



# City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.  
Deltona, FL 32725

## Agenda

### City Commission Workshop

*Mayor John C. Masiarczyk Sr.*  
*Vice Mayor Nancy Schleicher*  
*Commissioner Heidi Herzberg*  
*Commissioner Gary Mitch Honaker*  
*Commissioner Chris Nabicht*  
*Commissioner Diane J. Smith*  
*Commissioner Brian Soukup*

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Monday, October 12, 2015

5:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:**

**3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: – Citizen comments limited to items not on the agenda and comments on items listed on the agenda will take place after discussion of each item.**

**4. BUSINESS:**

- A.** Discussion re: Update and presentation of the Thornby garden development project - Vice Mayor Schleicher, (386) 878-8860.

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**5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

*NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).*

*Individuals with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk, Joyce Raftery 48 hours in advance of the meeting date and time at (386) 878-8500.*



## Agenda Memo

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**TO:** Mayor and Commission

**AGENDA DATE:** 10/12/2015

**FROM:** Jane K. Shang, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5 - A

**SUBJECT:**

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**LOCATION:**

Thornby Park

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**COST:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:**

City Manager

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED BY:**

N/A - For discussion and direction to staff as necessary.

**POTENTIAL MOTION:**

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# Deltona Natural Gardens and Ft. Kingsbury at Thornby



## What Will the Neighbors Say!

Met with:

- ◆ Edgewater Condominium community
- ◆ River of Lakes Heritage Corridor
- ◆ Enterprise Preservation Society
- ◆ Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Responses:

- ◆ Excited to see these ideas for the Thornby property
- ◆ Showcase the hidden history and beauty of the location.
- ◆ Recognize the future for the area as a desirable low-impact tourist destination.



## Dotting the “i”...

### St. Johns River Water Management District:

- ◆ Enthusiastic response due to minimal impact on lake/wetlands
- ◆ Walkway’s small footprint and fort design needs only swales for water control.
- ◆ Footbridge over the ditch and changing it to a water attraction was also welcomed.



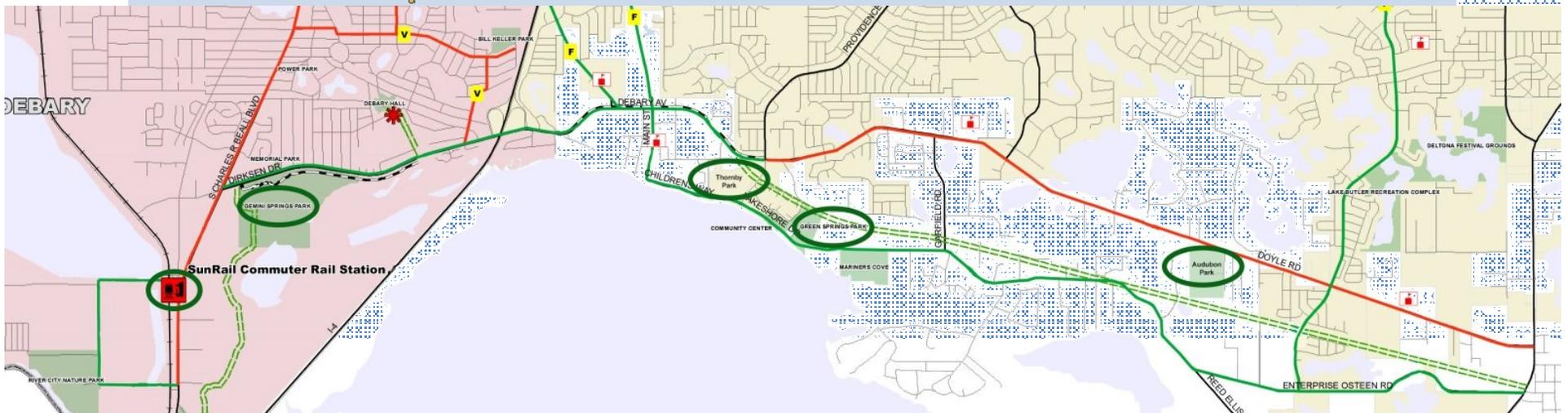
## And Crossing the “t”...

Met with:

- ◆ Volusia Forever & County Parks department.

Response:

- ◆ Thornby property ideas fit goals of north shore of Lake Monroe becoming a destination.
- ◆ Linking Sunrail station in DeBary to Gemini Springs to Thornby Park to Green Springs to Audubon Park.
- ◆ Natural Gardens, Ft. Kingsbury & Children’s Garden create unique & attractive location in link.



## Let's NOT Forget...

New opportunities for the existing community center buildings:

- ◆ New River2Sea Trailhead with lakefront access, and central location for pontoon boat tours, kayak & canoe expeditions.
- ◆ Fresh Water Aquatic Research Station & Learning Center, partnering with local universities.
- ◆ Location on Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River allows for easy access to study aquatic ecosystems that impact central Florida as well as the entire State.

