

Bronze Award Project Proposal for Girl Scout Junior Troop #4785

Town of Carolina Beach Island Greenway



Background on Bronze Award and Timelines

- ▶ The Gold Award in Girl Scouts is equivalent to an Eagle award for Boy Scouts
- ▶ Girl Scouts have Bronze, Silver *and* Gold awards. A Bronze award involves 7 steps, should take roughly 20 hours inclusive of research/planning and is to be completed by the end of 5th grade
- ▶ Typically a Bronze award is completed as a troop project
- ▶ Our girls are 10 and 11 years old and the time has come for them to start making a difference in their community by becoming more involved and taking action
- ▶ We have 9 fifth grade girls who are excited to get started on this project

Our plan to make a difference and a positive change

- ▶ The girls have taken the time to explore the Carolina Beach community
- ▶ Their research showed that there are many trails/sections that make up the East Coast Greenway, but the “Island Greenway” section is not only the largest section, but they noted it also doesn’t have clear distance indicators on either side of this trail
- ▶ The girls are proposing to create a total of 6 quarter mile marker posts to cover the 1.2 mile section of this particular trail



Why this project?

- ▶ The girls feel that now more than ever people are motivated by exercise, fresh air and all of the positive benefits that result from increased activity → Better mood, more socialization, a time for self reflection and accountability to walk/run/ride for yourself and/or your family (pets too)
- ▶ If the longest stretch of the trail in Carolina Beach is marked, the girls believe it will positively push the people of our town to set goals to go further and assist with either becoming or helping to maintain a more healthy version of themselves
- ▶ The girls are convinced that this is a realistic goal that will help them achieve their Bronze Award which will also have a lasting impact on their community



How will we finance this project?

- ▶ The biggest fundraiser the Girl Scouts have is the Girl Scout cookie program. The girls will use a portion of their cookie sales from last year and this year to fund this project
- ▶ If needed, the girls will also hold additional fundraising activities to ensure that neither the troop nor the Town of Carolina Beach would be required to pay for this project. The girls would also have it completed before the end of May 2021



How will we put our plan into motion?

- ▶ We will work as a Girl Scout Troop with the representatives of the Carolina Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to liaise between GS Troop #4785 and the Army Corps of Engineers to have this project approved
- ▶ Once approved, we will continue to work with the Committee and the Town of Carolina Beach to ensure these posts are consistent and uniform with other signage that is already present (size, type, color, etc) along the Island Greenway Section
- ▶ We will use a distance wheel to accurately mark the start and each quarter mile (these locations are approximately close to the entrance near Mike Chappel Park on South 8th Street, Greenville Avenue, the straightaway near the lake between the bridge and the benches, North Carolina Avenue, and South Carolina Avenue) on both sides
- ▶ The quarter mile indicators will be posted on the North and South sides of the posts so they will be visible to the community regardless which direction they travel on the trail
- ▶ Should this trail be approved at a later date to extend further into Kure Beach, the markers we would use would likely be bolted to the posts - meaning it wouldn't be cumbersome to rearrange/replace/add new posts to continue the trail distance in the future without waste, if desired
- ▶ We will work with the Town of Carolina Beach to identify vendors to price out quarter mile markers that look professional
- ▶ We would also like to place a very small plaque at the base of one side of each post to state something along the lines of "Girl Scout Troop #4785 Bronze Project 2021"



Greenway System Trails and Distances

- ▶ This is the main map showing all of the Greenway sections throughout the Town of Carolina Beach
- ▶ These maps are displayed/located near the Snow's Cut Trail and the Carolina Beach Lake sections
- ▶ All Greenway sections have distances labeled on the map
- ▶ All Greenway sections have a physical distance marker at the start/finish at their locations, except for the Island Greenway section
- ▶ The Island Greenway section covers the largest continuous distance of the Island Greenway System in Carolina Beach
- ▶ Our girls feel this section should also be clearly marked and proposing to take it a step further by adding quarter mile markers along the way



Snow's Cut Trail

- ▶ The Snow's Cut Trail is 0.5 miles long
- ▶ There is also a main map showing all Greenway sections throughout the Town of Carolina Beach at this location



