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Aug. 15, 2024

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
President, Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Paul Renner
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

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Dear Governor DeSantis, President Passidomo, Speaker Renner and Coordinator Collins-Gomez:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) holds agreements with 95 Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs). Pursuant to section 20.058, Florida Statutes, each CSO is required to report information related to its organization, mission and finances to DEP annually by Aug. 1. DEP is required to report by Aug. 15 of each year to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the information provided by each CSO, including a recommendation with supporting rationale to “continue,” “terminate” or “modify” DEP’s association with each.

The enclosed report includes DEP’s recommendations and rationale related to each CSO. The report, supporting documentation and links to their individual websites (if applicable) can be found on DEP’s website at: floridadep.gov/comm/comm/content/citizen-support-organizations-reports.

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If you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me or Mara Gambineri, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, at 850-245-2043.

Sincerely,

Anna DeCerchio
Chief of Staff

Enclosures

cc: Mara Gambineri, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, DEP
Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration, DEP
Brett Tubbs, Director of Legislative Affairs, DEP



2024 Citizen Support Organization Annual Report

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection

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2024 CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) holds agreements with Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs) through its Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) and Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (ORCP). DRP manages agreements with 81 CSOs and the ORCP manages agreements with 14 CSOs, for a total of 95 CSOs.

Pursuant to section 20.058, Florida Statutes, each CSO is required to report information related to its organization, mission and finances to DEP by Aug. 1 of each year. The reporting requirements include:

- Name, mailing address, telephone number and website address of the organization.
- Statutory authority or executive order pursuant to which the organization was created.
- Brief description of the mission of, and results obtained by, the organization.
- Brief description of the plans of the organization for the next three fiscal years.
- Copy of the organization's code of ethics.
- Copy of the organization's most recent federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (IRS Form 990).

Additionally, DEP is required to report by Aug. 15 of each year to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability the information provided by each CSO, including a recommendation with supporting rationale to continue, terminate or modify DEP's association with each.

Following the passage of 2014 legislation which created sections 20.058 and 112.3251, Florida Statutes, DEP continued to work with the CSOs to generate awareness and compliance with these new requirements. To ensure compliance with the new laws, CSOs were provided with information on the new requirements, a report template, a model code of ethics and instructions for submitting the required documents. Because of this ongoing effort, DEP received the required information from 93 CSOs for this annual report.

Support Organization Reports

Each of the CSO reports include three components: Main Report, Code of Ethics and an IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N or IRS Form 8868 a 990 extension. After receiving the documentation, DEP compiled the components into one .pdf document per CSO. As required, the .pdfs and links to each CSO's website, if applicable, can be found on DEP's website at: floridadep.gov/comm/comm/content/citizen-support-organizations-reports.

Agency Recommendations

DEP recommends it "continue" its association with 93 CSOs, to "modify" its relationship with one CSO and "terminate" its relationship with one CSO.

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Citizen Support Organization	Park/Trail/Preserve(s) Supported	Office/Division	Report Complete	Agency Recommendation	Rationale
Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc.	Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve; Tomoka Marsh Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.	All Aquatic Preserves and Reserves	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc.	Cayo Costa State Park; Gasparilla Island State Park; Don Pedro Island State Park; Stump Pass Beach State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc.	Blackwater Heritage State Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Citizens for the St. Sebastian Preserve, Inc.	St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Dade Battlefield Society, Inc.	Dade Battlefield Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Ecosystem Restoration Support Organization, Inc.	Fort Pickens Aquatic Preserve; Yellow River Marsh Aquatic Preserve; Rocky Bayou Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	No	Terminate	The CSO was unable to reconstitute a board of directors and has dissolved the entity. The CSO had no assets at the time.
Estero Bay Buddies, Inc.	Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Florida State Parks Foundation, Inc.	All Florida State Parks	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Fort Mose Historical Society: African American Community of Freedom, Inc.	Fort Mose Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Alafia, Inc.	Alafia River State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	No	Modify	A 2024 CSO Report was not provided.
Friends of Anastasia State Recreation Area, Inc.	Anastasia State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Anclote Key State Park and Lighthouse, Inc.	Anclote Key Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Bahia Honda State Park, Inc.	Bahia Honda State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Biscayne Bay, Inc.	Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Blue Spring State Park, Inc.	Blue Spring State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Camp Helen State Park, Inc.	Camp Helen State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Cape Florida, Inc.	Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 202x CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park, Inc.	Collier-Seminole State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Colt Creek State Park, Inc.	Colt Creek State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of De Leon Springs State Park, Inc.	De Leon Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Dudley Farm, Inc.	Dudley Farm Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Dunns Creek State Park, Inc.	Dunns Creek State Park; Palatka to St Augustine Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Eden State Gardens, Inc.	Eden Gardens State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Emerald Coast State Parks, Inc.	Henderson Beach State Park; Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.	Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.	Florida Caverns State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Fort Clinch, Inc.	Fort Clinch State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Franklin County State Parks, Inc.	Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park; John Gorrie Museum State Park; Orman House Historic State Park; Chapman Botanical Gardens	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park, Inc.	Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach; North Peninsula State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Grayton Beach State Park and Deer Lake State Park, Inc.	Grayton Beach State Park; Deer Lake State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park, Inc.	Highlands Hammock State Park; Lake June-In-Winter Scrub Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park, Inc.	Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Ichetucknee Springs State Park, Inc.	Ichetucknee Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, Inc.	John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park; Dagny Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.	Jonathan Dickinson State Park; Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve, Inc.	Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Koreshan State Park, Inc.	Koreshan State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Lake Griffin State Park, Inc.	Lake Griffin State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Lake Louisa State Park, Inc.	Lake Louisa State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Little Manatee River Park, Inc.	Little Manatee River State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Lovers Key, Inc.	Lovers Key State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.

