

Condensed Title:

A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Commission Of The City Of Miami Beach, Florida, Authorizing The City Manager To Submit An Application For Designation By The East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) Of The Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN) As Part Of The East Coast Greenway (ECG) Trail System Extending From Key West To The Maine/Canada Border.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.):

Issue:

Shall the Mayor and City Commission approve the Resolution?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

In 2007, the Miami Beach City Commission adopted the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN) master plan to create a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) has recently approached the City with an interest to designate portions of the AGN system as part of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) national trail system. The ECG is the nation's most ambitious long-distance urban trail project extending 2900 miles from Key West to the Maine/Canada border. The Greenway links Calais, Maine at the Canadian border with Key West, Florida.

Staff believes that this designation will serve to publicize the AGN and the efforts of the City to promote alternative forms of transportation.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

N/A

Financial Information:

Source of Funds:		Amount	Account
OBPI	1		
	2		
	3		
	Total		

Financial Impact Summary:

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Richard W. Saltrick, Acting City Engineer, x. 6565

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager
FHB <i>[Signature]</i>	DRB <i>[Signature]</i>	JMG <i>[Signature]</i>

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION BY THE EAST COAST GREENWAY ALLIANCE (ECGA) OF THE ATLANTIC GREENWAY NETWORK (AGN) AS PART OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY (ECG) TRAIL SYSTEM EXTENDING FROM KEY WEST TO THE MAINE/CANADA BORDER.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Miami Beach City Commission adopted the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN) master plan to create a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. The AGN master plan proposed a comprehensive network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that provides direct access to important destinations within the City, linking residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, and parks. The Beachwalk, Baywalk, and Cutwalk corridors, as well as trails and pedestrian paths located within City parks, are a major component of the AGN system, facilitating the use of alternative and sustainable forms of transportation throughout the City, while offering potential connections with neighboring communities.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) is based in Durham, North Carolina. The Alliance promotes a vision for connecting local trails into a continuous route; provides strategic assistance for states, counties, and municipalities that build local trail sections; officially designates trails as part of the ECG trail system; posts signage; and makes maps and guides to facilitate use of the Greenway. The ECGA does not own any of the Greenway trail system, but plays a vital role in ensuring its continuity and monitoring trail conditions to ensure consistency in trail quality. ECGA supports local trail agencies in securing the funds to maintain their trails.

The ECGA has recently approached the City with an interest to designate the Beachwalk and Cutwalk segment of the AGN system, as part of the ECG national trail system. The ECG is the nation's most ambitious long-distance urban trail project, extending 2,900 miles from Key West to the Maine/Canada border. The Greenway links Calais, Maine at the Canadian border with Key West, Florida. Alternate routes add another 2,000 miles to the ECG trail system. The East Coast Greenway is essentially a linear park spanning the Atlantic Seaboard, located entirely in public right-of-way, incorporating waterfront esplanades, park paths, abandoned railroad corridors, canal

towpaths, and pathways along highway corridors, while connecting cities, towns, and country sides. Presently, the ECG is 26% on trails, with the remainder on carefully-selected on-road routes. By connecting existing and planned shared-use trails, a continuous, traffic-free route is being formed, serving self-powered users of all abilities and ages.

ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the ECGA's interest in designating the AGN as part of the ECG trail system, City staff has been in contact with the ECGA Trail Program Coordinator who has provided guidance and assistance with the designation process. A sample East Coast Greenway Trail Designation Application is attached herein. If the City Commission directs the City Manager to proceed with the designation process, the City's submittal is anticipated to include an application form, a letter of endorsement from the City Manager, a resolution of endorsement from the Miami Beach City Commission, and an ECG Trail Marker Order form required for the purchase of an estimated eight (8) trail marker signs. A completed application and all supporting material will be submitted by the City for review by the ECGA at one of its two scheduled meetings this year.

The next scheduled ECGA meeting will occur in Portland, Maine on May 19, 2012 and a subsequent meeting will be occurring in Virginia in November 2012. The official designation of the AGN as part of the ECG trail system will be announced at one of these two meetings of the ECGA.

Once the designation becomes official, to demarcate the limits of the designated portions of the AGN, the City will purchase an estimated eight (8) trail marker signs. The trail markers will be installed at the following strategic locations along the AGN corridor: 87th Street, 64th Street, 23rd Street, and South Pointe Drive. Signs would be located in both directions to inform users traveling northbound and southbound along the AGN of the official national designation. It is important to note that the designation would include existing as well as future segments of the Beachwalk, Baywalk, and Cutwalk.

