



2014 Annual Report

Protect Preserve Enhance



Our Extraordinary Year in Conservation,
Made Possible by **You**

Our Mission

One Hundred Miles is committed to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the thriving communities, beautiful landscapes, and diverse wildlife of Georgia's 100 mile coast.

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A Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

During our first full year, One Hundred Miles has been at the forefront of preserving the Georgia coast we love. You are helping us build a legacy to protect our beautiful landscapes, diverse wildlife, and the many vibrant communities that call these 100 miles home.

It's been a great year and we've begun our journey together, a journey that keeps our attention firmly on the future while recognizing our rich and storied past. When I look back on all we accomplished together in 2014, I couldn't be more proud.

Many of you made financial contributions; others donated your time and expertise; still others connected us with local businesses, state and national leaders, and conservation partners essential to our collaborative approach to coastal advocacy. As a result, we enter 2015 stronger and prepared to meet the challenges before us.

We are grateful to our members, donors, volunteers, and advocates who make our work possible each and every day. This report is not just a summary of a year's activities. It is a testament to you and all those who make our vision a reality. Your contributions of time and money help us protect our irreplaceable coast - today and for generations yet to come.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Megan J. Desrosiers

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Protecting Our Coast's Special Places

With your help

RESTORING OUR BUFFER

Over the past 12 months, we worked tirelessly to restore the 25-foot buffer for our coastal salt marshes. In April 2014, the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division repealed the marsh buffer provision of the Erosion and Sedimentation Act. One Hundred Miles immediately began working alongside the 200-member Georgia Water Coalition, our state legislators, and you - our advocates - to lobby for a bill that provides our state's signature resource with the protection it deserves.

ISLAND MANAGERS' MEETING

As the threat of sea level rise and a changing coastline looms over our landscape, we are working together to ensure a healthy and sustainable future. In September, we convened a group of more than 30 natural resource managers from across Georgia's coast. This meeting will be held semi-annually going forward with the goal of strengthening a dialogue between our 14 major barrier islands, only four of which are accessible by car. Most importantly, these workgroups will foster collaboration and conversation between those with first-hand knowledge of our unique resources.

Our Marsh Matters.
Together, we made our voices heard
through thousands of calls, emails,
and letters to Georgia's legislators.



With your support, we are paving the way for the coexistence of smart economic growth with a healthy environment.



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OUR COASTAL VISION

Over the past 30 years, land consumption along our coast has outpaced population growth. This growth has been accommodated by local governments who paid no regard to habitat conservation or rising sea levels. But at One Hundred Miles, we believe in planning for our future. That's why, in March 2014, we formed a task force alongside the Nature Conservancy, Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the Southern Environmental Law Center. Our *Coastal Vision 2050* project helps us highlight these threats and presents a shared and balanced vision for the future of our 100 miles.

Preserving Our Quality of Life

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Because of you

CONSERVATION ALONG THE SATILLA RIVER

To ensure a healthy landscape and promote smart growth, One Hundred Miles is helping Camden County recover from an economic downturn by balancing development with the conservation of the Satilla River and its surrounding natural resources. We are working with the Satilla Riverkeeper to help landowners near proposed industrial developments better understand their needs. At the same time, we are providing communities with growth management tools, land conservation programs, and a diverse range of development strategies for the rural economy.

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Enhancing the Coast We Love

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All thanks to you

ENVISION GLYNN 2020

Beginning with only three members in 2014, the newly-formed *Envision Glynn 2020* has grown to a full Steering Committee of more than 30 stakeholders, industry and business leaders, elected officials, and local citizens. One Hundred Miles is helping the group initiate a public conversation about a regional vision for Glynn County. In 2015, we will work together to achieve our primary goals, including a defined plan for growth, preservation of parks and greenspace, and carefully-planned bike, walk, and transit options. In the future, we hope to use this collaborative project as a model for other coastal counties.

COMMUNICATING ABOUT OUR 100 MILES

Our Georgia coast needs an advocate and a voice. It provides clean water for fishing, swimming, and boating. It supports critical wildlife, from the endangered right whale to the loggerhead sea turtle. It supports diverse communities and promotes our economy and quality of life. Yet many people don't realize Georgia even has a coast. Through our outreach and communications project, launched last fall, we aim to bring national and global recognition to our 100 miles. Our initiative strengthens the chorus of voices celebrating — and advocating for — Georgia's coast.



Georgia's coast is a wonder of the world.
It deserves our pride and needs our stewardship.

By the Numbers



What you helped us accomplish in 2014



25 feet

At about two parking spaces in length, 25 feet may not sound like a lot at first. But the buffer zone that surrounds coastal marshes makes a BIG difference. It protects against harmful sediment pollution and is essential to keeping our coast healthy. That's why we worked to restore it.



