



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION  
2021 LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: **FRIENDS of SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK, Inc.**

Mailing Address: 2541 SE Walton Road, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Telephone Number: (772) 398.2779

Website Address (required if applicable): <http://www.friendsofsavannas@gmail.org>

☒ 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 Friends of Savannas Preserve State Park, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to support the preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of Savannas Preserve State Park. Many of the events and educational programs that occur at the park are supported by this organization, whether it be through providing the funds or manpower necessary to make the organization successful."

Upon reflection, the end of 2019 had already set the tone for the overall impact that 2020 would have upon our CSO. In November 2019, the Savannas Preserve Education Center was closed secondary to building and structural needs. Closure of Florida State parks would not happen until March of 2020, leaving us with almost four months to absorb and adjust to what was, *unbeknownst* to us, going to be our world in 2020.

From November 2019 to March 2020, restricted space in the existing Lecture Hall (now accommodating contents of the Education Center) contributed towards the limitation and cancelation of multiple scheduled events and off-site education offerings. Also curtailed were the highly-successful onsite education programs – which were all loud and messy fun, but an ever-so delightful element of what the Park offered and the CSO supported. The greatest impact was not the reduction in numbers (863 students in 2019, 63 in 2020), it was the loss of joy and living color that local, young students brought into the Park and our satisfaction of watching them leave – most a bit more aware of their environment.

Closure of the Education Center in 2019 and the Park in March of 2020 impacted CSO members who volunteered as hosts: Ed Center visitors decreased from 10,386 in 2019, to 2000 in 2020; volunteer-guided kayak tours – one of the more popular family offerings, went from over 700 people in 2019 (itself a low water year) to 150 in 2020. The sounds from the thrill of discovery fell silent over the Park's marsh. Though many of our scheduled Park Events – whose participation was enjoyed by CSO volunteers as much as the community, were restructured to accommodate the newly-needed changes: our 2019 Fall "Spooktacular" was attended by 630 people; the October 2020 "Spooky Stroll on the Savannas Swampy Self-Guided Trail" was enjoyed by 30. Kudos, by the way, to our Park Service Specialist (Kelsey Doyle), who did a most formidable job in adapting

the events to match the needs of health and safety for both staff and visitors, constructing self-guided tours with activity and event bags for attendees.

In essence, we were closed before we had to be closed, but CSO core members had already changed the venue (to Zoom) instead of shutting down. There was still plenty to do in 2020: native plants needed to be propagated, weeded, and watered despite not having plant sales, repairs and maintenance needed to continue, and the CSO's own quest for improved organization and definition had achieved a solid momentum that was clearly sustainable . . . with or without the lights on. We took advantage of the many Park-quiet moments of 2020 and continued to evaluate what we were doing to see how it could be done better. Though replacing the lost fund-raising of 2020 is not possible, our CSO organizational gain is invaluable. If one of the definitions of resilience is "the ability to absorb uncertainty", then 2020 was a most successful year for the Friends of Savannas Preserve CSO.

**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.

1. FY 2020: Organizational

- a. The 2019 restructuring of the CSO Board (and their responsibilities) became functional with 2020, aligning the CSO's Board and budget to an easier transition and both to finally be in concert with the fiscal year, the Annual Meeting and the growth and evolvement of working committees.
- b. Now-established CSO Working Committees, began 2020 with monthly meetings and projects. Fundraising, Citizen Science, Kayak Team and By-laws met with purpose. A new committee was formed to establish needed support, guidelines, and structure for management of the CSO's Gift Shop, including selection of items, improved movement of inventory and online accessibility to customers. Changes in the Park's
- c. The Finance Committee's roles and responsibilities to and for the CSO became more defined, establishing guidelines for financial oversight, guidance, planning, reporting, monitoring and accountability of spending by both the CSO's Committees and the Park. The Finance Committee met frequently to produce a well-researched and thoughtful budget for the coming year (2021).
  - i. Devoid of our established fundraising methods (i.e., kayak tours, in-person Gift Shop sales or plant sales), stimulated the need to significantly enhance the CSO's online presence to the current practice of all sales/purchases being made online – including events, activity bags, plants (now with curbside pickup). Memberships - new or renewals. were also put online as was the addition of gifting memberships.
  - ii. By mid – 2020, it became clear that more in-depth and frequent accounting was essential, as our fundraising remained limited.
    1. Reporting from the Park's PSS and CSO Committee chairs was changed to monthly, while the Finance Committee reviewed Profit and Loss statements line by line each month.
    2. Basic accounting principles were frequently reviewed because our world had changed. Having a budget "to spend" was the old thinking, based upon an anticipated income; there was miniscule income.
    3. Questioning the value of spending without researching potentially more-affordable options became necessary; our fundraising ability remained limited to nil during 2020.

