

*Celebrating*

10

YEARS OF  
IMPACT



# *A Letter from the CEO* KAY EHAS

Our Annual Report is always a great opportunity to reflect on the organization's accomplishments over the past year. This issue is even more special as Groundwork Jacksonville (GWJax) celebrates 10 years of impact.

As you look through the timeline, you'll see that we've selected just a few major milestones from the last decade. But progress is cumulative, and it would take volumes to adequately honor all the people, ideas, events, effort and generosity that have gotten us to this point. We've made remarkable progress. In March, we announced a \$147 million Neighborhood Access and Equity reconnecting communities grant, the largest single grant to ever be secured for any City of Jacksonville project.

In May, we celebrated the official opening of the first segment of the Emerald Trail, the LaVilla Link, with a wonderful community ribbon cutting. It was truly a special day and a dream realized for our city. All the while, behind the scenes we're making substantial progress across the trail system. Design of segment two, Hogan Street, is complete and expected to break ground early next year. We're finalizing the 30% design of the third segment, the Riverside Link, and the McCoys Creek restoration is just breathtaking.

Not only are we building opportunity that will be felt for generations to come, but we are also impacting families, right now, through programs like the North Riverside Home Repair program. Our goal is to replicate this successful initiative in other neighborhoods, and we've already begun planning with residents in Robinson's Addition.

We also expanded our CREST program this year. This innovative inter-generational stewardship program was developed by Gloria McNair as part of our McCoys Creek community engagement. We are now providing job, leadership and stewardship training for residents along Hogans Creek as well.

These programs, and the tremendous momentum we've been able to harness, is possible because of the private support from you, our donors, partners and volunteers. While major grants fund design and construction, it is your generosity that ensures GWJax has the people and capacity to lead these projects and to ensure the Emerald Trail and all of its transformative benefits become a reality.

Look at what we've accomplished in only 10 years. With your continued support, just imagine what we will accomplish over the next decade, together.

# Message from the Board Chair

KERRI STEWART



I am so proud of the amazing work being accomplished by Kay Ehas and her dedicated Groundwork Jacksonville team. From leading one of the City of Jacksonville's largest and most significant infrastructure projects, to developing grassroots initiatives that are quickly becoming national models for community engagement and neighborhood revitalization, GWJax is creating a legacy of impact unmatched in Jacksonville.

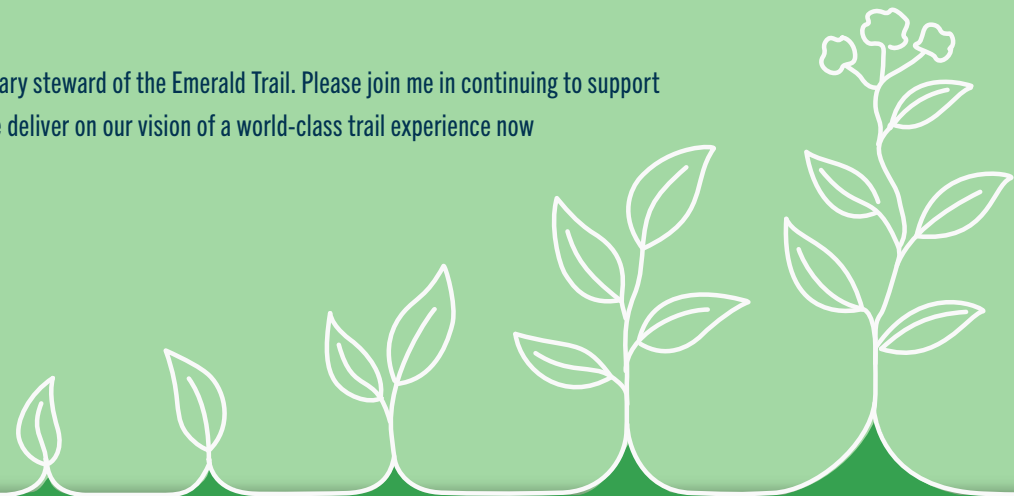
In ten short years, Groundwork Jacksonville has made an indelible mark on our City - and not just the bright green pattern painted on the trail. It can be seen in the previously abandoned buildings and vacant lots being reimagined as residences, cowork spaces, lofts, artist studios, makerspaces and restaurants from the Rail Yard District to LaVilla, downtown and historic Eastside.