Staff believes that this designation will serve to publicize the AGN and the efforts of the City to promote alternative forms of transportation

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission authorize the City Manager to direct City staff to complete an Application for Designation of the AGN as part of the ECG trail system and that said application be submitted to the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) for a potential designation at either the May 2012 or November 2012 meeting of the ECGA. Once the application for designation of the AGN as part of the ECG trail system is officially endorsed by the ECGA and the designation becomes official, the City Manager will advise the City Commission as to the ECGA's decision.

Attachment: East Coast Greenway Trail Designation Application Package

DRB/FHB/RNS/JRG

EAST COAST TRAIL DESIGNATION



GREENWAY APPLICATION

Nomination instructions:

1. We encourage you to submit the entire trail even if only a portion of it is now constructed. We will process a full designation but only consider the open section currently designated. As new phases open we will inspect them and move them to full designation status.
2. Please submit the completed application in electronic form to facilitate sharing with our review committee.
3. Please include the following items with this application:
 - the attached nomination form
 - a statement reflecting the endorsement by the State Committee of the designation of this trail
 - a copy of the Trail Manager's Letter of Endorsement. There may be more than one if different sections of your trail are managed by different agencies
 - a completed Trail Inspection Report
 - 4 to 8 photos showing typical trail sections and landscapes along the trail and particularly photos of any situations along the route that pose safety issues such as pot holes, dangerous intersections, tree root exposure, etc.
 - a hard copy map clearly marked to show the north and south ends of the trail section proposed for designation; the completed trail section and any future phases; and marked with any other relevant information requested within the application
4. Please contact ECGA Trail Program Coordinator for more details on submitting hard copy maps (see contact information below)

Any inquiries regarding this application can be directed to:

Eric Weis, ECGA Trail Program Coordinator
(401) 450-7155
eric@greenway.org

EAST COAST GREENWAY TRAIL DESIGNATION APPLICATION

BASIC TRAIL INFORMATION

NAME of NOMINATED TRAIL:		
LOCATION		
State:	County:	City:
Segment owned by*:		
Contact name/address/phone:		
Segment managed by:		
Contact name/address/phone:		
* if segment is privately owned and trail access is by easement, please see easement section on p. 3		
Identify street names for following section of designation form:		
Starting point for <i>entire</i> trail nominated for designation:		
Ending point for <i>entire</i> trail nominated for designation:		
When applicable supply information requested below:		
Starting point for <i>completed</i> trail section nominated for designation:		
Ending point for <i>completed</i> trail section nominated for designation:		

TRAIL SEGMENT CHARACTERISTICS		
Type of designation: full phased		
Length and width of entire trail nominated:	length:	width:
Miles of trail nominated which are completed:		
Miles of this trail that are not yet complete:		
Estimated date(s) of completion by phase:		
Is trail surface suitable for touring bicycles: Y N		
<i>Please attach (or send as hardcopy) a map marked to clearly show trail nominated with start and end points, which sections are complete, as well as future phases of the trail presently being nominated for designation.</i>		

QUALIFICATIONS
Describe any trail design, construction or maintenance issues that pose a hazard to the user and that we need to address as a qualification in our designation report:

EAST COAST GREENWAY TRAIL DESIGNATION APPLICATION

TRAIL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT

Agency/Organization responsible for trail management:

Address:

Phone: Fax: email:

Who is responsible for routine maintenance?

Is the trail fully accessible to **emergency vehicles**?

What emergency call **system exists**?

Are there security patrols? Y N If yes, who provides this service?

Is there a "Friends of the Trail" or other support organization in place?

Please provide the name of this organization and contact information:

TRAIL USER INFORMATION

VISITOR TYPES SERVED (please check all that apply)

Pedestrians Mountain bikes Cross-country skis

In-line skates Touring bikes Equestrians

Motorized uses (please list)

Is there full wheelchair access to the entire trail, including all access points?

