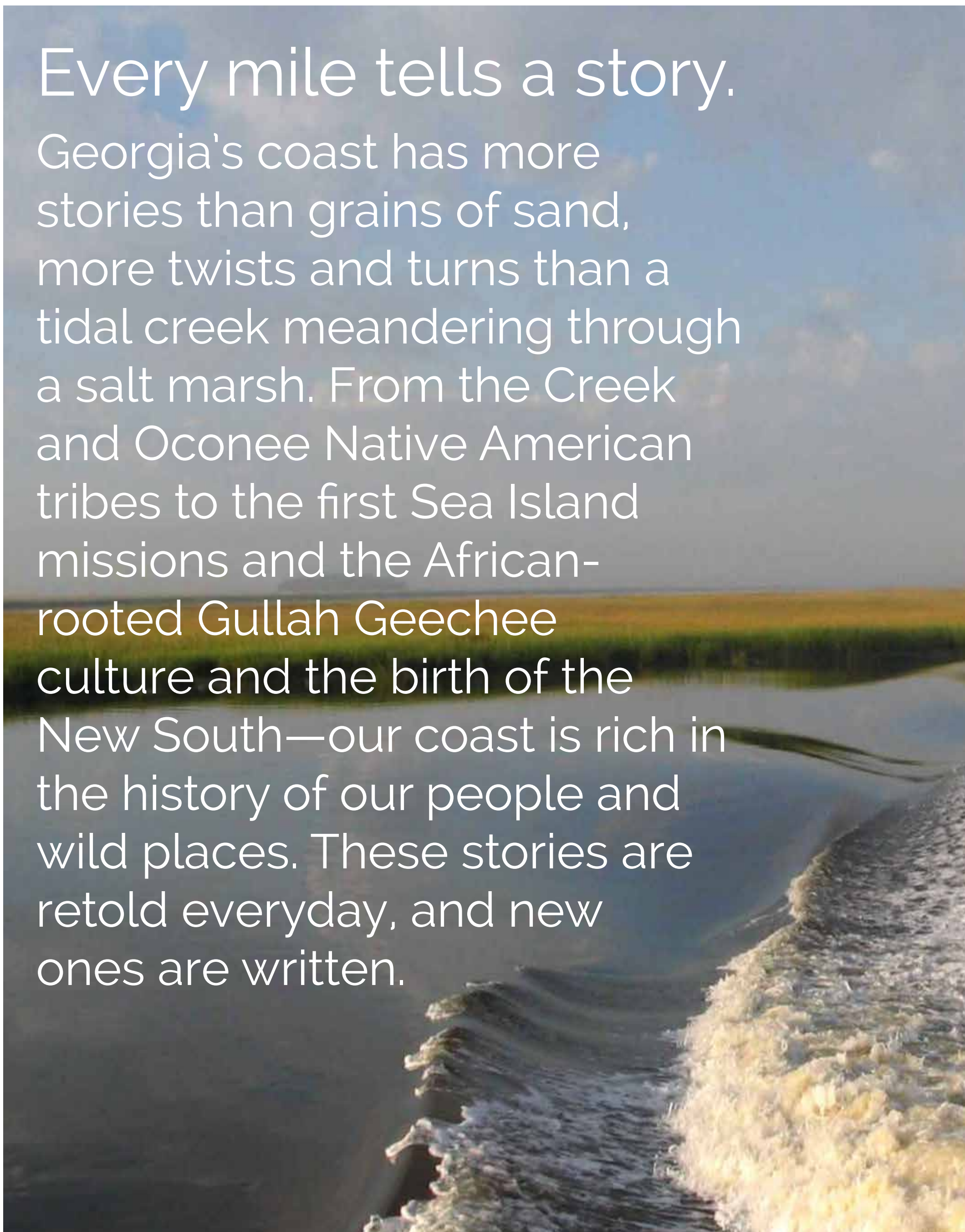


Preserve. Protect.
Enhance.

One Hundred Miles 2015 Annual Report

Every mile tells a story.

Georgia's coast has more stories than grains of sand, more twists and turns than a tidal creek meandering through a salt marsh. From the Creek and Oconee Native American tribes to the first Sea Island missions and the African-rooted Gullah Geechee culture and the birth of the New South—our coast is rich in the history of our people and wild places. These stories are retold everyday, and new ones are written.



One Hundred Miles is here because we love our coast more than any other in the world. With your help, we're working to preserve, protect, and enhance the thriving communities, beautiful landscapes, and diverse wildlife of Georgia's 100-mile coast.

For those who know and love our 100 miles, 2015 was full of reasons to celebrate. From restoring our marsh buffer to speaking up against proposals that threatened our coast's wildlife—your action, your voice, and your partnership made our work possible.

Last year, we traveled the state to ensure your voice for Georgia's coast was heard.

Here's how YOU helped shape our coast's story in 2015.



EVERY MILE TELLS A STORY...
of the power of the people.

Thanks to you. It's a phrase we came back to again and again in 2015, and a testament to the power we have when we come together for the coast we love.

Thanks to you, **Georgia's salt marsh is once again protected.** Hundreds of you spoke up last year to protest the 2014 decision that repealed the 25-foot buffer provision in the Erosion and Sedimentation Act. Last June, our collective voices were finally recognized when Governor Deal signed SB101 into law, reinstating critical protections for Georgia's most iconic landscape.

Thanks to you, **our coastal resources won't be jeopardized by risky offshore oil and gas exploration and development.** In 2015, One Hundred Miles led the charge to reverse the federal government's proposal—and built a committed team of advocates more than 200 strong. Together we ensured Georgia had a voice in every stage of the discussion, from the statehouse in Atlanta to the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

In 2015, these were your stories. They happened because you cared enough to stand up and make your voice heard. It's the culmination of hundreds of meetings, thousands of letters, and countless phone calls. We're honored to stand with you, every step of the way.