It can be seen at Walk & Talks, watershed planning meetings and community events where residents are feeling heard and where trust is being re-built after decades of unmet promises about flooding and failing infrastructure.

This was an especially big year in GWJax's history as we celebrated the opening of the first Emerald Trail segment and the award of an historic federal grant to design and construct the last five segments. Work is underway with our partners at JTA and the City on the design and construction plans that will put shovels in the ground in Riverside by 2026 and deliver all five segments by 2031.

As more and more of the Emerald Trail is completed, GWJax's role continues to expand, from leading trail design and community engagement to also managing trail maintenance, curating enhancements like public art and activating the trail through regular programming.

More responsibility means GWJax must build more organizational capability to continue to be the primary steward of the Emerald Trail. Please join me in continuing to support Groundwork Jacksonville with your time and treasure, as we add the people and capacity to ensure we deliver on our vision of a world-class trail experience now and in the future.





For decades, the City of Jacksonville had struggled with cleaning up its urban land and waterways. Much of the urban core is considered a brownfield, land abandoned or underutilized due to pollution from industrial use.

In 2013, a group of residents, community leaders and former City of Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown began the application process to bring a Groundwork Trust to Jacksonville. After an extensive feasibility and review process, Jacksonville was approved on September 16, 2014, with funding from the National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency through Groundwork USA. We filed our articles of incorporation with the State of Florida on October 24, 2014.

The Jacksonville Trust was formed primarily to respond to the environmental and community revitalization needs in the Historic Springfield and Eastside neighborhoods including the pollution and flooding in and around Hogans Creek.

In its Emerald Trail Master Plan adopted by the Jacksonville City Council in March 2019, Groundwork Jacksonville broadened the scope to encompass 16 square miles including 14 urban neighborhoods, downtown, Hogans Creek and McCoys Creek. Within these neighborhoods, 69% of residents are low-income and 34% are living in poverty.

In partnership with the City of Jacksonville, our vision is to transform our blighted urban areas into beautiful, resilient green spaces that promote health, social connection and quality of life; to encourage investment that catalyzes neighborhood revitalization, and economic opportunity; and, more than anything, to ensure long-term residents can stay in their homes and prosper.

We are grateful for those visionary citizens and city leaders who, a decade ago, made Groundwork Jacksonville a reality. They remind of us of the famous quote by Margaret Mead, "Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

# 10 years in Jacksonville



**OCT 2014**  
GWJax registered with the State of Florida



**JUN 2015**  
Green Team program begins

**DEC 2016**  
First Jax Public Market in Historic Eastside, inspiring the Melanin Market



**JUL 2018**  
McCoys Creek design begins



**NOV 2018**  
First Creek Fest in North Riverside

**JUL 2018**  
First Emerald Trail public meeting at FSCJ



**MAR 2019**  
Sugar Hill Mosaic dedication

**MAR 2019**  
City Council Adopts Emerald Trail Master Plan



**NOV 2020**  
Inaugural VyStar Emerald Trail 5K presented by JTC Running

**NOV 2019**  
CREST program established







**MAY 2021**

City Council approves  
Local Option Gas Tax with  
\$132 M to Emerald Trail

**AUG 2021**

LaVilla Link Groundbreaking



**JUN 2022**

30% Design presented  
at Hogans Creek Fest



**MAY 2023**

NOAA awards \$5.7 Million grant for  
Hogans and McCoys Creek restoration



**SEPT 2023**

Preliminary Design of  
Riverside Link Begins

**MAR 2024**

Reconnecting Communities  
Pilot and NAE Program  
\$147 Million Grant announced

**FEB 2021**

McCoys Creek Phase 1  
construction begins

**DEC 2021**

Public preview of  
Hogan Street 30% Design

**JAN 2023**

North Riverside Home Repair  
Program established



**AUG 2023**

First Graduates  
of Emerald Trail  
Stewards

**OCT 2023**

GWJax & City of Jacksonville  
announce Memorandum of  
Understanding to collaborate  
on Emerald Trail design

