

*Citizen Support Organization
Direct-Support Organization
2017 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 (Division) and Direct-Support Organizations through its Florida Coastal Office (Office). The Division and Office manage agreements with 83 CSOs and 13 DSOs, respectively, for a total of 96.

Pursuant to Section 20.058, Florida Statutes, each Support Organization is required to report information related to its organization, mission and finances to DEP by August 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 3 fiscal years;
- Copy of the organization's code of ethics; and
- Copy of the organization's most recent federal Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990).

Additionally, DEP is required to report by August 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 Support Organization, including a recommendation with supporting rationale to continue, terminate or modify DEP's association with each.

Following the passing of 2014 legislation which created Sections 20.058 and 112.3251, Florida Statutes, DEP has continued to work with the Support Organizations in an effort to generate awareness and compliance with these new requirements. To ensure compliance with the new laws, Support Organizations were provided with information on the new requirements, a main report template, model code of ethics and instructions for submitting the required documents. As a result of this ongoing effort, DEP received the required information from all 96 of its Support Organizations for this Annual Report.

Changes Since the Last Agency Report

There have been no changes since the last report.

Support Organization Reports

Each of the Support Organization reports provided include three components: Main Report, Code of Ethics and an Internal Revenue Service Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N (or Annual Financial Statement). After receiving the documentation, DEP compiled the components into one .pdf document per Support Organization. As required, the .pdfs and links to each Support Organization's website, if applicable, can be found on DEP's website at: www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/cit_support/default.htm.

Agency Recommendations

DEP recommends continuing its association with all 96 Support Organizations as each meets the requirements outlined in Sections 20.058 and 112.3251, Florida Statutes, and each submitted the required information. The attached table summarizes the information provided by each Support Organization, links to each website and .pdf report on DEP's website.