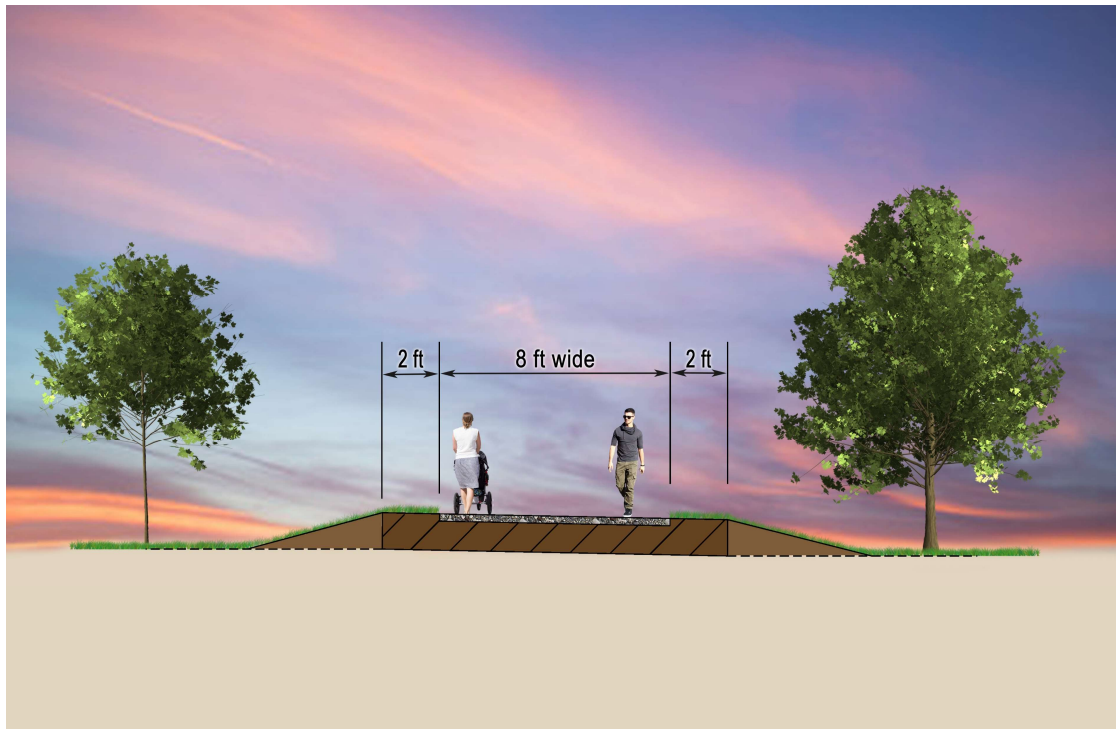
Proposed Typical Sections



Boardwalk



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Trail



Cultural Resources



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CONSULTING PARTIES INCLUDED:

- Florida State Historic Preservation Officer
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - ✓ Silver Springs State Park
- Federally recognized Tribes affiliated with Florida
 - ✓ Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
 - ✓ Seminole Tribe of Florida
 - ✓ Muscogee (Creek) Nation
 - ✓ Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
 - ✓ Poarch Band of Creek Indians



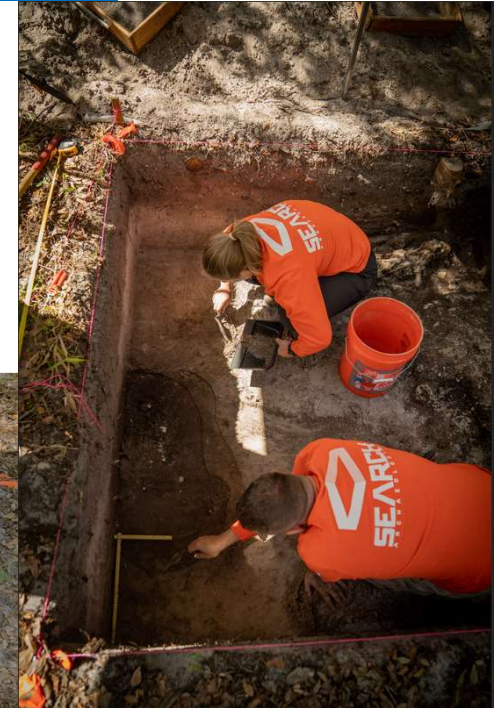
Data Recovery Field Operation



10 shovel tests and
four 2m-x-2m
excavation units



~20 square meters of
soil excavated



Recovered Artifacts



Over 12,000 artifacts were recovered during test unit excavation including over 30 lithic tools.



Top Down Construction To Avoid Soil Disruption



To minimize impact to the archaeological area and artifacts:

- All equipment will remain on top of the boardwalk
- No equipment will be allowed on undisturbed ground



Project Status



Design
Completion
fall 2021

All work
within
existing
right of way

Construction
expected to
begin in fall
2023



- Construction expected to last about three months
- Estimated construction cost = \$2 million



We Want to Hear From You



Public Comment Options

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