**MAY 2024**

LaVilla Link Ribbon  
Cutting celebration





# LaVilla Link Opens

## THE EMERALD TRAIL

On Monday, May 6, 2024 City of Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan, Groundwork Jacksonville CEO Kay Ehas, and Baptist Health President and CEO Michael A. Mayo, DHA, FACHE, hosted the ribbon cutting and official opening of the LaVilla Link, the first segment of the much-anticipated Emerald Trail. Hundreds of community members joined in the celebration at the foot of the Park Street Bridge near the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center to commemorate this community milestone.

Once the ribbon was cut, attendees couldn't wait to hit the trail. Guests walked, biked and rode trolleys along the 1.3-mile LaVilla Link north to the S-Line, experiencing the new trees, native landscaping and recreational features along the way.

In alignment with its mission to advance the health of the community, Baptist Health is the lead investor in the LaVilla Link. The health system will continue its commitment to the activation of the LaVilla Link by offering community health and education events along the trail.



*“We believe the LaVilla Link will help people move more, connect more, learn more and enjoy more – all of which are important factors for helping foster greater health and well-being.”*

**Michael A. Mayo, DHA, FACHE**  
President & CEO of Baptist Health







“We see the Emerald Trail as the centerpiece for downtown, where residents and tourists come to experience nature, recreation, art, culture and a sense of connectedness. But just as important, we intend it to be a key driver of neighborhood revitalization by supporting and empowering long-time residents along the trail to become the architects of their neighborhood’s future.”

**Kay Ehas**  
CEO of Groundwork Jacksonville

30,000 Impervious Surface Removed (sq ft)  
11,046 Native Plants Installed  
166 Trees Planted  
6 Acres of Greenspace Added  
1.3 Miles of Trail Completed





# McCoys Creek

## RESTORATION PROJECT

McCoys Creek has often been referred to as a hidden gem. That description could not be more fitting because for decades, the creek was literally hidden from view. The transformation happening now is nothing short of breathtaking. The once choked, overgrown, channelized (and even covered over by a parking lot) creek is being opened up, creating a stunning natural meander that glistens in the sunshine.

The City of Jacksonville has committed \$123.7 million, and GWJax has privately raised \$9.4 million to restore McCoys Creek to a natural channel design to reduce flooding, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitats and create a more resilient ecosystem.

The stream restoration of the branches, the westernmost headwaters of McCoys Creek, is expected to begin next year. Design and construction of the project is funded primarily by GWJax through grants from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and private donors. The City will manage the construction project, contribute 25% of construction costs and fund the cost of contamination remediation.

GWJax is currently raising \$1.2 million for the branches recreation design and will seek additional public grants for that construction.

Traveling along Riverside Avenue through Brooklyn today, it's hard to miss the monumental improvements taking place. The creek is being daylighted and enlarged to increase water capacity and make room for the Emerald Trail and the recreational opportunities it will create.

Along Phase 1 of the stream restoration from Leland Street to I-95, the channel is being widened, in some cases deepened, with new lagoons and tidal pools added to contain more water and significantly increase the floodplain.





# North Riverside

## HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

In early 2023, Groundwork Jacksonville worked with the North Riverside Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville) to establish a home repair program for residents who struggled to make needed repairs to their family homes. The program is an outgrowth of North Riverside's 10-year Vision Plan which identified housing as the neighborhood's first priority.

The program was funded by a \$400,000 grant from Groundwork USA through the Climate Preparedness and Land Restoration Initiative, and a \$600,000 matching grant from United Way of Northeast Florida as part of a historic \$20 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.