- iii. Working with Committee Leaders, the Finance Committee was able to produce a working budget for 2021 that was 56% of the budget for 2020 and that allowed the CSO to meet their financial obligations in supporting the Park for the first 6 months of 2022.
2. Scrub Jay Habitat: successful propagation of 100 (of 150) gathered scrub oak acorns by Park biologist, cared for by CSO Shade House Team until seedlings mature enough for permanent location.
3. Research and purchase of new electric dryer for Park's Resident Volunteers compound – needed by park rangers, AmeriCorps volunteers and resident volunteers; washer purchased by Park. Both considered essential purchases.
4. Cleaning and repair of Park's industrial ice machine, considered an essential investment.
5. Research and purchase of professional-grade drone for Park's use in covering multiple properties of Park, hot spots, search and rescue, etc.
6. Planning, organization, and hosting of out-of-doors, Covid-safe appreciation luncheon for St. Lucie County Law Enforcement Berry Task Force – an annual gathering of 30+ officers from multiple law-enforcement agencies (PD, SD, FPS, FWC), who have assisted our Park over the years with seizure and arrests from illegal saw palmetto poaching on Park properties.

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

- The CSO needs to develop its personality, defining itself beyond a *mission statement* or being a non-profit entity.
- The CSO needs to become a “partner” of the Park, not just a provider to the Park.
- The CSO and Park continue the need to develop processes to identify and prioritize assessed needs of both Park and CSO, including opportunities for conversations that promote an exchange of ideas and initiatives.
- The CSO needs to Increase its social media presence in promoting online Gift Shop or Native Plant sales and Park events, as well as seek community billboards, newsletters, organizations to promote CSO and Park events and programs.
- Develop educational sessions or events that specifically encourage volunteer, CSO and Park interactions.
- Develop innovative programs to stimulate increased CSO membership and to meet the assessed needs and interests of current CSO members.

Education:

- The CSO is developing the ED Center garden into a more educational garden about native plants and pollinators.
- Develop programs that encourage increased diversity in visitor participation – i.e., all age groups, including Seniors, family-based activities.

**CSO's LAST CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS:**

**Total Number of CSO General Membership: 32**

**Total Number of Board of Directors: 5**

**Total Volunteer Hours for the Board of Directors: 1016**

**PARK & CSO RELATIONSHIP:**

Keep the summary simple. Save time. Don't duplicate by describing accomplishments and contributions in the summary. Brag in the above Results Obtained. Describe the relationship here.

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

Provide your perspective on

- Changing developments of the park provided by the CSO  
A great deal of park operational issues has hindered the CSO's ability to function as their traditional operations have previously. Some of these operational issues stemming from fundraising opportunities that were halted to facilities that drew crowds to promote the CSO or generate revenues. Due to these issues the CSO has learned to be creative and think outside the box and into the outdoors. These enhanced opportunities will continue in the future and may pull visitors into the CSO that may not of necessarily have come in these traditional avenues and ultimately benefit the CSO in the long term.
- Effectiveness of the organization in fulfilling their purpose to support the park(s).  
The CSO has been able to continue to provide support to the park during a year when revenue projections fell short. They were able to analyze budgets and focus on the essential primary needs of the CSO's commitment to functionality of the park. As example, our live animal exhibits still needed maintenance and care, even while not being displayed to the general public. The CSO has been able to provide funding for their care and upkeep so they are ready to be re-instated as exhibits after education center renovations. Other examples they have contributed to the resource management program with new tools and to the volunteer program by enhancing the volunteer campground.
- Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in completing their Annual Program Plan.  
The Board effectively and strategically analyzed and completed their Annual Program Plan. The Board worked with the park to identify park needs and goals and prioritize these items. They also worked on identifying events and fundraising opportunities that worked to exhibit the goals of the park. The Board also worked to accommodate current year events to provide social distancing and meet objectives where available during pandemic restraints.
- The relationship between the park and CSO What went well? Are there areas of improvement?  
The Board also continued to strengthen their core elements allowing them to grow into the future as more members come along. We continue to find our weaknesses in communication and continue to work on these items with open lines of communication and discussion. All communications involving the park and CSO are discussed with both parties respectively. This open line of communication allows that deliverable are being met and coherence between the partnerships have been met.