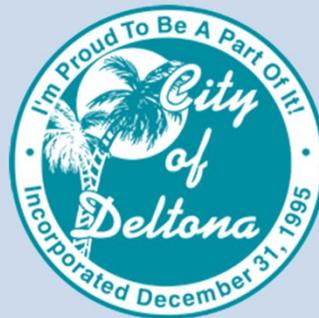


## Crunching the Numbers

These are possible total costs for the improvements at Thornby Park:

Natural Gardens	\$400,000
Children's Garden	\$200,000
Fort Kingsbury	\$850,000

(Figures are based on previous City and County projects and related sites)



## Crunching the Numbers

These are possible staff numbers for Thornby Park, based on related sites:

Natural Gardens and  
Children's Garden  
Fort Kingsbury

3 employees & volunteers  
1 employee & volunteers



## Crunching the Numbers

These are recommended operating hours for Thornby Park, based on related sites:

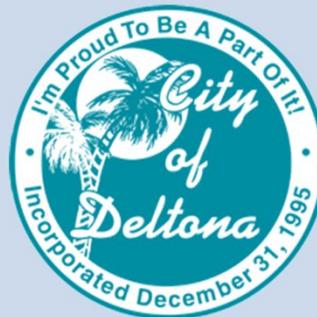
Natural Gardens and  
Children's Garden

Fort Kingsbury

Daylight hours- daily

(closed certain holidays)

Weekends only- 1<sup>st</sup> year





## Crunching the Numbers

These are some of the available grants to fund the improvements at Thornby Park:

- \*Florida Agencies to Create/Renovate/Maintain Public Trails
- \*Florida Municipalities for Historic Preservation Activities
- \*Florida Municipalities for Historic Restoration Projects
- \*Florida Grant for Conservation Projects
- \*Florida Historical Preservation Grant
- \*National Outdoor Recreational Grant Program
- \*Florida Land & Recreation Grants
- \*Florida Wildflower & Eco-tourism Grants
- \*Florida Wildlife Grants
- \*Florida Historical Grants

(Some grants are available to non-profits, necessitating the need for an MOU with a local group)

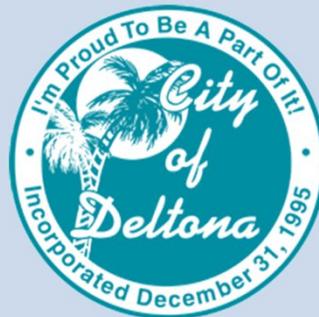


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These are the annual attendance figures for the related locations:

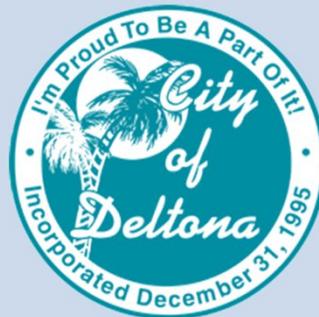
Fort Christmas	174,940
Leu Gardens	140,000
Kanapaha Gardens	45,000
Fort Foster	9,005

(Ft. Foster is open weekends only for 8 months and 3 days only for 4 months through the year)



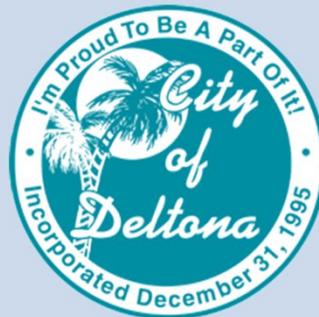
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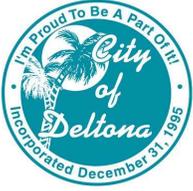
The actual attendance numbers from the other locations indicate the popularity of ecological and historical tourism. And these sites attract that many visitors, despite— 1) are not on a major recreational bike trail, 2) do not have easy access from other high profile tourist attractions, and 3) most do not have the proximity to a heavily travelled interstate.



## In Summary--

Continued promotion and exposure of these improvements will soon show that the Deltona Natural Gardens and Fort Kingsbury at Thornby is a prime destination for the tourism industry in central Florida.





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### Proposed Survey Cost Allocation

Jurisdiction	Population	Population %	\$100,000	\$150,000
Unincorporated*	119,041	23.70%	\$50,000	\$75,000

Deltona	85,843	22.40%	\$11,198	\$16,797
Daytona Beach	61,606	16.07%	\$8,036	\$12,054
Port Orange	56,765	14.81%	\$7,405	\$11,107
Ormond Beach	38,376	10.01%	\$5,006	\$7,509
DeLand	28,589	7.46%	\$3,729	\$5,594
New Smyrna Beach	23,271	6.07%	\$3,036	\$4,553
Edgewater	20,654	5.39%	\$2,694	\$4,041
DeBary	19,361	5.05%	\$2,526	\$3,788
South Daytona	12,510	3.26%	\$1,632	\$2,448
Holly Hill	11,937	3.11%	\$1,557	\$2,336
Orange City	10,846	2.83%	\$1,415	\$2,122
Daytona Beach	4,280	1.12%	\$558	\$837
Ponce Inlet	3,037	0.79%	\$396	\$594
Lake Helen	2,627	0.69%	\$343	\$514
Oak Hill	1,830	0.48%	\$239	\$358
Pierson	1,767	0.46%	\$230	\$346

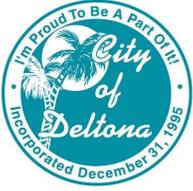
Municipal Total	383,299
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\$50,000	\$75,000
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Volusia County	502,340
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**\* Volusia County to pay 50% of the community survey cost.**



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