**9 Rain gardens planted**  
Adding 940 sq ft of greenspace and native plants

**26 Rain barrels installed**  
Each collects 1,300 gallons of water for irrigation

**28 Homes repaired**  
Including 16 re-roofs and 7 landscaping projects

**\$713,000 Repair costs**  
Total through June 30, 2024



**Johnny Bryant**  
Third Generation N. Riverside Resident



"This home has been in my family since 1965. It was such a blessing to have the old leaky roof replaced, something I just couldn't afford to do on my fixed income. This program has helped so many in my neighborhood."

**Ruby Dorsey**  
N. Riverside Resident





# Watershed

## EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

A watershed is the area of land where water drains to a common location, such as a creek, river or stream. Watershed planning is a holistic approach to addressing water resource and quality issues that involves multiple stakeholders in the process and provides a forum for community discussion and input into the strategies that will be implemented.

Over the last year, GWJax has engaged residents and stakeholders in 10 Emerald Trail neighborhoods to understand what they consider the most important assets of and biggest threats to Hogans Creek and McCoys Creek watersheds.

GWJax's goal is to identify specific remedies to reduce flooding, improve water quality, increase community resilience, restore habitat, and improve access to recreation. GWJax strives for increased community knowledge about healthy watersheds, and the emergence of residents as community stewards and partners.

This planning project is funded through a \$718,809 grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida General Planning Support Program. GWJax hopes the plan will be a model the City of Jacksonville can replicate throughout other regional watersheds.



"We've had many drainage issue promises made, but this tour helped us to understand that we could have a role in changes in our city... Providing us with the opportunity to talk one-on-one with engineers and others involved with the Emerald Trail and drainage in our community, really made us feel HEARD! Thank you for that!"

**Elaine Billups**  
Better Living Community Association, Inc.



# Reconnecting Communities

## GRANT FUNDS FIVE SEGMENTS OF THE EMERALD TRAIL

In March, GWJax and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) were awarded a \$147 million NAE Program Grant from the US Department of Transportation. The grant will fund design and construction of the last five segments of the Emerald Trail. It also will provide funding for land acquisition, project management and to assist seven Emerald Trail neighborhoods in building capacity to develop neighborhood plans for revitalization. This award represents the largest one-time federal grant for the City of Jacksonville.

Jacksonville is required to match \$36.8 million which is funded through the Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) approved in 2021 with \$132 million specifically earmarked for the Emerald Trail.

“147 million dollars. That record setting amount for the Emerald Trail is a testament to the power of collaboration. It took a true team effort to win the largest one-time federal grant that Jacksonville has ever received.”

Mayor Donna Deegan

The JTA, in partnership with Groundwork Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville, will construct the five remaining trail segments:

- Segment 3** | Southwest, connecting Riverside to McCoys Creek
- Segment 4** | S-Line Connector
- Segment 6** | Westside, connecting the neighborhoods of Woodstock, North Riverside & Robinson's Addition
- Segment 7** | Northwest, connecting College Gardens, Durkeeville & New Town
- Segment 8** | Eastside, connecting Phoenix & Springfield



### PROJECT COSTS

**\$154.6 M** Design & Construction

**\$18.5 M** ROW Acquisition

**\$6.9 M** Project Management

**\$3.8 M** Neighborhoods

**\$183.8 M TOTAL**

### FUNDING SOURCES

**\$147 M** Neighborhood Access & Equity Program Grant

**\$36.8 M** Local Option Gas Tax





# Riverside Link

## NEXT STEPS FOR THE EMERALD TRAIL

Preliminary design has begun on the 2.3-mile Riverside Link that will connect the Emerald Trail to the Northbank Riverwalk, Riverside Park and McCoys Creek. The link will also connect to the Southbank Riverwalk and San Marco via the Shared Use Path (SUP) over the Fuller Warren Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2025.

Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Funds in conjunction with the J. Wayne Weaver Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida are the lead investors in the Emerald Trail Riverside Link. The Weavers' \$1 million grant, announced in early 2024, is GWJax's largest single private donation in its 10-year history. The donation is part of Delores Barr Weaver's Legacy 2024 grantmaking plan, funded by a \$61 million new gift to her donor-advised fund at The Community Foundation.

