

WASHINGTON OAKS HISTORIC DISTRICT



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Oaks Gardens State Park
for improvements to the

Washington Oaks Historic District



*"Engraving Milestones
from the past and Present
to create a path to the Future"*



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The Young Home

It was a signal milestone when, on September 30, 2009, Washington Oaks was added to the National Register of Historic Places. These sites tell the story of America. Here is a portion of our story:

Washington Oaks Historic District lies entirely within the boundaries of Washington Oaks Gardens State Park in Flagler County, Florida. A pristine example of old Florida, the park spans 425 acres. Starting at the Atlantic Ocean beach with significant coquina rock outcroppings, moving inland across coastal scrub, hammock and maritime forest, to the Matanzas River. This area was inhabited by Native Americans 12,000 years ago. Europeans arrived in the late 1500s and finding no gold or youth restoring water, those who stayed turned to growing sugar cane and indigo.

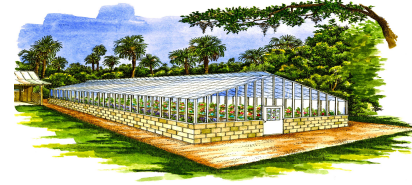
The first owner of this property was Spanish General Joseph Hernandez and this was part of his Bella Vista Plantation. A later owner was George L. Washington, a relative of the first United States President. In 1936, Louise P. Clark acquired the land as a gift from her soon-to-be husband, Owen D. Young, who was chairman of the board of General Electric and founder of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). They named the property "Washington Oaks" and for thirty years it was their winter home. In 1964, after Owen's death, Louise donated the grounds to the State of Florida.

In 1998, a few local residents founded the "Friends of Washington Oaks Gardens" taking a step that combined their love of the park with the goal to assist in preserving, protecting, promoting, and interpreting the park for the benefit of the public.

The Friends quickly identified needed enhancements to the park and recognized the need for financial resources as well.

The FUND has succeeded and many improvements have been implemented including:

- Washington Oaks Historic District Signage Self Guided Tour
- Restoration of Young's 1940s Greenhouse and Office
- A New Stage



Restored 1940's Greenhouse



Restored office to Gift Shop

While many goals have been met, more can be accomplished:

- New Pavilion
- Increased interpretation for children and families
- Ongoing maintenance of historic structures.
- Continued improvements to Historic District

You can take steps today toward these goals by purchasing a brick for the Commemorative Path in the Rose Garden. For a donation of \$100 you can receive one brick with 3 lines of engraved words of your choice. The donor card is enclosed with this brochure. You can pay in the Friends Gift Shop or mail a check or money order to 6400 North Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast, FL 32137. Make checks payable to Friends of Washington Oaks.

There are other ways to support the Friends of Washington Oaks! By joining the organization, making a one time donation, or participating in Friends events.

Information is available at www.washingtonoaks.org, in the Friends Gift Shop or by calling the Park at 386-446-6783.

Join us as we continue "engraving milestones from the past and present to provide a path to the future!"

****Bricks are not for perpetuity as bricks are subject to weathering.***