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Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, Inc.	John D. MacArthur Beach State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Maclay Gardens, Inc.	Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Manatee Springs Parks, Inc.	Manatee Springs State Park; Fanning Springs State Park; Nature Coast State Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of O'Leno, Inc.	O'Leno State Park; River Rise Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Oleta River State Park, Inc.	Oleta River State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc.	Oscar Scherer State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Our Florida Reefs, Inc.	Coral Reef Conservation Program	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Paynes Prairie, Inc.	Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park; Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Pensacola State Parks, Inc.	Big Lagoon State Park; Perdido Key State Park; Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park, Inc.	Rainbow Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Ravine Gardens, Inc.	Ravine Gardens State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Rookery Bay, Inc.	Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of San Felasco, Inc.	San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park; Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Savannas Preserve State Park, Inc.	Savannas Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park, Inc.	Sebastian Inlet State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Silver Springs State Park, Inc.	Silver Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of St. Andrews State Park, Inc.	St. Andrews State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of St. Joseph State Parks, Inc.	T. H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park; Constitution Convention Museum State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Talbot Islands State Parks, Inc.	Big Talbot Island State Park; Little Talbot Island State Park; Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park; Amelia Island State Park; Fort George Island Cultural State Park; Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park; George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserve	Boca Ciega Bay Aquatic Preserve; Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve; Pinellas County Aquatic Preserves; Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves, Inc.	Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve; Gasparilla Sound-Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve; Cape Haze Aquatic Preserve; Pine Island Sound Aquatic Preserve; Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Crystal River State Parks, Inc.	Crystal River Archaeological State Park; Crystal River Preserve State Park; Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Inc.	Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Islamorada Area State Parks, Inc.	Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park; Indian Key Historic State Park; Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park; Long Key State Park; San Pedro Underwater Archaeological Preserve State Park; Curry Hammock State Park; Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Island Parks, Inc.	Honeymoon Island State Park; Caladesi Island State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc.	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Myakka River, Inc.	Myakka River State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Reserve, Inc.	Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the Spoil Islands, Inc.	Mosquito Lagoon Aquatic Preserve; Banana River Aquatic Preserve; Indian River-Malabar to Vero Beach Aquatic Preserve; Indian River-Vero Beach to Fort Pierce Aquatic Preserve; Jensen Beach to Jupiter Inlet Aquatic Preserve; North Fork St. Lucie River Aquatic Preserve; Loxahatchee River-Lake Worth Creek Aquatic Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of the St. Joseph Bay Preserves, Inc.	St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve; St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Tomoka Basin State Parks, Inc.	Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park; Bulow Creek State Park; Tomoka State Park; Haw Creek Preserve State Park; Addison Blockhouse Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Torreya State Park, Inc.	Torreya State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, Inc.	Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Friends of Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, Inc.	Washington Oaks Gardens State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.

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Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, Inc.	Weeki Wachee Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance, Inc.	Judah R. Benjamin Confederate Memorial at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Gold Head Associates, Inc.	Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Hillsborough River State Park Preservation Society, Inc.	Hillsborough River State Park; Fort Foster State Historic Site	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Hontoon Island Foundation CSO, Inc.	Hontoon Island State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc.	Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
North Florida Springs Alliance, Inc.	Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park; Troy Spring State Park; Suwannee River State Park; Madison Blue Spring State Park; Lafayette Blue Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Olustee Battlefield Citizen Support Organizations, Inc.	Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Paynes Creek Preservation Alliance, Inc.	Paynes Creek Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee, Inc.	Withlacoochee State Trail	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Salt Springs Alliance, Inc.	Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
St. George Lighthouse Association, Inc.	St. George Island Lighthouse; Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve	Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization, Inc.	Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center State Park; Big Shoals State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Supporters of Delnor-Wiggins Park, Inc.	Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
The Barnacle Society, Inc.	The Barnacle Historic State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
The Friends of Fort Cooper, Inc.	Fort Cooper State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
The Friends of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Inc.	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.
Wekiva Wilderness Trust, Inc.	Wekiwa Springs State Park; Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park; Rock Springs Run State Reserve	Division of Recreation and Parks	Yes	Continue	A complete 2024 CSO Report was provided.