"Investing in projects like the Emerald Trail ensures that people in the surrounding neighborhoods are included in the quality-of-life benefits that result from this important work..."

It is gratifying to see the entirety of the Riverside area benefit from this Emerald Trail link."

**Delores Barr Weaver**

*(Pictured left: Wayne & Delores Barr Weaver)*





# Riverside Link CONTINUED

## ROTARY CLUBS PARTNERSHIP

A spur connection along Riverside Avenue will connect the Artist Walk at the Northbank Riverwalk to Memorial Park. The Rotary Clubs' Partnership, representing 1,400 members locally, will be the presenting sponsor of this half-mile section of the Riverside Link. Dedicated on Christmas Day 1924, Riverside's Memorial Park also was made possible by the Rotary Clubs to honor those who gave their lives to protect American freedom.

## COX FOUNDATION GRANT

The James M. Cox Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Cox Enterprises, parent company of Cox Automotive, awarded Groundwork Jacksonville a \$500,000 grant to help fund the design of the Riverside Link and the S-Line Connector. The Cox Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in communities where Cox Enterprises does business and concentrates its giving in the areas of conservation and environment, early childhood education (birth to 5 years), empowering families and individuals for success, and health.



Photo courtesy of Art Bikes Jax



## GROUNDWORK, CITY & JTA SIGN MOU FOR EMERALD TRAIL

The Riverside Link will be the first Emerald Trail segment constructed under the three-way partnership between GWJax, the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.





# Community Engagement

18 Community Events Hosted by GWJax

90 “Walk & Talk” Community Walk Participants

383 McCoys Creek Community Participants

410 Hogans Creek Community Participants

879 Watershed Community Participants

1,762 TOTAL Engaged Residents & Community Stakeholders



## Stewardship

Community Restoration Environmental Stewardship Training, **CREST**, was created by GWJax in response to residents' desire to improve their neighborhoods and increase economic opportunities in their local community. The program is funded by a grant from Wells Fargo.

This past year, CREST actively engaged residents of Hogans Creek in stewardship activities and environmental training. CREST stewards also participated in personal banking training with Wells Fargo.

100 Hogans Creek Residents Engaged

22 Events

10 Cleanups

8 Training Sessions

4 Field Trips





# Volunteers

From monthly cleanups of the S-Line and Hogans Creek with the Sierra Club Northeast Florida, to planting fruit trees and native plants, and helping at the VyStar Emerald Trail 5K/10K, individual and corporate volunteers are vital to our stewardship of the Emerald Trail.

