

Historical Marker for Kissengen Spring

This was one of Tom Jackson's special projects that he initiated through the Division of State Historical Resources. Tom already made contact with a friend in DHR that he knew from college days. Bob Jones (DHR) has been made aware of the marker project and has provided assistance to get it started. The project has received indication of support from local environmentalists, and broader awareness is expected as the initiative moves forward.

Historical Markers are reserved for especially unique locations in Florida that deserve recognition for their place in history and culture. Kissengen Spring has received sparse recognition since it dried up in 1950, the first major spring lost due to excessive groundwater pumping.

Tom believed that it was important to recognize what happened to Kissengen, and to respect the right of citizens to seek protection and restoration of such unique geological and historical features.

The Kissengen Spring Historical Marker would be a permanent concrete and bronze monument located within the Mosaic-Peace River County Park. It is expected that the site will one day be connected to regional greenways and trails and be visited by people from around the world, and provide future access to the site of Kissengen Spring. In addition to historical information about Kissengen Spring, a special tribute to Tom is envisioned as a portion of the monument.