



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

2017 REPORT

(pursuant to Florida Statute 20.058)

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Dade Battlefield Society Inc.

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Statutory Authority:

Section 20.2551, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department property, audit requirements, public records requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands managed by the Department.

Section 258.015, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit. In summary, the statute defines a CSO, requires authorization by the Division of Recreation and Parks, and specifies the use of property. This statute authorizes the Partnerships in Parks (PIP) program for state parks, the program's operational parameters, CSO's operational parameters, and donor recognition.

Brief Description of the CSO's Mission: To serve as a support group for Dade Battlefield Historic State Park.

Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained: The CSO plans and presents signature park events including Dade's Battle of 1835, World War II Commemorative Weekend and others. Through fundraising efforts, the CSO supports the park's operations. The CSO helps the park perform its mission of providing resource based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources.

Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years: Continue to expand signature events such as Dade's Battle of 1835 and World War II Weekend and play greater roles in planning for the native America Pow-Wow and Folk Festival. Begin fundraising to replace the park's Husqvarna mower when has outlived its useful life.

- Copy of the CSO's Code of Ethics attached** (*Model provided; see CSO 2014 instructions*)
- Certify the CSO has completed and provided to the Department the organization's most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N/Annual Financial Statement**