**312** Total Volunteers

**432** Bags of Trash Collected

**940** Volunteer Hours

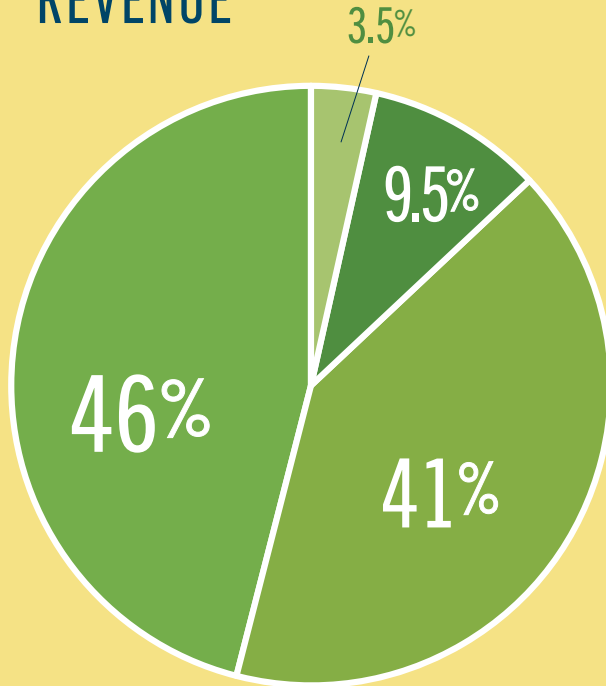
**15,120** Pounds of Trash Collected



# Financials

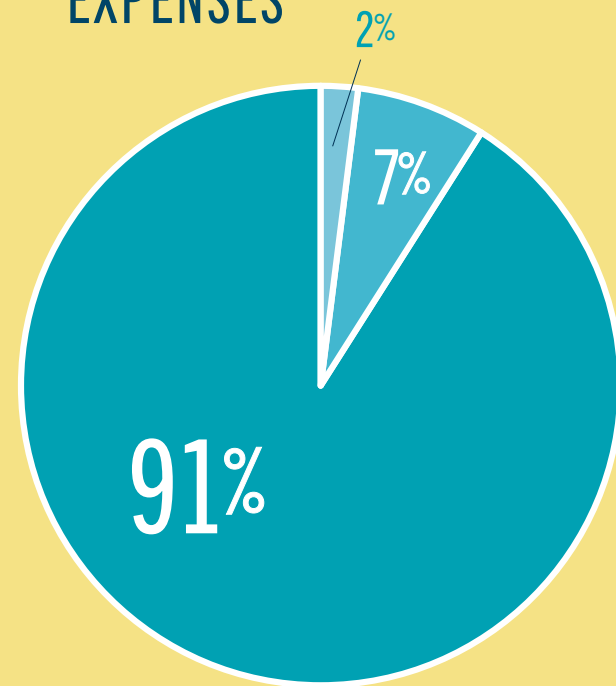
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

## REVENUE



SOURCE	\$ RAISED	%
Government	\$2,683,937	46%
Foundations	\$2,385,699	41%
Corporations	\$ 559,372	9.5%
Individuals	\$ 204,307	3.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,833,315</b>	<b>100%</b>

## EXPENSES



TYPE	\$ ACTUAL	%
Programs/Projects	\$4,823,563	91%
Operations	\$ 360,207	7%
Fundraising	\$ 111,573	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,295,343</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Partners

Astra Group, LLC  
Avant Construction  
Ally Bank Green Team  
Art Bikes Jax  
Beaver Street Enterprise Center  
Better Living Community Association  
Blackoak Landscape  
Blue Zones Project Jacksonville  
Brooklyn Neighborhood Association  
Career Source Northeast Florida  
City of Jacksonville  
Environmental Quality Division  
Office of the Mayor  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Planning Dept. Transportation Section  
Public Works Department  
Urban Forestry  
Community Foundation for Northeast Florida  
Creative Sign Designs  
Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens  
Daily Manna Serving Center  
Downtown Investment Authority  
Downtown Vision  
Durkeeville Historical Society  
Duval Audubon Society  
EZ Event Ride  
1st Place Sports  
First United Methodist Church  
Florida Brownfields Association  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association

Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network  
Greater Bethany Baptist Church  
Groundwork USA  
Halff  
HDR  
New Town Success Zone  
Highline Network  
Historic Eastside Community Development Corporation  
Hofs Printing  
Jacksonville Arts and Music School  
Jacksonville Center for Children's Rights  
Jacksonville City Council  
Jacksonville Community Land Trust  
Jacksonville Electric Authority  
Jacksonville Historical Society  
Jacksonville International Airport  
Jacksonville Jaguars  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
Jacksonville Transportation Authority  
Jacksonville University  
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens  
JTC Running  
Keep Jacksonville Beautiful  
Kids Hope Alliance  
Liberty Landscape Supply  
LIFT JAX  
LISC Jacksonville  
Maxwell House  
Melanin Market  
Museum of Science & History  
National Park Foundation  
National Park Service  
National Parks Conservation Association  
Native Fresh

