



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
2024 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

386-517-2086

Telephone Number: _____

Website Address (required if applicable): frogrs.com

Check to confirm your Code of Ethics is posted conspicuously on your website.

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.

YOUR MISSION AND LAST CALENDAR YEAR’S PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CSO’s Mission: (Consistent with your Articles and Bylaws)

The mission of the Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park is to support Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area and North Peninsula State Park through fundraising, community involvement, educational outreach, and enhancements of park resources

Describe Last Calendar Year’s Results Obtained: Brag! (List or discuss the past calendar year’s accomplishments and contributions. Cite specific support from last calendar year’s Annual Program Plan.)

2023 CSO of the Year for resource-based recreation for kayak tour guide team. Received a \$5,000 grant from the Florida State Parks Foundation Services that went towards the purchase of a golf cart used for park maintenance. Increased revenue generating initiatives through new leadership with merchandise sales, started ice sales, increased kayak tours, and continued turtle sponsorships and firewood sales. Supported park volunteers and staff with multiple recognition, appreciation, and celebration events. Added new members to the board. Purchased various items for the park to support education, exotic plant removal, equipment maintenance, turtle patrol and more. Continued with the Shuck and Share oyster recycling program, identified additional buyers for the product including materials for Jacksonville Zoo and installed oyster products for living shoreline restoration. Received grant for native plants to enhance riverside campground landscaping. Manned a booth at five outreach events, and presented at general meetings of local clubs for outreach. Upgraded the website.

Describe the CSO’s Plans for the Next Three Calendar Years:

Continue to expand the kayak tour offerings by training and supporting additional volunteer leaders. Explore additional revenue generating opportunities through outreach, grants and similar funding opportunities. Develop and design interpretation related to the House of Refuge and general history of the park for the beach side pavilion. Develop a concept, budget and funding ideas for the addition of a fishing dock along the river. Add landscaping in three or more areas of the riverside campground. Make improvements to the Coastal Strand trail with improved directional markings and trailhead signage. Continue to enhance the Gamble and butterfly gardens with new planting and signage as needed. Support continuation of kids fishing program. Continue to improve merchandise sales, outreach programming and marketing. Explore the possibility of corporate sponsorships and relationships. Continued support of interpretation, maintenance, turtle monitoring, staff development, staff/volunteer recognition, exotic plant removal and more.

CSO's LAST CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS:

Total Number of CSO General Membership:

Total Number of Board of Directors:

Total Volunteer Hours for the Board of Directors (From VSys - Work with your parks' volunteer manager):

PARK & CSO RELATIONSHIP:

Do not duplicate by describing accomplishments and contributions in the summary. Brag in the above Results Obtained. Below, describe the relationship.

Park Manager's Comments on the CSO & Park Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on

- Changing developments of the park provided by the CSO.
- Effectiveness of the organization in fulfilling their purpose to support the park(s).
- Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in completing their Annual Program Plan.
- The relationship between the park and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

The Board continues to work hard to advance the operations at the Parks. All Board members continue to use their talents, working in specific areas that benefit the Parks from fundraising, to maintenance to interpretation. Board meetings are well-run and a productive use of members time. The Board has been successful in securing smaller grants, and is beginning to look towards larger fundraising initiatives. They are an effective organization making a positive impact on the Parks. They help behind the scenes in many ways like collecting oysters and performing maintenance task, as well as in direct, front-line engagement with visitors at community outreach events and leading stations at a kids fishing clinic.

This year the CSO made some excellent improvements in security and handling of funds raised for the Parks. These steps make the organization more financially sound and better prepared to tackle larger fundraising initiatives.

Through their support of a wide variety of activities, they are able to fulfill their annual program plan. The Board has also been to additional outreach events, which has helped raise funds and awareness of the parks. The relationship between the Board and the Parks continue to be positive, welcoming and inclusive. We look forward to working together on future projects.

