



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

2015 REPORT

(pursuant to Florida Statute 20.058)

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4292, Milton, FL 32572

Telephone Number: 850-982-4544

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.

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:

The mission of the Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc. is to act as a nonprofit citizens support group to foster improvements and maintenance of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail, to develop additional linkages and a network of trails that connect with or are proximate to the trail, to promote environmental, cultural, and historical awareness of the trail, and to encourage the use of the trail as a healthful and safe facility for cycling, hiking, horseback riding, running, and related recreational activities.

Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:

1. CSO had trail work days to remove invasive species and trim and prune other vegetation as needed. Removed vines overtaking establishment of native trees. Also removed trash from parking areas.
2. Continued outreach and education through efforts of the Board of Directors. This included regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and providing information on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail at other major events in the area such as the Forestry Conclave and Lumberjack Festival at Pensacola State College-Milton Campus. Also continued to attend meetings and advocate on issues impacting the trail related to Highway 90 improvements and a study associated with a new route planned for Highway 87 N that will cross the trail. A multiple use trail is proposed for a portion of the new Highway 87 N that will connect SR 90 north to the Blackwater Heritage State Trail.
3. Supported the Fenner McConnell/Matt Wantz Memorial Blackwater Heritage Century Ride, a major bicycle race using both the Blackwater Heritage State Trail and Blackwater River State Forest. Volunteers supported the event through course layout, rest station food and drink purchase, and staffing of rest stations. This event helps to spotlight both the trail and the additional opportunities available through connecting to the state forest. Total attendance for the event was 346, up from the 2013 event where attendance was 215. Participants were from seven states including Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, and Ohio.
4. Volunteers planted native trees on a portion of the trail. Users of the trail comment often on their appreciation of the previous trees plantings which are starting to provide much needed shade on portions of the trail. Besides restoring natives where invasive species once existed, the trees are highly valued by trail users.
5. Continue to work with Blackwater River State Forest on final development of the Longleaf Trail, connecting the Old Spanish Trail through Blackwater River State Forest to the Blackwater River in Blackwater River State Park.
6. Worked with Santa Rosa County with several items pertaining to a major connection for the Blackwater

Heritage State Trail to the Bagdad Mill Site Park. Major emphasis was on completion of a new CSX crossing that meets current bike/pedestrian requirements. The crossing was completed using Santa Rosa County Tourism Development Council funding, allowing for planning to move forward with a sidewalk connection from the north.

7. Purchased a replacement door for the DEP 2004 Dodge Dakota used on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail. The door had been damaged and the replacement allowed the vehicle to be back in good shape again and providing a good image for both DEP and the trail.

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

1. Promote environmental, cultural, and historical awareness of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail and other trails identified as significant state trails by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Encourage the use of the trail as a healthful and safe facility for cycling, hiking, horseback riding, running and related recreational activities through community education and outreach.
3. Support major trail events as approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
4. Advocate for the development of additional linkages and a network of trails that connect with or are proximate to the trail and those that are part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System Plan.
5. Conduct programs and activities related to the Blackwater Heritage State Trail, other significant trails in the area, and connector trails under consideration or development.
6. Raise funds, request and receive grants and gifts, and make expenditures in support of the goals of the organization. Major emphasis to be on RESTORE Act opportunities to meet trail infrastructure needs.

- 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**

Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc.

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Blackwater Heritage Trail, 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 Blackwater Heritage Trail, 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.

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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. Post-Office/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.



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Blackwater River State Park
7720 Deaton Bridge Road
Holt, Florida 32564

Rick Scott
Governor

Carlos Lopez-Cantera
Lt. Governor

Jonathan P. Steverson
Secretary

Memorandum

TO: Daniel Jones, Bureau Chief; Florida Park Service

Through: Carmen C. McDonald, PPDS; Florida Park Service

FROM: Ferlain Hoover, Park Manager, Blackwater Heritage State Trail

SUBJECT: Annual Financial Report for the Friends of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail, Inc.

DATE: June 24, 2015

Overall it has been a very successful year working with the Friends of Blackwater Heritage State Trail.

They have had work days to help with the removal of invasive species, also help with the trimming and pruning of the trail.

The Friends Board of Directors continue to do outreach and education. This included regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and providing information on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail at other major events in the area such as the Forestry Conclave and Lumberjack Festival at Pensacola State College-Milton Campus. Also continued to attend meetings and advocate on issues impacting the trail related to Highway 90 improvements and a study associated with a new route planned for Highway 87 N that will cross the trail. A multiple use trail is proposed for a portion of the new Highway 87 N that will connect SR 90 north to the Blackwater Heritage State Trail.

