

# Grants Received

## National Scenic Byway Grant Award to the City of Fellsmere

**Background:** The City of Fellsmere was awarded a \$316,500 grant through the National Scenic Byway Program (NSB) to build a welcome center on County Road 512 adjacent to Fellsmere's Trailhead Preserve. This facility will serve as a welcome center for visitors to Indian River County and the southern reaches of the Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway. The City of Fellsmere and the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce partnered in the development of the grant package. The City will match grant funds with \$148,500 for completion of the project. This is the first grant received to help implement the scenic byway program in Indian River County.

City plans call for the construction of a 1,200-square-foot visitor center adjacent to Trailhead Preserve Park. The site will include improvements for parking, roadway access and sidewalks, as well as landscaping and educational signage regarding local vegetation, wildlife and history of Fellsmere. The center is envisioned to be self-service at first, but structured so that it can be staffed as the area develops.

**Current Status:** Grant awarded in summer of 2012. Project is currently in the planning and design phase. The environmental study is nearing completion with final submittal anticipated in early 2014. Design is also nearing completion with 100% plans and specifications expected in early 2014 as well. All project elements are on target for release of bids in fall 2014 with construction to commence thereafter with completion anticipated in fall 2015.

**Cost:** NSB award: \$316,500, Local match: \$148,500



**Additional Questions:** City of Fellsmere - Jason Nunemaker, 772.571.1616