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City of Sanford RiverWalk Phase 3 Seawall Groundbreaking Event October 25, at 10am

At almost three and a half miles long – the construction of Sanford’s \$14 million dollar RiverWalk seawall has been awarded to Wharton-Smith Inc. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held Thursday, October 25, 10am at the west end of the RiverWalk directly across from the Central Florida Regional Hospital (parking available in the hospital parking lot).

Stretching from the Central Florida Regional Hospital on the east to County Road 15 and Interstate 4 to the west, the seawall will provide the necessary protection and support for the planned final extension Phase 3 of Sanford's internationally award winning RiverWalk. Phase 3, West Seminole Boulevard (old U.S. 17-92) planned roadway and pedestrian improvements, should begin later in the year. Designed utilizing complete streets and new urbanism principles, the RiverWalk will showcase and bolster the city’s efforts to increase and promote pedestrianism, walkability, and a healthy community.

This project is of regional importance, critical to the connectivity of many communities and it will be an integral part of the statewide bike and pedestrian network. Located along beautiful Lake Monroe’s south shore (a state designated scenic highway), this project will provide one of the most pristine bike and pedestrian experiences second to none in Florida, offering residents and visitors a spectacular view of Florida’s unique and unspoiled waterway, right here in Sanford!

“The seawall groundbreaking event signifies the city and our partner’s investment in a world-class amenity, the Sanford RiverWalk. When Phase 3 is complete, this project will catapult Sanford to a whole new level, adding to the premier quality of life our residents and visitors experience in our city”, said Mayor Jeff Triplett.

Fast facts about the RiverWalk:

- Florida’s longest inland shoreline of an international award winning bike and pedestrian trail connecting over a thousand homes along the pristine St. Johns River.
- This project will provide the nexus between many multi-modal connections including Sunrail and the planned Transportation Oriented Development, Seminole and Volusia County Trail system and SR 429 and I-4.
- The project will connect many communities to various tourism destinations including the Central Florida Zoo and many pristine and award winning parks and springs of Florida.
- Not only will this project provide important innovative safety features for pedestrians, it will also encourage job growth and economic opportunities and expansions such as CSX/Amtrak and many recreational facilities.

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