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Park Manager
Ferland Hoover

Ferlain Hoover
Park Manager
Blackwater Heritage State Trail
5533 Alabama Street
Milton, FL 32572

June 30, 2015

Dear Ferlain,

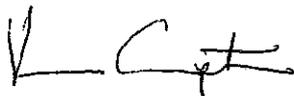
The Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc. continued their activities in 2014 in the support and maintenance of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail. We are pleased to be able to play a role in support of the trail and appreciate the opportunity we have to work with you and the staff and to interact with the public that enjoys and uses the trail.

2014 was a productive year for the organization. We assisted with management, restoration, and maintenance along the trail through work days that emphasized invasive species control, pruning, and tree planting. We also continued our outreach and education efforts centered on events such as the Forestry Conclave and Lumberjack Festival that occurs at Pensacola State College-Milton Campus. A major event that we support yearly on the trail, the Fenner Bike Event, had 346 participants in it. CSO volunteers play a major role in the success of this event through layout of the course and through providing participant support throughout the day of the event. In addition to event support, we attended numerous meetings in support of the trail related to important trail connections identified in the State of Florida trails plan for our area. And finally, we were pleased to be able to fund a safety improvement on one of the park vehicles that serves management and maintenance activities on the trail.

Overall, 259 volunteer hours were contributed to the Blackwater Heritage State Trail by the CSO. In the coming year we plan to continue those same efforts while ramping up efforts to recruit more volunteers and members. We also are working on a major grant that will support trail infrastructure identified in the Trail Management Plan. The CSO continues to maintain a sound financial status with a cash balance of \$7,636.00 in the CSO bank account.

We look forward to another productive year working in support of the Blackwater Heritage State Trail.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Compton', written over a horizontal line.

Vernon Compton
President

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Form 990-EZ

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2014

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, and ending December 31

B Check if applicable:

Name of organization: BLACKWATER HERITAGE TRAIL, INC. Employer identification number: 59-3027002. Address: PO BOX 4292, Milton, FL 32570. Telephone number: 850-623-3250.

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify) _____

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) [X] 501(c)(3) [] 501(c)() (insert no.) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

\$ 1,000

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [X]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Revenue section includes lines 1-9 with total revenue of 1,000. Expenses section includes lines 10-17 with total expenses of 1,059. Net Assets section includes lines 18-21 with ending net assets of 7,636.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with Yes/No columns for question 46. No is marked with an X.

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

Table with Yes/No columns for question 47. No is marked with an X.

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

Table with Yes/No columns for question 48. No is marked with an X.

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

Table with Yes/No columns for question 49a. No is marked with an X.

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with Yes/No columns for question 49b.

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. All rows contain 'None'.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. All rows contain 'None'.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

X Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer VERNON COMPTON, Date 6/29/2015, Title President

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name JOHN DUCKER, Preparer's signature JOHN DUCKER, Date 06/24/15, Firm's name Ducker & Company, Inc., Firm's address 6825 Oak Street Milton, FL 32570-6732, Firm's EIN 27-4408233, Phone no. 850-623-3250

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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2014

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

BLACKWATER HERITAGE TRAIL, INC.

Employer identification number

59-3027002

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here	►					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►	
b 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	►	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3,521	3,333	4,065	120		11,039
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	735	816	764		1,000	3,315
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	4,256	4,149	4,829	120	1,000	14,354
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						14,354

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	4,256	4,149	4,829	120	1,000	14,354
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	4,256	4,149	4,829	120	1,000	14,354

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100.00 %
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations; (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations; or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer (b) below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2	Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
a			
b			
c			
d			
e From 2013			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c			
d Excess from 2013 . . .			
e Excess from 2014 . . .			

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

BLACKWATER HERITAGE TRAIL, INC.

Employer identification number

59-3027002

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

Description	Amount
Expenses	
Office	\$ 80
Other Expenses	\$ 979
Total	\$ 1,059

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Primary Exempt Purpose

PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE STATE TRAIL PROMOTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT GENERATE AND FOSTER USE OF THE TRAIL.

Citizen Support Organization Statement on Value of Contributed Services

This statement reports on services provided to the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) from park staff support and in-kind support for the past fiscal year. The statement is part of the CSO's Annual Financial Report described in Chapter 5: Section 7 of the 2014 CSO Handbook. The primary purpose of the Annual Financial Report is to provide a summary of the most relevant information to the Department and Division, and to meet the common interests of donors, members, creditors, and others who provide resources to the not for profit organization.

This Value of Contributed Services for a park is provided to the CSO by the park or District through the Park Programs Development Specialist. Note, the Division of Recreation and Parks operates on a cash-based method of accounting.

Park Name: Blackwater Heritage State Trail

Park Address: 5533 Alabama Street, Milton, FL 32572

Name of the CSO: Blackwater Heritage Trail Inc.

