

Community Participation Program 2013

10) Discuss the effectiveness of the Community Participation Program to date.

Community participation and education remains the heart of our CME's activities. Our members again represented the CME at the Ormond Beach Riverfest, at Arbor Day, at the Ormond Beach Seafood Festival, the Celtic Festival, and periodically at the Ormond Beach Farmer's Market. Our Facebook page for the byway remains active. Guided trail walks along the Loop continue to be an anchor of our community outreach. In October, 2012, Dr Don Spence led a walk at Bulow State Park followed by a picnic lunch after the walk. Dr Spence also guided our spring trail walk in March, 2013, along the Red Trail south of Walter Boardman Lane. He was joined by Arthur Lukasiewicz who blazed the trail. This walk was very well attended: over 30 folks joined us this time and many participants remained for a picnic lunch after the walk. As in past years our brochures are available at a number of locations including the Ormond Beach Historical Society offices at the MacDonald House and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. Partners make our brochures available at events they participate in, eg at the Tomoka State Park booth at the Florida RV show at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach. As in the past we continue to be covered by the local press, the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Hometown News, and Ormond Observer newspapers.

11) Provide a synopsis of major issues discussed at public meetings held in the past year and elaborate on any critical issues that have arisen during these forums and how they were addressed.

As our CME matures and we cope with current economic conditions CME sustainability naturally comes up as a major issue. We remain an active group of core volunteers. We continue to see our post-designation success tied to specific projects that are within the scope of our CME's volunteer and partnering resources.