ACCESS

Is this trail open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk, 365 days/year? If not, please explain:

Describe and locate on the map any other restrictions to safe, comfortable through-use of this trail:

PUBLIC/PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

Is public access to any section of this trail provided by means of an agreement?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the duration of this agreement or easement:

Please list and describe the mileage on private land and locate on map:

OTHER INFORMATION

Please share any other general information pertinent to the designation of this trail that will help our reviewers:

EAST COAST GREENWAY TRAIL DESIGNATION APPLICATION

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATING THIS TRAIL SEGMENT

Name:

Signature (if submitted in hard copy; electronic submission is preferable):

Date:

Phone:

Email:

Describe the manner of the state committee's authorization of this nomination (e.g. vote at meeting with date and vote; electronic meeting vote, etc.):

Please remember to include as attachments the following items when submitting this application:

- Inspection Report
- Manager's Letter of Endorsement
- 4 – 8 photos showing typical trail sections and landscapes in addition to any items being cited as problematic issues with the trail (i.e., qualification to designation)

Please remember to mark as requested and return by mail the trail map supplied by ECGA national office for the trail nomination in question.

Sample Letter of Endorsement

date

Eric Weis, Trail Program Coordinator
East Coast Greenway Alliance
76 Dorrance St, ste 402
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Weis,

We are pleased to endorse the inclusion of the (name of trail) in the East Coast Greenway Trail System.

The (name of trail) is a X mile long paved trail owned by [owning agency] and managed by [managing agency]. It is a public all-season path that runs from [location of one end] to [location of other end]. [Other descriptive details as desirable.].

As the agency responsible for the (name of trail), we here by endorse the designation by the East Coast Greenway Alliance of the (name of trail) as part of the ECG Trail System. We agree to work with your organization to install (at mutually agreeable locations) and maintain trail markers that would be provided to us by the East Coast Greenway Alliance.

Sincerely,



East Coast
Greenway®

ECG Trail Marker Order Form

Trail(s) these markers will be placed on:

Contact name, email and phone:

Shipping address:

Item	size	quantity	cost per unit	subtotal
trail marker	large (15.5" x 5.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
(Maine to Florida)	small (9.5" x 3.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
trail marker	large (15.5" x 5.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
(Florida to Maine)	small (9.5" x 3.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
on-road route marker	large (16.75" x 5.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
(Maine to Florida)	small (10.25" x 3.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
on-road route marker	large (16.75" x 5.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
(Florida to Maine)	small (10.25" x 3.5")		\$8.00	\$0.00
square arrow 90°	large (5.5" on side)		\$7.00	\$0.00
(straight, left, right)	small (3.5" on side)		\$5.00	\$0.00
square arrow 45°	large (5.5" on side)		\$7.00	\$0.00
(diagonal turn L or R)	small (3.5" on side)		\$5.00	\$0.00
sq arrow up then L	large (5.5" on side)		\$7.00	\$0.00
(L turn warning sign)	small (3.5" on side)		\$5.00	\$0.00
sq arrow up then R	large (5.5" on side)		\$7.00	\$0.00
(R turn warning sign)	small (3.5" on side)		\$5.00	\$0.00
round arrow	3.5" diameter plastic		\$1.00	\$0.00
			TOTAL:	\$0.00

A strikethrough on the form indicates an item that is out of stock. Shipping costs may vary due to destination. We will mail an invoice for those costs after shipping the signs. Unless you specify otherwise, we will send via USPS parcel post. RI orders: add 7% sales tax.

Please attach a map showing precise locations for sign installation

If paying by check (payable to ECGA), please mail this form to:

East Coast Greenway Alliance
27 North Rd, Wakefield RI 02879

If paying by credit card (Mastercard or Visa), please fill in this form and either mail to the address above, fax to 401-789-4625, or email to info@greenway.org