**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?** I believe our Park manager, Chris Vandello, has been receptive to suggestion, supportive of change, understanding of expressed concerns or observations, available to discussion and to attending Board meetings. I feel an understanding of mutual respect continues to develop between the two of us, as both the CSO and the Park have been faced with their own individual and mutual challenges in 2020. Chris has been instrumental in bringing potential opportunities to me that the CSO might consider (i.e. the appreciation luncheon for law enforcement). Chris has been beneficial in increasing my ongoing understanding of FPS processes, procedures, and philosophies as our 2 entities strive to work cooperatively together.

**Are there areas of improvement?** Not specific to the Park and CSO, but because for over 25 years I have written the same, still-to-be true comment regarding improvements: simple communication. The earlier, clearer, simpler, more direct, and honest communications become, the greater the chance of having creative and productive dialogue. We seldom hear about folks "over communicating".

**SUMMARIZE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR, SPECIFIC PARK(S) SUPPORT:**

**Program Service Expenses** are costs related to providing your organization's programs or services in accordance with your mission. For CSO's provide expenses that directly support the park(s). For established nonprofit organizations, program service expenses generally represent most of the overall expense of the organization. For the last calendar year provide totals \$ for each that apply.

Building improvement, construction, or renovations	\$ 120.39
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation)	\$ 0.00
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$ 95.47
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$ 616.93
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$ 485.41
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$ 1,649.97
Amenities (e.g., water fountains, benches, picnic tables, recreational equipment, kiosks etc.)	\$ 0.00
Park employees or volunteers support (e.g., interns, training, uniforms, awards, or recognition)	\$ 798.00
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$ 4,092.77
Park exhibits, displays, signage	\$ 0.00
Park publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$ 0.00
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$ 1,726.31
Other program services	\$ 251.00
<b>Total Program Service Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,835.41</b>

**Total Operating Expenses** (Overhead including fees, memberships, postage, rent, utilities, etc.) **\$ 3,581.01**

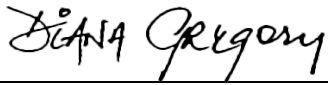

**Visitor Services Revenue**

Park gift shops, craft stores and concession sales	\$ 804.45
Merchandise sales (e.g., plants, firewood, ice, t-shirts, hats, etc.)	\$ 230.00
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)	\$ 2,051.00
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wi-Fi, etc.)	\$ 0.00
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$ 4,410.00
In-park donation boxes	\$ 189.60
Other visitor services revenue	\$ 1,357.76
<b>Total Visitor Services Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,042.81</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 46,126.00</b>

**CSO AUDIT:**

**Total of Last Calendar Year's Expenses (including grants) \$ N/A**

Section 215.981(2), Florida Statute requires an independent CPA audit using Government Audit Standards ([U.S. GAO Yellow Book](#)) when the CSOs annual expenses are \$300,000 including grants. 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.


This information is complete to the best of my knowledge pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes		
Title	Name	Signature
CSO President	<b>DIANA GREGORY</b>	
Park Manager	Christopher Vandello	

☒ CSO's Code of Ethics is attached

☒ CSO has attached 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 990 and schedules.



## **Friends of Savannas Preserve State Park, Inc. Citizen Support Organization (CSO)**

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### **CODE OF ETHICS**

#### **PREAMBLE**

- 1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Savannas Preserve State Park, Inc. (herein "CSO") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not to 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 Savannas Preserve 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. Statutes., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Statutes., to be observed by CSO board members, officers, and employees.

##### **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.

##### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information**

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall not 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.



### **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.

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

**COPY**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax****2020**

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

**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990EZ](http://www.irs.gov/Form990EZ) for instructions and the latest information.

**A** For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2020, and ending , 20

**B** Check if applicable:

☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Final return/terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK, INC**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**2541 SE WALTON ROAD**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34952**

**D** Employer identification number  
**65-0124775**

**E** Telephone number  
**772-398-2779**

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

**I** Website: ▶ **FRIENDSOFSAVANNAS.ORG**

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**K** Form of organization: ☒ 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)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$

**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 . . . . . ☒

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	1	1,422	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	2	6,605	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .
3	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	3	710	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .
4	Investment income . . . . .	4		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	5a			
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	5b			
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	5c			
6	Gaming and fundraising events:				
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	6a			
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 175 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	6b			
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	6c			
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	6d	175		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	7a	1,427		
b	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	7b	638		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	7c	789		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	8			
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	9	9,701		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	10			
11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	12			
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	13			
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	14	1,312		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	15	83		
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	16	12,863		
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	17	14,258		
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	18	-4,557		
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	19	54,130		
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	20	-3,447		
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . ▶	21	46,126		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form **990-EZ** (2020)

## Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	27,359	21,376
23	Land and buildings . . . . .		
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	26,711	24,750
25	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	54,130	46,126
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	54,130	46,126