A summary of contributed services from the period of 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2014 is as follows:

259 hours of volunteer service in support of the trail and trail events. \$200.00 donation for purchase of replacement door for 2004 Dodge Dakota used by the Park Service in support of trail management and maintenance.

Park Staff Support

The total number of hours contributed in staff support services converted to a monetary amount.

The park contributed a total of \$ 0.00 in staff support services to the CSO.

Park Facilities Support

The total amount of water, electric, and utility expenses used to support CSO events, concessions, etc.

The CSO received a total of \$ 360.00 in park facilities support.

In-Kind Support

The CSO receives additional services outside of the park staff contributed hours called in-kind services. In-kind services are a type of charitable giving in which, instead of money, a person contributes some kind of service, good, or commodity. Examples are professional services of a lawyer, accountant, or any professional or the estimated value of a good or commodity.

The CSO received a total of \$ 0.00 in in-kind support services.

List of Program Services

Federal charitable 501(c)(3) organizations are required to report total expenses and revenue for each program service. According to the IRS, a program service is any activity by the organization which accomplishes its charitable purposes.

For *each* program service provide a description, total expense, and total revenue. For *each* program service description, clearly and concisely describe the accomplishments through specific measurements such as visitors served, days of an event, number of sessions or events held, publications issued, etc. (add pages as appropriate).

Program Service Description: Monthly Board meetings in support of trail management, restoration, events and activities, and funding/grants

Total Expense 80.00
Total Revenue \$0.00

Program Service Description: Donation to replace Park Service vehicle door for safety purposes

Total Expense \$200.00
Total Revenue \$0.00

Program Service Description: Trail plantings and cleanup days, including invasive species control

Total Expense \$0.00
Total Revenue \$0.00

Program Service Description: Support of annual Fenner Bike Event, the largest bike event on the trail which occurs in October of each year, and other trail events. CSO provides volunteers in support of Fenner Ride layout and participant services throughout the event .

Total Expense \$679.01
Total Revenue \$1,000.00

Program Service Description: Public education and outreach related to the trail

Total Expense \$99.99
Total Revenue \$0.00

Total Program Services

Provide a total amount for all program expenses and a total amount for all program revenue.

CSO total program service expenses \$ 1,059.00
CSO total program service revenues \$ 1,000.00

Citizen Support Organization Statement of Accomplishments and Goals

This statement is part of the Citizen Support Organization's (CSO's) Annual Financial Report (see Chapter 5: Section 7) of the 2014 CSO Handbook. The primary purpose of the Annual Financial Report is to provide a summary of the most relevant information to the Department and Division, and to meet the common interests of donors, members, creditors, and others who provide resources to the not for profit organization. Report the accomplishments for the CSO's past fiscal year and goals for the upcoming year.

Name of the CSO Blackwater Heritage Trail, Inc.

CSO Address 5533 Alabama Street

City, State, Zip Code Milton, FL 32572

A summary of CSO accomplishments from the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Estimated Total Volunteer Hours 259

Total Volunteer Hours: Include CSO officers, board members, and general members.

Total Membership 10

Total Membership: The current number of members in good standing at the end of the CSO's fiscal year including officers, board members, and general members. When totaling the number of members in the CSO, typically individuals and corporate members are counted as "one (1)" member. Family, patron, or not for profit organization members are counted as "two (2)" members.

List of CSO Board Members

Attach a current list of board members' and officers' names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in order of position title.

Vernon Compton, President, 5149 Santa Rosa Street, Milton, FL 32570, 850-982-4544, comptonv@bellsouth.net

Mike Davis, Vice-President, 6758 Madison Street, Milton, FL 32570, no phone or email address

Peggi Smith, Secretary, 6758 Madison Street, Milton, FL 32570, 850-346-6507, peggi306@yahoo.com

John Ducker, Treasurer, 6825 Oak Street, Milton, FL 32570, 850-623-3250, duckerco@bellsouth.net

Walt Schuman, Board Member, 6030 Rosebud Lane, Milton, FL 32570, 850-626-4037, w.schumann@att.net

Mack Thetford, Board Member, 5149 Santa Rosa Street, Milton, FL 32570, 850-292-2557, thetfordm@gmail.com

Sammy Caroll, Board Member, 6746 Ravine Street, Milton, FL 32570, 850-206-9851, showmegirlsc@hotmail.com

Charles Morgan, Board Member, 4797 Ribault Lane, Milton, FL 32570, 850-623-4294, charliem66@netzero.net

Summary of Accomplishments (Attach additional pages as needed)

Provide a report of the CSO's short term and long term accomplishments for the past year, according to the Annual Program Plan. These accomplishments will support the CSO's mission statement and will illustrate support of the park's expressed needs.

1. CSO had trail work days to remove invasive species and trim and prune other vegetation as needed. Removed vines overtaking establishment of native trees. Also removed trash from parking areas.