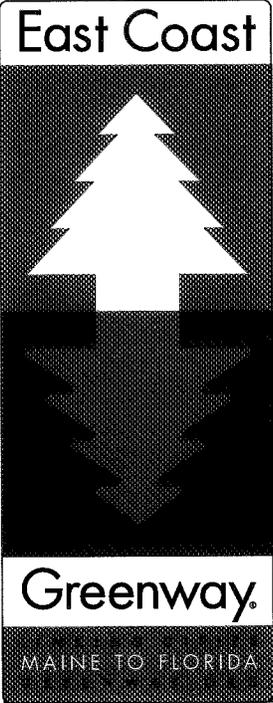
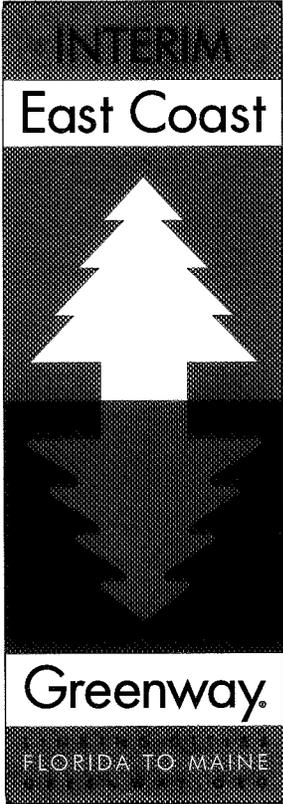
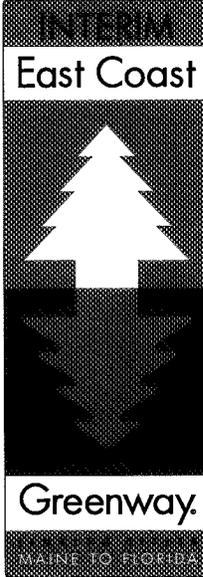
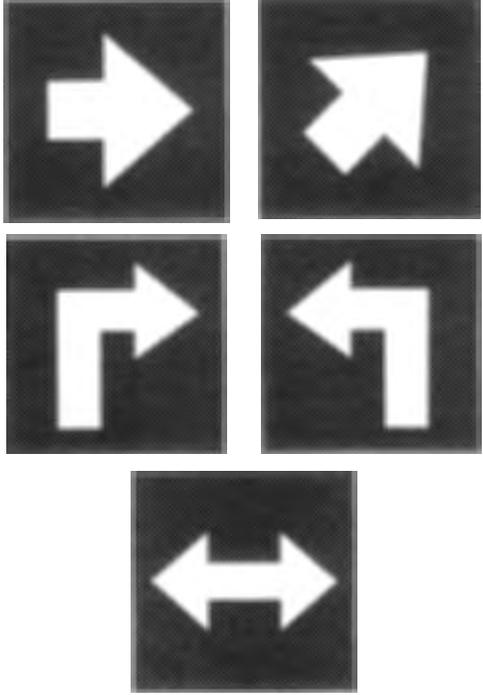
MasterCard Visa Card number:

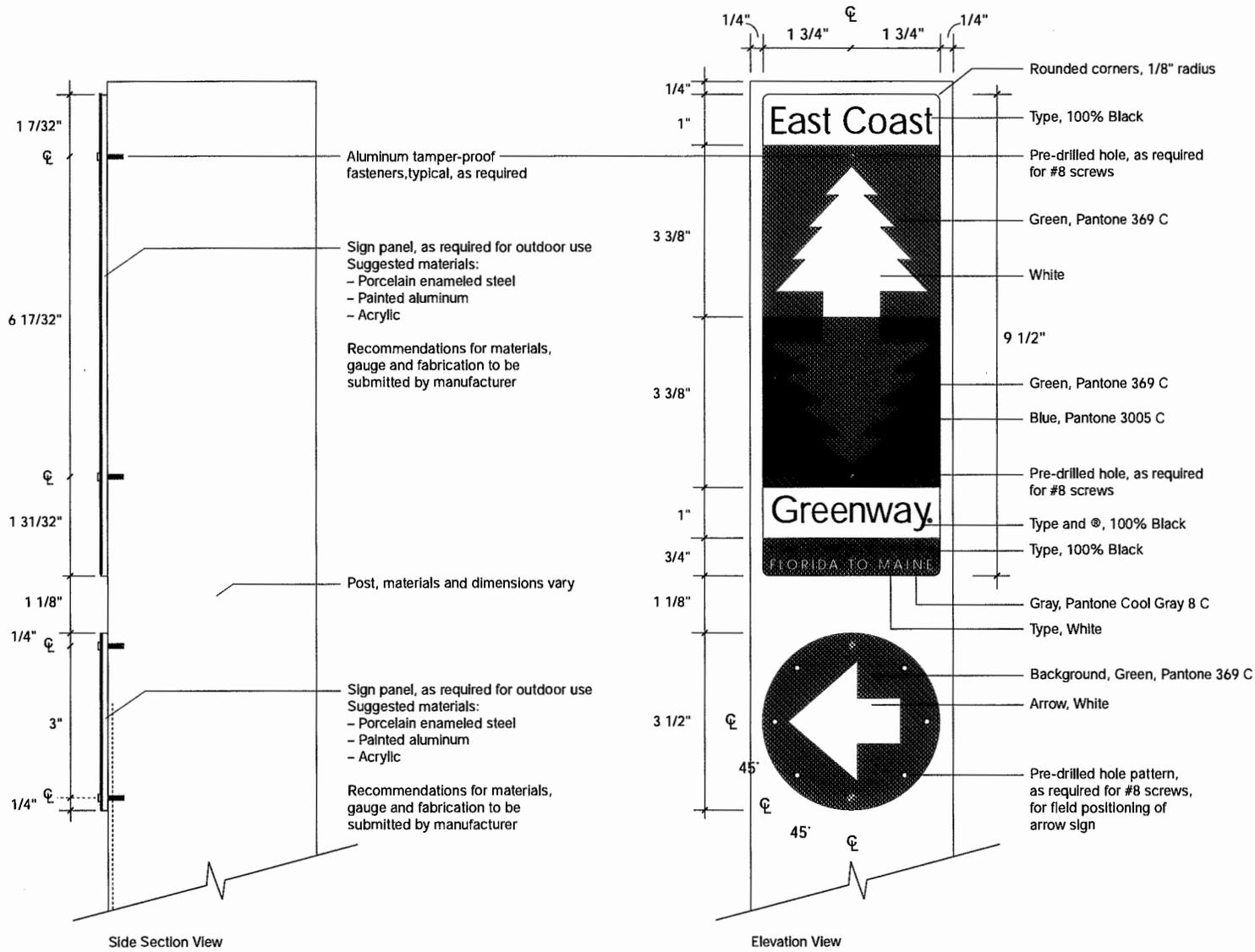
Card expiration date:

Signature:

Note: our supplies are limited, so please order only the number of pieces that you plan to install. Visit <http://greenway.org/signage.htm> to view illustrations of the different marker options. Contact the ECGA (info@greenway.org /401-789-4625) with any questions.

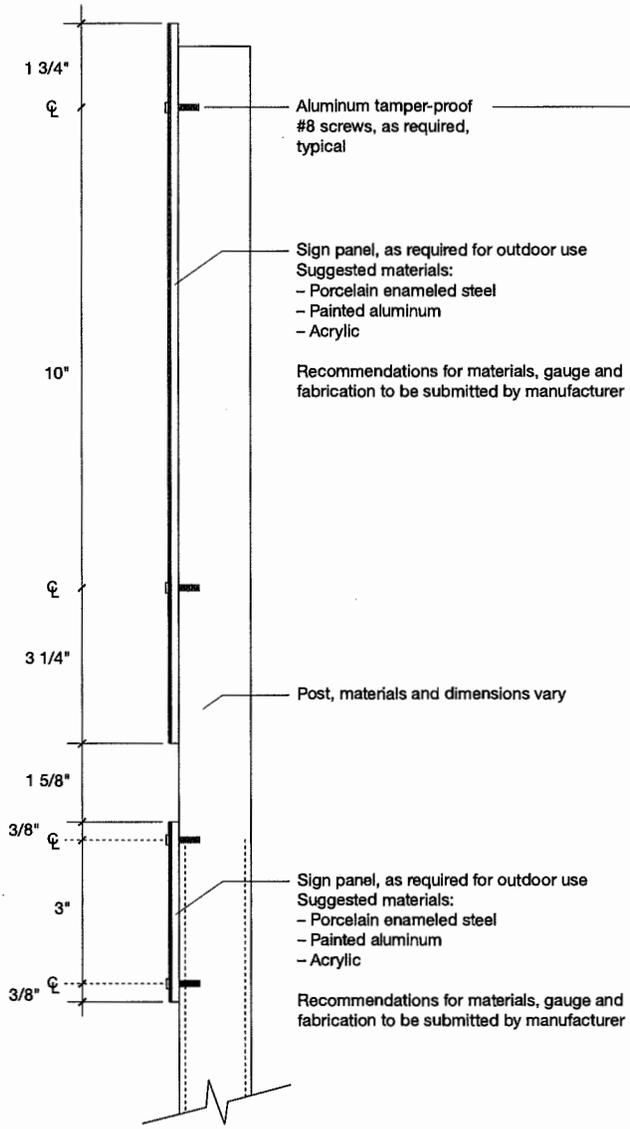
East Coast Greenway Signs

Standard Trail Marker	Small Trail Marker	Standard On-Road Marker (on-road interim route)	Small On-Road Marker (on-road interim route)	Arrow Panel Options
				
