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## **WOODBINE RIVERWALK BECOMES PART OF EAST COAST GREENWAY**

*Trail users will be able to travel safely from Woodbine to east coast destinations*

You may think of the Woodbine Riverwalk as a place to go for a leisurely stroll, but have you ever thought of it as a way walk or ride your bike to Florida or Canada? On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Woodbine Riverwalk in the City of Woodbine was officially designated as part of the East Coast Greenway, a continuous 3,000-mile trail that stretches from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida.

The 1.25-mile paved trail that allows locals to walk, bicycle, in-line skate, or roll their wheelchairs safely, away from traffic, will now welcome tourists to historic Woodbine. As part of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) trail network, the Riverwalk will attract non-motorized, recreational tourists to explore the region rich in culture and history. Woodbine Riverwalk will ultimately be 3.54-miles long and is part of the border-to-border Coastal Georgia Greenway.

While nearly 100 trails along the east coast are part of the ECG trail system, the Riverwalk is Georgia's first trail to be designated as ECG. City Administrator Sandra Rayson endorsed the Riverwalk's designation, agreeing that the City would install and maintain ECG trail markers to help long-distance travelers find their way. Understanding the benefits of long-distance trails, Rayson stated, "In support of the East Coast Greenway trail system, we are working closely with the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Marys, and representatives from Camden County to create a continuous trail system linking the north end of our county to the south end."

Often referred to as an "urban Appalachian Trail", the ECG passes through 15 states and Washington, D.C., linking cities and towns along the way using urban greenways, park paths, abandoned railroad corridors, waterfront esplanades, and scenic roads. Nearly a quarter of the route is already on traffic-free, firm-surface trail, while much of the remainder – largely on safe and scenic roads for now – is currently in development. Eventually the entire trail will be off-road, allowing families and people of all abilities to travel safely from city-to-city, state-to-state, or within their own community without the use of motorized transportation.

The project is spearheaded by the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), a non-profit organization based in Wakefield, Rhode Island. While the ECGA itself does not build trail, it supplies vision for connecting local trails and provides strategic assistance for states, counties and municipal jurisdictions that do build trail. The entire route will be publicly owned and operated and free for all to use.

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