2,451 new advocates

In 2014, we more than quadrupled the number of supporters in our digital activist network. We now have over 3,000 advocates across the coast, state, and country! We rely on them - and you - to take action on the critical issues affecting our 100 miles.

4 strategic goals

Last summer, our staff and board came together to develop an ambitious but achievable plan for 2015-17. We outlined four major goals to guide our work in the areas of water and wetlands, land use, changing coastline, and wildlife.



31,205 miles

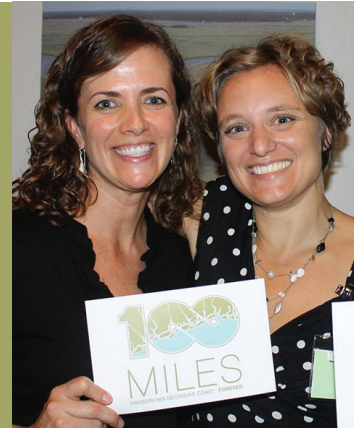
From St. Marys to Savannah, from Atlanta to Augusta - our team crisscrossed the state in 2014, giving presentations and meeting with legislators, conservation partners, business leaders, and many of you about pressing coastal issues. Together, we traveled over 30,000 miles to advocate for our beloved 100!



Building Our Team



Introducing our dedicated staff of
Georgia's coastal advocates



When 2014 began, there were just two of us here at One Hundred Miles. We are now six strong! Our team is made up of talented conservation professionals who are proud to make a difference by doing work we love every day. We came by way of Atlanta, Charleston, Boston, New York City, and just down the road on St. Simons Island. While we might be from all over, we're all proud to be coastal Georgians.

Megan Desrosiers | Executive Director

megan@onehundredmiles.org • Favorite Mile: Forsyth Park, Savannah

"In coastal Georgia, I experience the best of what our planet has to offer: remarkable wildlife, scenic landscapes, and vibrant communities. And I'm excited everyday to share those discoveries with my friends and neighbors."

Alice Keyes | Associate Director

alice@onehundredmiles.org • Favorite Mile: Satilla River

"I have found nowhere else that invites us to experience nature so intimately and where nature is so much a part of the place I call home."

Catherine Ridley | Director of Development and Communications

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"When I returned to the coast after living in Boston, I realized I had never 'really' left. Our Georgia coast, its people and its rhythms, are always with me."

Jovan Sage | Director of Community Engagement

jovan@onehundredmiles.org • Favorite Mile: Sapelo Island

"I've spent the last two years getting to know Georgia's coast, from oaks draped in Spanish moss to the coastal African American foodways. Along the way, I fell in love."

Kelly Patton | Program Associate

kelly@onehundredmiles.org • Favorite Mile: Gould's Inlet, St. Simons Island

"I jumped at the chance to join the team at One Hundred Miles. As they say, 'I wasn't born in coastal Georgia, but I got here as fast as I could.' And I'm here to stay."

We thank **Debbie Dineen**, who recently moved on from One Hundred Miles to pursue other opportunities. She was an invaluable Office Manager in 2014 and will be deeply missed.



Growing Our Impact

We were thrilled to welcome
110 new members in 2014!

Thank you to our growing activist
network — now more than **3,000 strong!**

All across the state and throughout the country, we saw dramatic growth in our constituency at One Hundred Miles. By establishing new leadership giving societies and through our community engagement and education efforts, we increased our annual membership from 30 to 140 supporters in 2014!

Buoyed by the increase in our members, donors, volunteers, and advocates, we move to address the challenges facing our coast in 2015. We act with the confidence of our growing numbers and our shared belief in the treasure of coastal Georgia's natural beauty and vibrant communities.

Few places in America retain such a vast and wild character. Our coast is home to more salt marsh, tidally-influenced freshwater wetlands, and contiguous maritime forest than anywhere else on the Eastern Seaboard. But the 100 miles we love are facing extraordinary threats. The time is now to protect our species on the brink of extinction, to maintain the character of our landscapes, and to ensure the health and quality of our water resources.

Through our unique combination of collaboration and innovation and our focus on tangible, meaningful results, we can achieve our goals. We have the experience and skill, we have the resources, and most importantly, we have you - our donors, supporters, and friends.

That's why, when we take in our Georgia coast, we see not just its natural beauty, but the faces of all those who stand with us to advocate for a healthy and sustainable future.

Thank you. You are the reason we can do this work.

The following members, donors, and partners provided invaluable support for One Hundred Miles in 2014. We thank you for your generous contributions and for your commitment to preserving our coast.