<p>Standard Panel Size: 5.5" wide x 15" tall</p> <p>Northbound Direction: Florida to Maine</p> <p>Southbound Direction: Maine to Florida</p>	<p>Small Panel Size: 3.5" wide x 9.5" tall</p> <p>Northbound Direction: Florida to Maine</p> <p>Southbound Direction: Maine to Florida</p>	<p>Interim Route markers can be mounted in conjunction with standard Bike Route Signs (MUTCD).</p> <p>Large Panel Size: 5.5" wide x 16.5" tall Small Panel Size: 3.5" wide x 10.25" tall</p>		<p>Square Arrow Panel Sizes: 3.5" and 5.5" square</p> <p>Due to the ECG logo's similarity to an arrowhead, markers can be used without arrows in locations where only a <i>straight ahead</i> confirmation is needed.</p>
<p>To order, contact Eric Weis, East Coast Greenway Alliance: 401-789-4625 or eric@greenway.org</p>				

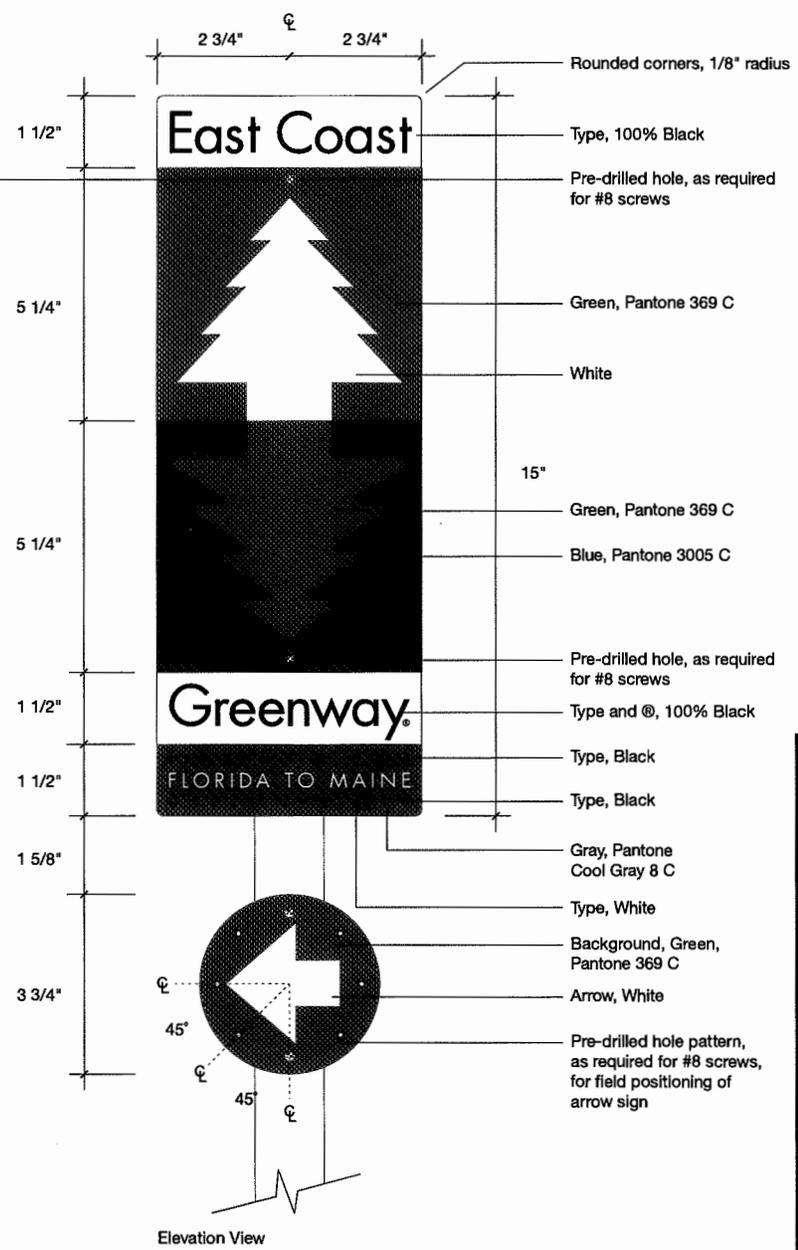


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Side Section View



Elevation View

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