

Upcoming Events

- 8/23-26/09 National Scenic Byways Conference

Bi-annual conference of all scenic byways and highways to be held in Denver, CO. Best Practices and Workshops available to professionals and byway leaders. Visit www.byways.org for more details

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AIA Volunteer News Briefs

NOAA awards Coastal Clean-up Grant

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration awarded a \$100,000 grant to Friends of AIA in June. This award consists of \$50,000 cash with matching in-kind of \$50,000.

The project is entitled "See It-Clean It"-Coastal Conservation Campaign calls for regular coastal clean-ups by scores of volunteers to maintain Northeast Florida's treas-

ured beaches as well as educate travelers and residents in harmful effects of litter along the coast.

Tara Dodson and Billy Zeits with Keepers of the Coast, a partner nonprofit, will be synchronizing efforts with the new Project Manager, Pati Teeft.

The funds will be used to conduct beach clean-ups; provide tools and

supplies for mini-projects (rakes, trash cans, mutt mitts); conduct a coastal needs assessment; conduct group presentations on how to conserve the scenic byways and create and distribute brochures, flyers and news releases on the negative impacts of litter on coastal areas.

Volunteers are key in this grant, so please help Pati out when she calls.



Previous AIA clean up



Intern helps Resource Committee

University of Florida grad student, Shivani Aserkar is working as a volunteer intern with the Resource Committee this summer. She is pursuing an MA in Urban and Regional Planning at UF.

She is proficient in GIS mapping and is working on Bill-board and Cell Tower details for the committee. In

addition to her classes in Gainesville she and her husband are expecting a child in the fall.

George's committee has been very busy this spring. They have completed the first draft of the visual assessment of the 72 mile scenic byway and presented their findings at the June board meeting. Going for-

ward they will prioritize these assessments and meet with affected jurisdictions prior to finalizing the report.

The committee is also reviewing cell tower and other ordinances. There is plenty of work to do, so if you are interested in affecting change please contact George Harden at [.ghendersonus@netzero.com](mailto:ghendersonus@netzero.com)

In the jail house now

Several of our members were arrested last week and charged with being a good citizen. This of course was all in fun and in an effort to raise the working capital for the grants.

Thanks to Gary Balogh, Pati Teeft, J Nejame, Carol Fisher, Tony Bosco, Jim Netherton, Phyllis Abbitello, Melissa Dezendorf, Dennis Bayer, Marge Rooyakers, Bob Samuels, Susie Kontul, Rita Simmons, Charlie Helm and Sallie O'Hara for being good sports.

The event is extended through 4th of July. Please contact Susie to help out.