



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection**

**CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION  
2017 REPORT  
IMPLEMENTATION OF 20.058 F.S.**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: The Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc.  
Mailing Address: c/o Scott Taylor PO Box 1479 Sorrento, FL 32776-1479  
Telephone Number: 407-381-1144 Website Address (if applicable): N/A

**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.

**Brief Description of the CSO's Mission:**

- To promote and support charitable, educational and scientific activities that directly and indirectly benefit the Wekiva-Middle St. Johns and Tomoka Marsh Aquatic Preserves.
- This organization is dedicated to raising awareness and educating the public about the Wekiva-Middle St. Johns and Tomoka Marsh Aquatic Preserves' ecosystems.

**Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:** The Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida (Alliance) held two general meetings (August and December 2016) and the president met with aquatic preserve (AP) staff on over ten occasions. Alliance President Dean Barber joined the Board of the Aquatic Preserve Society (APS). Dean and AP Manager, Deborah Shelley attended the APS' Estero Bay AP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in Dec., and AP staff participated in monthly APS Board conference calls. Alliance members also assisted with two ecotourism paddling events on the Wekiva River and were successful in the addition of a strategic parcel on the St. Johns River to the Wekiva/Ocala Greenway via a boundary amendment and presentation to the Acquisition and Restoration Council. Alliance members and AP team collaborated for two environmental festivals (Blue Springs Water Festival/DeLand and annual Manatee Festival/Orange City). Alliance members also participated in an aquatic plant survey and two clean-ups on the St. Johns River and adjacent canals and a submerged aquatic vegetation survey on the Wekiva River. An Alliance member also served as liaison between the AP and emergency response agencies including the USCG re: the removal of a derelict vessel from the Halifax River.

**Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years:**

- Support AP volunteer resource management and education/outreach activities.
- Conduct fundraising to support aquatic preserve activities.
- "To better serve the needs of basin researchers and the public, a Freshwater Research Center with an education component is envisioned at a direct river access location." *Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve Management Plan, 2014.*

**Copy of the CSO's Code of Ethics attached**

**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**  
**N/A New CSO; no 990 pending F1023 completion.**

# **The Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc.**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

### **PREAMBLE**

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of The Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc. (herein "CSO") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislature in Section 112.3251, Florida Statute (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of CSO board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.
  
- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no CSO board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the CSO. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of The Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc. board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

### **STANDARDS**

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by CSO board members, officers, and employees.

#### **1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts**

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the CSO board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

#### **2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote**

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the CSO board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

#### **3. Salary and Expenses**

No CSO board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as a CSO board member or officer, as provided by law.

#### **4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position**

A CSO board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

#### **5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information**

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

#### **6. Employment Restrictions**

A person who has been elected to any CSO board or office or who is employed by a CSO may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the CSO of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

#### **7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office**

No person may be, at one time, both a CSO employee and a CSO board member at the same time.

#### **8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting**

A CSO board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the CSO board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the CSO board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

#### **9. Failure to Observe CSO Code of Ethics**

Failure of a CSO board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the CSO to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the CSO.

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Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc.

07/21/17

**Balance Sheet**

Accrual Basis

As of July 21, 2017

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	<u>Jul 21, 17</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1001 · First Green Bank Mt. Dora	2,535.44
Total Checking/Savings	<u>2,535.44</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,535.44</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,535.44</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3900 · Retained Earnings	2,535.44
Total Equity	<u>2,535.44</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>2,535.44</u></b>



# First GREEN Bank

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AQUATIC PRESERVE ALLIANCE  
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC  
26423 ST RD 46  
SORRENTO FL 32776

Statement Date: **07/10/2017** Enclosures: **( 0 )**

Account No.: **13012765** Page: **1**

## BE GREEN BUSINESS SUMMARY

	Type :	REG	Status :	Active
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>			<b>Amount</b>
Balance Forward From 06/09/17				2,535.44
Debits				0.00
Ending Balance On 07/10/17				2,535.44
Average Balance (Ledger)	2,535.44+			

**This Statement Cycle Reflects 31 Days**

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017  
THE BANK'S NSF PAID FEE AND NSF RETURN FEE  
WILL BE INCREASED TO \$40.00 PER ITEM.  
THANK YOU FOR BANKING WITH FIRST GREEN BANK!!!

## OVERDRAFT FEE SUMMARY

	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

Fees Refunded	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees Waived	\$0.00	\$0.00

## DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Beginning Ledger Balance on 06/09/17 was 2,535.44

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
07/10/17	2,535.44				

**Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central Florida, Inc.**

**Profit & Loss Detail**

January through December 2016

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Amount	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Expense</b>							
<b>Fees Dues Subs</b>							
Check	01/08/2016	1004	Aquatic Preserve ...			100.00	100.00
Check	08/09/2016	1005	City of DeLand	10x10 booth at...		250.00	350.00
Total Fees Dues Subs						350.00	350.00
Total Expense						350.00	350.00
Net Ordinary Income						-350.00	-350.00
<b>Net Income</b>						<b>-350.00</b>	<b>-350.00</b>

**Note: No activity for the year 2017 as of July 21, 2017**