2. Continued outreach and education through efforts of the Board of Directors. This included regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and providing information on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail at other major events in the area such as the Forestry Conclave and Lumberjack Festival at Pensacola State College-Milton Campus. Also continued to attend meetings and advocate on issues impacting the trail related to Highway 90 improvements and a study associated with a new route planned for Highway 87 N that will cross the trail. A multiple use trail is proposed for a portion of the new Highway 87 N that will connect SR 90 north to the Blackwater Heritage State Trail.
3. Supported the Fenner McConnell/Matt Wantz Memorial Blackwater Heritage Century Ride, a major bicycle race using both the Blackwater Heritage State Trail and Blackwater River State Forest. Volunteers supported the event through course layout, rest station food and drink purchase, and staffing of rest stations. This event helps to spotlight both the trail and the additional opportunities available through connecting to the state forest. Total attendance for the event was 346, up from the 2013 event where attendance was 215. Participants were from seven states including Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, and Ohio.
4. Volunteers planted native trees on a portion of the trail. Users of the trail comment often on their appreciation of the previous trees plantings which are starting to provide much needed shade on portions of the trail. Besides restoring natives where invasive species once existed, the trees are highly valued by trail users.
5. Continue to work with Blackwater River State Forest on final development of the Longleaf Trail, connecting the Old Spanish Trail through Blackwater River State Forest to the Blackwater River in Blackwater River State Park.
6. Worked with Santa Rosa County with several items pertaining to a major connection for the Blackwater Heritage State Trail to the Bagdad Mill Site Park. Major emphasis was on completion of a new CSX crossing that meets current bike/pedestrian requirements. The crossing was completed using Santa Rosa County Tourism Development Council funding, allowing for planning to move forward with a sidewalk connection from the north.
7. Purchased a replacement door for the DEP 2004 Dodge Dakota used on the Blackwater Heritage State Trail. The door had been damaged and the replacement allowed the vehicle to be back in good shape again and providing a good image for both DEP and the trail.

Summary of Goals or Priorities for the Upcoming Fiscal Year (Attach additional pages as needed)

Build on the accomplishments from the CSO's past reporting year and include new goals voted on by the board and approved by the Park Manager for the upcoming year. Projected time frames for multiple year projects, like Partnership in Parks projects, will be provided. The CSO should attach the CSO's signed Annual Program Plan for the upcoming year to this statement.

See attached Summary of Goals for 2015.



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

CSO ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

Name of CSO: Blackwater Heritage Trail Inc.

For CSO Fiscal Year: 2015 - Page 1

	Description of Annual Projects	Resources Needed	Sources of Resources	Agency Approval Needed Y/N
1	Development of Exercise Trail in Urban Section	Purchase of Equipment for each stop	BHT funds as leverage for SRC Restore request	Y
2	Partner & assist with Annual Fenner Bike Ride (10/17/2015)	Use of trail and volunteers	BHT support for layout and volunteer stations	Y
3	Host Blackwater Bicycle Festival at Trail Visitor Center (05/02/2015)	Use of Visitor Center and Parking Lot	BHT volunteers and Park Staff support	Y
4	Plant longleaf pine to restore natural areas (Zones 2,3,4)	Containerized longleaf pine	BHT	Y
5	Add restroom at Equestrian Parking Lot	Restroom facility purchase and placement	BHT SRC Restore grant request	Y
6	Addition of benches along trail	bench construction materials	BHT SRC Restore grant request	Y
7	With Park staff develop/support event schedule for Trail-side Amphitheater	Planning Meeting	BHT and Park Staff	Y
8	Develop plan for Trail Run to support Park trail needs	Planning Meeting	BHT and Park Staff	Y
9	Expand CSO Membership	Use of Trail Visitor Center	BHT for Membership Drive and Meetings	Y
10	Continue Advocacy on DEP Trail priorities & linkages to BHST	Volunteer outreach and engagement	BHT	N

Submitted by CSO President: *V. C. [Signature]*

Date: 12/04/2014

Park Manager Approval: _____

Date: _____



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

CSO ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

Name of CSO: Blackwater Heritage Trail Inc.

For CSO Fiscal Year: 2015 - Page 2

	Description of Annual Projects	Resources Needed	Sources of Resources	Agency Approval Needed Y/N
1	Plant yaupon for screening/protection zones as needed (Zones 3,4,8,9)	yaupon hollies and volunteers to plant	University of Florida and BHT volunteers	Y
2	Host event celebrating rehabilitation of State Road No. 1 as trail corridor	Imogene Theater and Red Brick Road	Santa Rosa Historical Society and SR County	N
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5				
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7				
8				
9				
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Submitted by CSO President: 

Date: 12/04/2014

Park Manager Approval: _____

Date: _____