CSO President's Comments on the CSO & Park Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on the relationship between the park and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

As a seven-year Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park (FROGRS) board member and fourth-year president, I am extremely pleased with the relationship between the CSO and our parks, Gamble Rogers and North Peninsula. Lynne Flannery, Park Manager, Chris Clauson, APM, Stephanie York, PSS and other staff are extremely cooperative, diligent, cordial, flexible and appreciative of the support that FROGRS has provided for the parks, and the CSO is appreciative of the high standards and work ethic maintained at the parks for our guests and the collaborative nature of the CSO - parks relationship. I am particularly proud of the excellent communication maintained with Lynne and her staff, as it allows us to move forward in synchrony. This excellent working relationship has enabled us to accomplish a great deal for the parks in the past year including gearing up merchandising; completing living shoreline restoration and providing materials to others; purchasing a new outreach canopy with park scenes and FROGRS information on it for community events; expansion of the kayaking program and community outreach, to name a few successes. These efforts were supported by over \$38K in revenues raised by FROGRS, and memberships surpassing the 140 mark. I don't have any immediate suggestions for improvement, as the CSO - parks relationship is outstanding. I look forward to continuing and expanding upon the excellent working relationship we have enjoyed to accomplish even greater things for the parks this year.

SUMMARIZE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR, DIRECT PARK(S) SUPPORT & REVENUES:

Program Services are costs related to providing your organizations' programs or services in accordance with your mission. Describe and provide expenses that directly support the park(s). For established nonprofit organizations, program service expenses generally represent most of the overall expenses of the organization. For the last calendar year provide the total \$ for each that apply. Do not use commas.

Building improvement, construction, or renovations	\$ 78
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation)	\$
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$ 9619
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$ 656
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$ 8280
Amenities (e.g., water fountains, benches, picnic tables, recreational equipment, kiosks etc.)	\$
Park employees or volunteers support (e.g., interns, training, uniforms, awards, or recognition)	\$ 3675
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$
Park exhibits, displays, signage	\$ 1870
Park publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$ 373
Other program services	\$ 13360
Total Program Service Expenses	\$ 37911

Visitor Services Revenue are revenues and the sources generated from fundraising on park property. Do not use commas.

Park gift shops, craft stores, and concession sales	\$
Merchandise sales (e.g., plants, firewood, ice, t-shirts, hats, etc.)	\$ 18846
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)	\$ 11555
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wifi, etc.)	\$
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$
In-park donation boxes	\$ 2087
Other visitor services revenue	\$ 6413
Total Visitor Services Revenue	\$ 38901

NET ASSETS: \$

Organizations end of last year's Total Assets minus Total Liabilities. This is not the above's Visitor Service Revenue minus Program Service Expenses.

CSO AUDIT THRESHOLD:

Last Calendar Year's Total Expenses (including grants) \$

Are the CSO's annual total expenses \$300,000 including grants? Then Section 215.981(2), Florida Statute requires an independent CPA audit using Government Audit Standards ([U.S. GAO Yellow Book](#)). The audit is **due by September 1** (9 months after the CSO's calendar year ends) to the Florida Auditor General and to the Department.

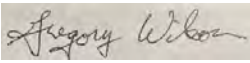
CONFIRM ATTACHMENTS:

Code of Ethics

The most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N receipt. All IRS Form 990's must be **complete** with Part III Program Service and **all** appropriate Schedules (A, O, and others as appropriate). If filing an IRS extension, attach the IRS 8868 receipt and the most recent complete 990 and schedules.

2024 CSO Legislative Report Acknowledgment

This information is complete to the best of my knowledge pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes

Signature:  _____, CSO President
Printname: Gregory Wilson

Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park, Inc.

Date: 4/29/24

Signature: Lynne Flannery Digitally signed by Lynne Flannery
Date: 2024.04.29 14:55:56 -04'00'
Print name: Lynne Flannery, Park Manager
Date: 04/29/2024

FRIENDS OF GAMBLE ROGERS STATE PARK, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park, 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 Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park, 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 Expense

No CSO board member or officer shall vote 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. 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.



Confirmation

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Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** FRIENDS OF GAMBLE ROGERS STATE PARK INC
- **EIN:** 455627458
- **Tax Year:** 2023
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 01-01-2023
- **Tax Year End Date:** 12-31-2023
- **Submission ID:** 10065520240727540146
- **Filing Status Date:** 03-12-2024
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

MANAGE FORM 990-N SUBMISSIONS