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Statement of Program Service Accomplishments</b> (see the instructions for Part III)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III . . . ☐

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SUPPORT OF THE SAVAMMAS PRESERVE STATE PARK

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28	PIONEER DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS DESIGNED SO THAT VISITORS EXPERIENCE LIVING HISTORY AS THEY EXPLORE HOW PEOPLE IN FLORIDA LIVED CIRCA MID-19TH CENTURY, FAMILIES ENJOYED OLD-FASHIONED GAMES, CRAFTS, HAYRIDES, AND EXHIBITS. (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	615
29	CANOE AND KAYAK PROGRAM. TRAINED GUIDES LEAD TOURS THAT EDUCATE THE PUBLIC BY EXPLAINING THE ECOLOGY OF THE SAVANNAS TO INCLUDE THE PARK'S RESPONSIBILITY IN MAINTAINING THE VARIOUS FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	1,670
30	EDUCATION PROGRAM. USES COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC AND SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH INFORMATION THAT ENCOURAGES STEWARDSHIP AND PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PARK (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	1,286
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	32	3,571

**Part IV** List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

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

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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 ☐

	Yes	No
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)?		✓
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c 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	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
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?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955		
b 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	40b	✓
c 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		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e 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	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	FLORIDA	
42a The organization's books are in care of	SUSAN HAMBURGER	
Located at	2541 SE WALTON ROAD, PORT ST LUCIE, FL	
Telephone no.	772-398-2779	
ZIP + 4	34952	
b 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	42b	✓
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	42c	✓
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	43	
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	✓
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	✓
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	✓
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	✓
b 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	45b	✓

- 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 . . . . .

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**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 . . . . .

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .

49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .

49b		
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- 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."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

- 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."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

- 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 . . . . . ☒ 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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <i>Susan Hamburger</i>	Date <i>3-29-21</i>
	SUSAN HAMBURGER, TREASURER Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name CHARLES O COFFMAN, NOT PAID	Preparer's signature <i>Charles Coffman</i>	Date 3/22/21	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00054912
	Firm's name TAX SERVICE	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address 2101 SE HARLOW STREET, PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34952	Phone no. 772-337-3097			

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2020**

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Name of the organization

**FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK, INC**

Employer identification number

**65-0124775**

**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 12, 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 ☒ 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.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - 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 1-10 above (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)						
<b>Total</b>						



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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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 . . . . .	11178	11131	12017	7775	2132	44233
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	26750	12284	11713	22792	8032	81571
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .	10000	10000	10000	8000	4200	42200
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	47928	33415	33730	38567	14364	168013
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</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 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						168013

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	100 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	100 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020.** 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—2019.** 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. ☐

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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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FORM 990-EZ, PART 1, LINE 16: EDUCATION CENTER MANAGEMENT: BUSINESS AND OFFICE: \$3738

PART 1, LINE 16: ANIMAL CARE: \$4666

PART 1, LINE 16: SHADE HOUSE: \$443

PART 1, LINE 16: GIFT SHOP SUPPLIES: \$92

PART 1, LINE 16: DISASTER STORAGE SUPPLIES: \$165

PART 1, LINE 16: GENERAL PART SERVICE SUPPORT: \$3759

PART 1, LINE 20: NET ASSETS: DEPRECIATION OFFSET: \$3447

PART 11, LINE 24: OTHER ASSETS: DEPRECIABLE ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR: \$16680; END OF YEAR: \$14428

PART 11, LINE 24 OTHER ASSETS: GIFT SHOP INVENTORY BEGINNING OF YEAR: \$9846; END OF YEAR: \$10077

PART 11, LINE 24: UNDEPOSITED FUNDS: \$245

PART IV: OFFICER AND DIRECTOR HOURS WORKED: TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED TO INCLUDE OFFICER AND DIRECTORS

LISTED SEPARATELY IN OVERALL PARK SERVICE REPORT



**Depreciation and Amortization**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ Attach to your tax return.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form4562](http://www.irs.gov/Form4562) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2020**Attachment  
Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK 990-EZ

65-0124775

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2019 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5. See instructions	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but don't enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2021. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

**Note:** Don't use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year. See instructions.	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	3447

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)****Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2020	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2020 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2020 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 30-year			30 yrs.	MM	S/L	
d 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	3447
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

## FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK, FORM 990-EZ, 2020

### COST OF GOODS SOLD

INVENTORY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$9,840
PURCHASES	\$46
COST OF LABOR	0
OTHER COSTS	191
TOTAL	\$10,077
INVENTORY AT THE END OF YEAR	\$9,439
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<b>\$638</b>