



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

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Website Address (*required if applicable*): _____

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)

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.)

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

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?

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?

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	\$
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation)	\$
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$
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)	\$
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$
Park exhibits, displays, signage	\$
Park publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$
Other program services	\$
Total Program Service Expenses	\$

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.)	\$
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)	\$
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wifi, etc.)	\$
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$
In-park donation boxes	\$
Other visitor services revenue	\$
Total Visitor Services Revenue	\$

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.

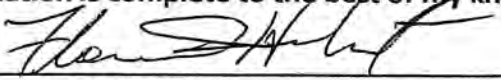
CONFIRM ATTACHMENTS:

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: 

Print name: Florence I Hurlburt, CSO President
Friends of Lake Griffin State Park, Inc.

Date: _____

Signature: Mark Knapke Digitally signed by Mark Knapke
Date: 2024.03.29 14:06:10 -04'00'

Print name: _____, Park Manager

Date: _____



Friends of
Lake Griffin
State Park
FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA

**Friends of Lake Griffin State Park (FLGSP)
Citizens Support Organization (CSO)**

CODE OF ETHICS

For

Friends of Lake Griffin State Park Board of Directors

General

1. I will always hold the betterment of the membership of the organization as my priority, including during all participation in discussions and voting matters.
2. I recognize that I am obligated to act in a manner which will bear the closest public scrutiny.
3. It is my responsibility to contribute to the board of directors any suggestions of ways to improve the organization's policies, standards, practices, or ethics.
4. I will not abuse my position as a board member by suggesting to any organization employee that I am entitled to or expect any special treatment beyond regular members of the organization.
5. I will declare any conflict of interest, be it real, potential, or apparent, which is not immediately obvious regarding any matter being discussed in my presence during a meeting.
6. If the board decides at any time during a meeting that I have a conflict, I will accept their request that I refrain from participating in the discussion and I will leave the meeting at the board's request. I understand that the board's decision will be recorded in the minutes, either with or without the reasons for the decision being also recorded.
7. I understand that the following activities are considered by the organization to be conflicts of interest, and that conflicts of interest are not limited to the following situations:

- where a director makes a decision or does an act motivated by other or additional considerations than “the best interests of the organization”
- where a director personally contracts with the organization or where he/she is director of other organizations which are contracting with this organization
- where a director learns of an opportunity for profit which may be valuable to him/her personally or to another organization of which he/she is a member, or to other persons known to the director
- where a director, in any circumstance as related to the organization, puts his/her personal interests ahead of the best interests of the organization

Information

8. I will not knowingly take advantage of or benefit from information that is obtained in the course of my official duties and responsibilities as a board member, and that is not generally available to membership

9. I will be alert to information which the organization can use to develop improved policies and strategies

10. I will protect the organization's information closely and will not release or share confidential information without the permission, preferably in writing, of the person who provided it

11. I will maintain confidentiality of all information which the board deems ought to be kept confidential

Resources

12. I will be mindful of resources which are in my trust on behalf of the organization, and will help establish policies which ensure the maximization of secure and protected resources

Gifts and Hospitality

13. Should business associates or others offer me gifts, favors, or benefits on a personal basis because of the business the organization does with them, I will recognize that such offers may be an effort to secure advantage from me, and I will reject such offers on the basis that it is against the organization's policy to accept gifts from business contacts. The most I will accept will be normal promotional handouts of a nominal value.

14. I will not routinely accept the hospitality of others. For example, when meals are taken with business colleagues, I will pay for as many meals as do my colleagues.

15. When I volunteer for an event, as a worker or a guide, I will not accept gifts or tips.

Representing the Organization

16. As part of my duties as a board member, I represent the organization informally and formally to other associations, societies, government officials, and business representatives. I recognize that it is important that I represent the organization in such a way as to leave others with a positive impression of the organization. In my duties I will preserve and enhance the good reputation of the organization and will avoid behavior which might damage its image.

Interpretation

17. The president of the organization shall ensure that the practice of this policy will be fair, just, and equitable in all situations of interpretation and application.

Enforcement

18. The president is ultimately responsible for immediate interpretation, application and enforcement of the board members' code of ethics policy. All complaints concerning a possible code of ethics violation shall be made in writing to or by the president with a copy provided to the complainant.

19. The president shall make an initial determination of the issue and shall attempt initial resolution of the problem with the complainer and the complainant.

20. If this initial attempt at resolution is not successful, the president shall appoint a tribunal composed of three board members to investigate the complaint. The tribunal is required to investigate as required and submit a written report to the president within 30 days. The president will render his/her decision within ten days of receiving the tribunal's report.

21. The president's decision may be appealed in writing to the board of directors for consideration the board's next regular meeting at the organization's next regular scheduled meeting for a final decision. The final decision shall be delivered in writing to the complainer and complainant.

Delegation and Penalties

22. Should the president be the subject of a written complaint; the vice president shall perform the duties normally assigned to the president in this matter.

23. Penalties imposed for breach of the code of ethics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- excluding the director from portions of all future meetings and discussions which relate to the stated conflict of interest, and/or
- censure of the director, in private, in public, or both, and/or
- removal of the director from office by a resolution passed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at an annual or special general meeting of the not-for-profit organization's members, provided that notice of such a proposed resolution is given with the notice calling the meeting.

Revised: March 14, 2024



Florence Hurlburt,
President, Friends of Lake Griffin State Park
Citizens Support Organization



Confirmation

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

- **Organization Name:** FRIENDS OF LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK
- **EIN:** 451060685
- **Tax Year:** 2023
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 01-01-2023
- **Tax Year End Date:** 12-31-2023
- **Submission ID:** 10065520240797572793
- **Filing Status Date:** 03-19-2024
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

MANAGE FORM 990-N SUBMISSIONS