New Town Success Zone  
North Riverside Community Development Corporation  
Outeast JAXI  
Panama Park Association  
PGA Tour Green Team  
Phoenix Arts & Innovation District  
Rail Yard District Business Council  
Ritz Theatre & Museum  
River Network  
Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association  
ruckus  
Sanctuary on 8th Street  
SCAPE  
2nd Mile Ministries  
Sierra Club Northeast Florida Chapter  
Southern Shores Fence and Rail  
Springfield Preservation & Revitalization  
St. Johns Riverkeeper & Rising Tides  
St. Johns Water Management District  
The Bearded Villains Jacksonville Chapter  
The Honeypot Bike Collective  
The Jessie  
Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve  
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UF Health Jacksonville  
United Way of Northeast Florida  
University of Florida IFAS  
University of North Florida Botanical Gardens  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Visit Jacksonville  
VyStar Credit Union  
Wells Fargo  
WSP  
Zen Cog

# Donors

Gifts Received July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

## \$500,000+

Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund  
and J. Wayne Weaver Fund

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration (NOAA)

## \$250,000+

Baptist Health

James M. Cox Foundation

United Way of Northeast Florida

Winston Family Foundation

## \$100,000 - \$249,999

City of Jacksonville  
Groundwork USA, Inc.  
Rotary Charity Foundation  
State of Florida  
Swisher International  
JoAnn Tredennick and Jack Meeks

## \$50,000 - \$99,999

LISC Jacksonville

## \$25,000 - \$49,999

A Friend of Springfield  
Halff Associates  
Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, Inc.  
JTC Running (Cash & In-Kind)  
Kids Hope Alliance

## \$10,000 - \$24,999

ConGlobal  
Dennis + Ives (In-kind)  
Edna Sproull Williams Foundation  
The Fig Tree Fund  
Florida State College Jacksonville (In-kind)  
Jacksonville Transportation Authority

McGuire Woods LLP (In-kind)  
REI Cooperative Action Fund  
Tom Bush Family of Dealerships  
James Van Vleck  
Wells Fargo Foundation

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

Affordable Housing Opportunities, Inc.  
Christopher Burns  
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1st Place Sports (In-kind)  
Tim and Paula Gaskin  
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## \$2,500 - \$4,999

Ally Bank Green Team  
Avant Construction (In-kind)  
Breaking Ground Contracting  
Steve and Betsy Crosby  
EZ Event Ride (In-kind)  
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VyStar Credit Union

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Gifts Received July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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# Members

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Halff Associates  
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TLK Communications, LLC  
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# Groundwork Jacksonville

Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc., was formed in 2014 by community leaders and the City of Jacksonville in partnership with Groundwork USA, along with support from the US National Park Service and US Environmental Protection Agency.

Jacksonville is one of 21 Groundwork Trusts across the country focused on environmental equity, resilience, stewardship, and transforming the natural and built environment in low-resource and climate-vulnerable communities.

## MISSION

Our mission is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Our mission has been formally adopted by our governing board and is shared with all Groundwork Trusts across the country.

## VISION

The Emerald Trail is a nationally recognized centerpiece attracting people to Jacksonville. It connects urban core neighborhoods that are valued as vital and desirable places to live, work, and visit. Jacksonville's urban core neighborhoods are economically diverse and economically healthy. Urban core neighborhoods have a community ethic of active living and an outdoor orientation. Working together, neighbors are engaged in creating and sustaining their clean environment.

## DONATE

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of individuals and companies throughout the community. Your tax-deductible gift is an investment in the health of our environment and our citizens, the equitable development and revitalization of our historic urban neighborhoods and the creation of a world-class urban bicycle-pedestrian trail that will provide unparalleled recreational, social, economic and cultural opportunities for generations to come.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Join us as we work to build the Emerald Trail, restore McCoys and Hogans creeks, connect our urban neighborhoods and create the next generation of environmental stewards. Visit our [website](#) to join today.

## VOLUNTEER

We have many ways for individuals, youth, groups and corporate teams to volunteer. Please contact us at [info@groundworkjacksonville.org](mailto:info@groundworkjacksonville.org) about these and other volunteer opportunities.

## CONNECT

Consider hosting a house party, inviting GWJax to speak at your business or civic group or connecting us to companies that can provide sponsorship dollars or in-kind professional services.



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