



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION  
2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friends of St. Joseph State Parks Inc.

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**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.

**CSO's Mission:** *Consistent with Articles and Bylaws*

**To generate and provide resources and support for St. Joseph Peninsula State Park and the Constitution Convention Museum State Park. Enhance, expand and maintain services provided to the public, supporting the parks mission to provide resource based recreation while preserving the cultural and natural resources.**

**Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:** *Expand section as necessary to be complete*

**The CSO provided support to volunteers and staff, purchased a ADA beach wheel chair, participated in community events, attended public meetings supporting the park. Organized and provided volunteer services to assist in recovery after hurricane Michael.**

**Description of the CSO's Plans for the Next Three Fiscal Years:** *Expand section as necessary to be complete*

**CSO will solicit memberships and donations, and conduct fund raising efforts during special events. The CSO will also continue retail sales at both Parks. Support Hammock Trail, Bike Trail, and Eagle Harbor improvements ~\$5,000; Support Constitution Convention Museum improvements ~\$1,000; PPMTSP. Assist Parks in debris removal and plant restoration; support the Park's burn program ~\$500; RM. Repair and replace tools and supplies as needed, especially for hurricane recovery ~\$500. Support landscaping and entrance improvements at the Constitution Convention Museum and S.J.P. State Park ~\$500; RM. Replace picnic tables and informational kiosks ~\$750; PPMTPurchase or have donated**

**vehicles to replace storm-damaged vehicles and additional vehicle CSO will participate and become involved in the process of developing the new unit plan for the park. Fund purchase of park brochures and other printed materials to educate visitors. es to assist in Park operations ~\$8,000; PPMTSS. Provide volunteer uniforms and support volunteer and employee recognition; ~\$250.**

- CSO's Code of Ethics is attached, and if the CSO has a website the code of ethics is posted conspicuously.**
- CSO has attached the most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N receipt. If filing the 990-N the Department requires the 990 or 990-EZ as a worksheet. All IRS Form 990's must be complete with Part III Program Service and all appropriate Schedules (See attached instructions).**