

LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION ENCROACHMENTS

What is an encroachment?

Encroachment is when any portion of someone's property illegally intrudes on a neighboring property without permission of the neighbor. For example, a fence, shed or concrete pad extending beyond the legal boundaries onto neighboring private or public land, or beyond the building line of a road or street.

How did the county identify the encroachments?

On Nov. 6, 2018, Sarasota County voters approved a referendum to acquire and improve the Legacy Trail extension railroad corridor and as part of the due diligence process, more than 200 encroachments along the corridor were identified through the survey and are required to be remedied.

All encroachments, including the ones from Phase 1 acquisition (Culverhouse Nature Park to Ashton Road), are getting the same notices on the same schedule as those from Phase 2 acquisition.

There are 16 identified encroachments on commercial property and 197 on residential. Sarasota County has been negotiating license agreements with seven of the commercial entities from the Phase 1 acquisition in 2017 and one from the Phase 2 acquisition in 2019. As of March 9, three of these are completed and two are in processing.

What type of encroachments exist?

- Fences.
- Sheds.
- Concrete surfaces.
- Electrical boxes.
- Satellite dishes.
- Fuel tank.
- Deck.
- In-ground pool.
- Portions of asphalt driveways/parking lots.
- Roads.
- Portions of buildings.
- Drain field.
- Wells.
- Portion of paver patio.

Why do the items need to be removed?

In preparation for construction, items must be removed by March 16, 2020. Construction will start mid-2020.

The recommended construction order of the Legacy Trail extension, which is based on how quickly each segment can be brought through design and permitting, is as follows:

- Segment 1 will extend from Proctor Road to Bahia Vista Street with a trailhead at Webber Street.
- Segment 2 will extend from the current northern terminus of the trail at Culverhouse Nature Park to Proctor Road with a trailhead at Ashton Road.
- Segment 3 will go from Bahia Vista Street to Ringling Boulevard with a trailhead at Pompano Avenue.

It is anticipated that all segments may be under construction concurrently. The extension will enhance connectivity from North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota, and include improvements such as crossings, overpasses, amenities and increased accessibility.



For more information, visit scgov.net/encroachments, email encroachments@scgov.net or call 941-861-5000.