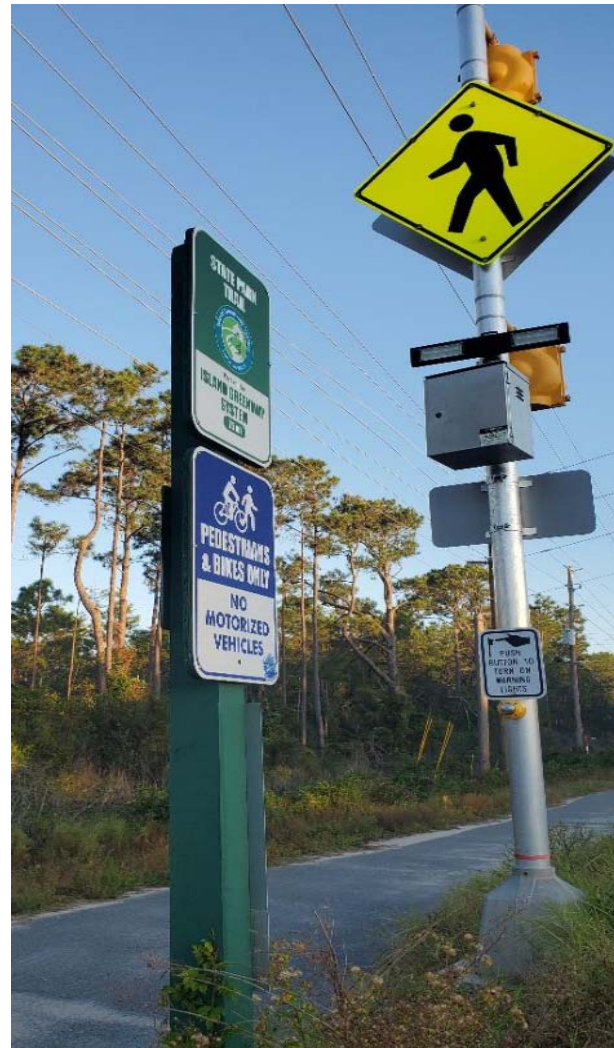
Bridge Barrier Rd



Annie Dr by Snow's Cut Boating Access

State Park Trail

- ▶ The State Park Trail is 0.75 miles long



Dow Rd



Bridge Barrier Rd

Exercise Loop

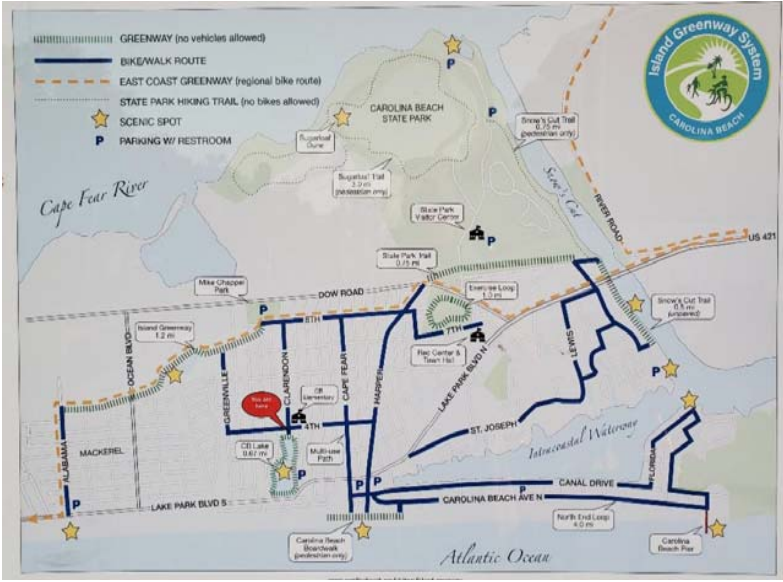
- ▶ Carolina Beach State Park - Fitness Trail/Exercise Loop is 1 mile long
- ▶ This trail has quarter mile markers throughout and is the second longest section of the Island Greenway System
- ▶ These pictures clearly show how we would replicate visible and professional quarter mile markers for the Island Greenway Section that would be clearly seen from either direction you are traveling on the trail



North 7th Street

Carolina Beach Lake

- ▶ The Carolina Beach Lake section is 0.67 miles long
- ▶ There is also a main map showing all Greenway sections throughout the Town of Carolina Beach at this location
- ▶ This covered structure and bike repair station was created recently as part of an Eagle Scout award project