Coastal Legacy Society (\$25,000+)

Anonymous
The Bobolink Foundation
Laura Richards Naughton
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Coastal Leadership Guild (\$5,000-\$24,999)

Anonymous
Ross and Claire Arnold
The Bradley Family Foundation
The Sapelo Foundation

Spartina Society (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Anonymous
Megan and Michael Desrosiers
Knobloch Family Foundation
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David Pope
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John Sibley
Ben Slade
Thomas and Janie Terebus
Wormsloe Foundation

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Indigo (\$100-\$249)

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Georgia Sea Turtle Center
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Michael Gowen
Lisa Hall
Michael Hatcher
Rick Hindery
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William Lovett
Dan and Deborah Luginbuhl
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Christen McCuiston
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Eugene Meredith
Brian Meyer
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Catherine Miller
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Zelda Tenenbaum
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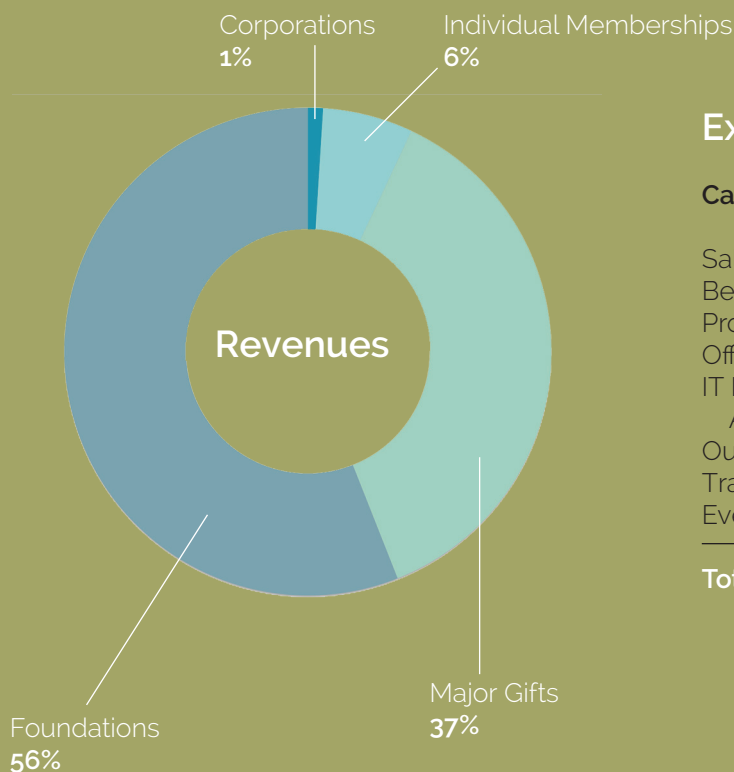
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Every gift is important to us. If your name is missing or listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apologies and call Catherine at 912-264-4111.

Our Financials | 2014

One Hundred Miles strives to deliver high-impact results in an operationally-efficient and cost-effective manner. We achieve our mission through the leadership and financial contributions of individuals, foundations, and corporations who understand the importance of protecting and preserving our 100 miles.

We endeavor to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our supporters. This summary is derived from our December 2014 financial statements.



Expenses

| Category | 2014 Actual | % of Budget |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$293,044 | 63% |
| Benefits | \$8,554 | 2% |
| Professional Services | \$74,492 | 16% |
| Office Expenses | \$33,375 | 7% |
| IT Equipment and Accessories | \$7,360 | 2% |
| Outreach | \$10,105 | 2% |
| Travel | \$22,569 | 5% |
| Events | \$12,272 | 8% |
| Total Expenses | \$461,730 | |

We Thank Our Photographers!

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Want to help us grow our list?

Visit OneHundredMiles.org to learn how to join our effort to protect and preserve our Georgia coast.

One Hundred Miles is governed by a dedicated Board of Directors.

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..... Our Year in Pictures

January



February



March



April



May



June



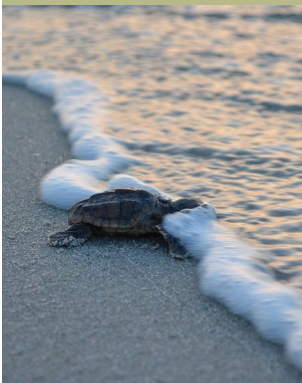
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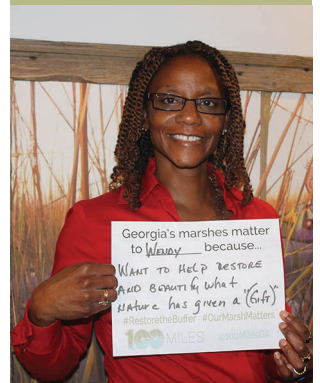
October



November



December



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