South 4th Avenue

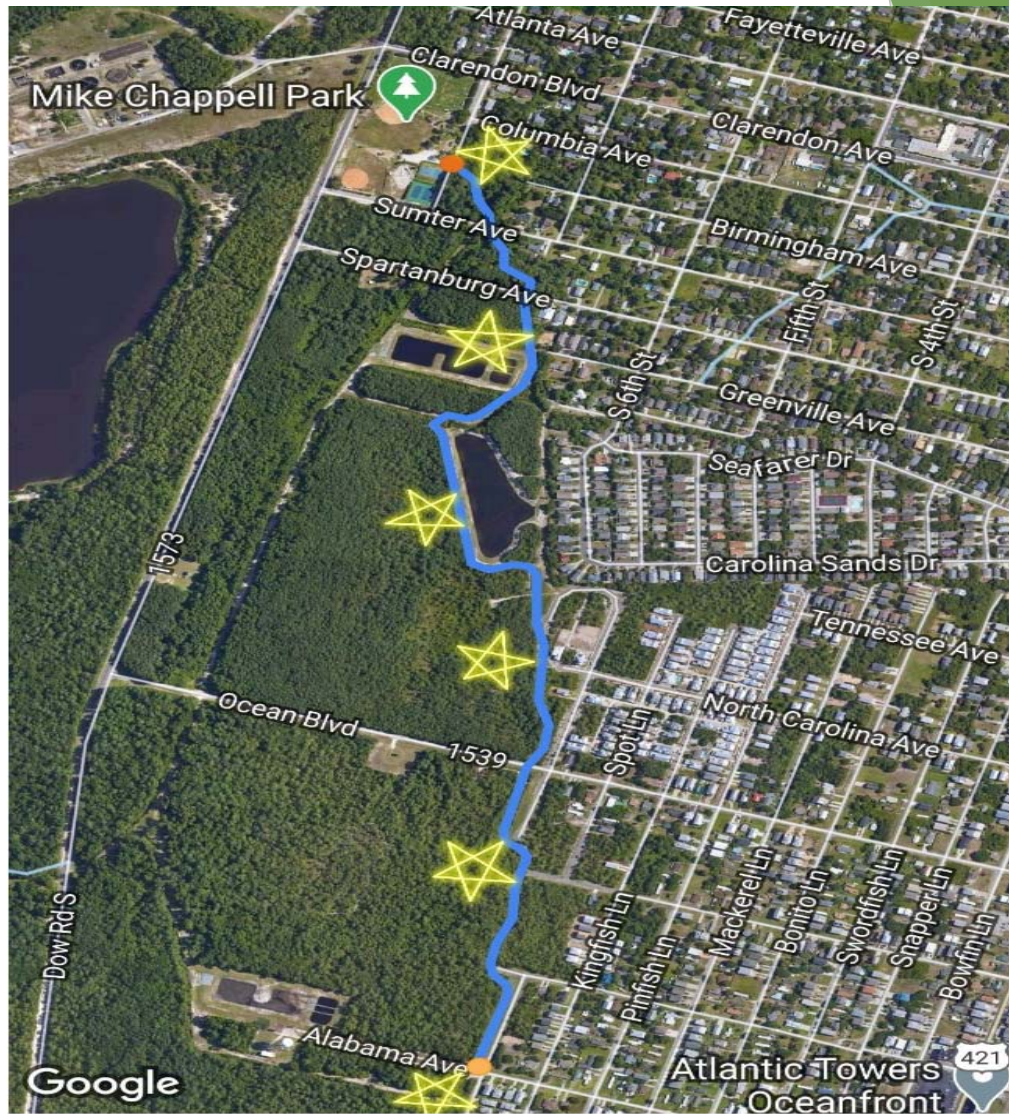


Lake Park Blvd South

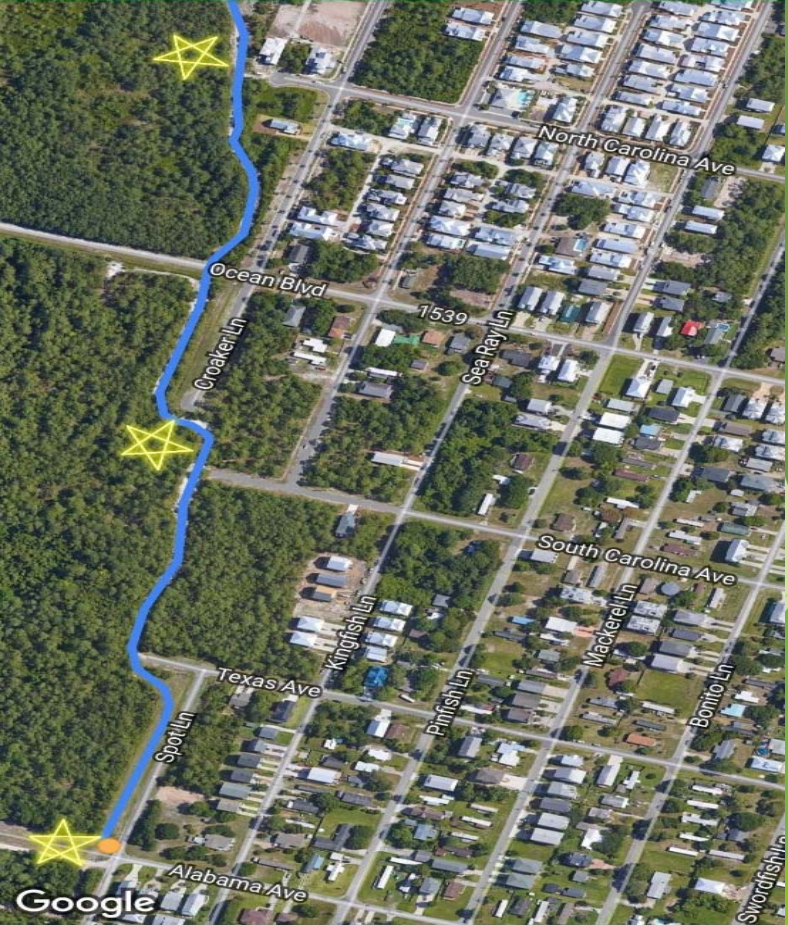
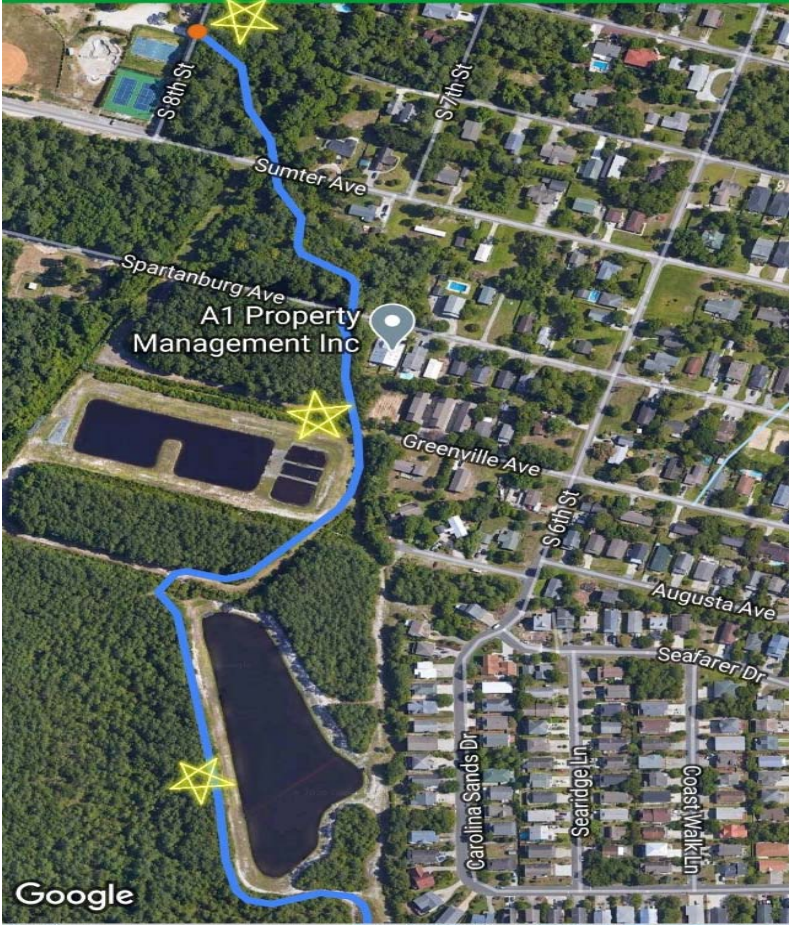


Island Greenway

- ▶ The Island Greenway Trail is 1.2 miles long and extends from Mike Chappel Park off of South 8th Avenue in Carolina Beach to Alabama Avenue in Kure Beach
- ▶ Approximate locations for proposed quarter mile markers:
 - ▶ Mike Chappel Park off South 8th Street
 - ▶ Greenville Avenue
 - ▶ Straightaway between the bridge and benches
 - ▶ North Carolina Avenue
 - ▶ South Carolina Avenue
 - ▶ Alabama Avenue
- ▶ We would use the same style posts and paint color to keep the quarter mile markers consistent with the signs already present along the Island Greenway



GPS photos for approximate locations for proposed quarter mile markers. These will be confirmed with a distance wheel.



We thank you kindly for your time,
attention and consideration

We are looking very forward to your response!

~Girl Scout Junior Troop #4785



THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE
On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

*I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.*