EVERY MILE TELLS A STORY...
of collaboration for our coast.

Our coast is changing. In the face of rising sea levels, unplanned development, and increased coastal flooding, we know the time is now to protect our communities and ensure strategies that safeguard our natural resources. But we can't do it alone.

In 2015, **One Hundred Miles was proud to launch the Georgia Coast Collaborative**, a united network of 13 conservation organizations from across our 100 miles. The group began working on a shared set of goals and strategies to make our coastal conservation efforts more effective and accessible to the public. As part of the GCC, One Hundred Miles convened our second annual Island Managers Meeting last November. The summit provided an opportunity for coastal managers to share ideas, research, and emerging trends across our barrier islands.

We also continued our role on the leadership team of the Georgia Water Coalition, focusing on issues affecting our state's water quality and quantity. In February 2015, we partnered with fellow GWC organizations to host our first annual Capitol Conservation Day bus trip. More than 40 advocates made the early morning trek from Savannah to Atlanta to lobby their legislators and represent our coast.



EVERY MILE TELLS A STORY...
of what's at stake.

Few places in America retain such a vast and wild character as our Georgia coast. Within these 100 miles, you'll find nearly 1/3 of all remaining marshland on the eastern seaboard—a rich habitat that supports our recreational and commercial fisheries. You'll find the only known calving ground for the North Atlantic right whale, one of the most endangered mammals on the planet. And you'll find an exceptionally high quality of life, driven by the more than 15 million people who flock to our coast each year.

When proposals threaten our coastal economy, natural resources, and way of life, you help us protect them. In 2015, **One Hundred Miles became the first organization to publicly question Camden County's nearly \$1.5 million investment in a proposed spaceport** near the mouth of the Satilla River.

With concerns ranging from how Spaceport Camden will affect private property rights to its impact on Cumberland Island National Seashore, we're working with citizen groups across Camden and Glynn Counties to ensure the project's true costs and benefits are considered.



EVERY MILE TELLS A STORY...
of wild things and wild places.

In the quietest and darkest hours of summer, Georgia's barrier island beaches become a nursery ground for some of the most prehistoric creatures on earth. It's an ancient ritual, repeated by generations of loggerhead sea turtles who return to the same shores they were once born to lay their own eggs in the sand. Yet today, these turtles face unprecedented threats from coastal development, fisheries, boat strikes, and pollution.

Protecting Georgia's sea turtles and shorebirds—that's why **One Hundred Miles took action against Sea Island Acquisition's proposed rock groin**. We want to protect the natural sand sharing system that sustains our beaches and provides important habitat for these threatened species.

In December, despite overwhelming opposition from residents and scientists alike, the state Shore Protection Committee approved Sea Island's construction of the new groin on its southern end. The groin will unnecessarily threaten wildlife and set a dangerous precedent for our entire coast. With your help, One Hundred Miles is appealing the SPC's decision.

Help us create more stories.

visit OneHundredMiles.org/join



For all those who thought it a good idea
to protect a patch of woods,
a flowery meadow, or an expansive marsh;
I go there in gratitude.

- dedication to *The Wild Treasury of Nature*
by Philip Juras

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From the beginning, One Hundred Miles has tried to build a different type of advocacy movement in Georgia —one that expands our conservation community to include new partners, collaborators, and friends. That's because there's more to coastal advocacy than simply fighting bad ideas. To truly effect change, we must come together to promote positive solutions and celebrate our coastal identity.

To us, advocates come in all shapes and sizes. Advocates pick up trash on a morning walk, or bring their own bag instead of plastic. They educate their friends and neighbors. They write essays about our coast, and share its beauty through photographs and paintings. You're an advocate if you donate your time, your resources, your talents, your voice.

To our dedicated advocates - we say: **thank you.**

Storytelling through the lens of nature

For centuries, artists have relied on our coast's natural world as their muse and inspiration—telling important stories that inspire and educate the next generation of coastal stewards. In that same spirit, One Hundred Miles was thrilled to host our first **Nature and the Arts** workshop on Little St. Simons Island last November. Led by painter Philip Juras and photographer Donna MacPherson, participants learned new techniques for capturing our coastal landscapes, wildlife, and hidden places.

We're committed to expanding this series as part of our ongoing **Coastal Education Project**, and to connecting all who love our coast with opportunities to share its majesty. Throughout 2015, our "100 Miles of..." series highlighted the everyday activists from Savannah to St. Marys who make a difference in ways big and small.

In December, we brought together 25 local businesses as part of our first annual **Holiday Market**. From paintings to ornaments, crafts, and pottery, the online market celebrated our coast's vibrant arts scene and encouraged seasonal shopping with a 'buy local, give local' theme. Many thanks to the talented vendors who helped make our inaugural event a success.

Our Year in Conservation: by the numbers

2,400
miles

of marshfront
protected across
our coast

232,517
citizens

represented by the
6 local governments
who said no to
offshore drilling

10,000
reusable bags

purchased for our
Tybee Island Bag
Campaign

133
new members

joined OHM from 21 states
in 2015. In only two years'
time, we're proud to have
built a membership base
that's now more than 250
strong ... and counting!

1,897
new advocates

joined our digital activist
network last year. At the
push of a button, we can
now call to action more
than 5,000 people to take
action for our coast.

Dear friends,

You inspire me.

Coastal Georgia is made of stories of people working to make a difference. And throughout the past year, I couldn't help but marvel at our coast's remarkable legacy of conservation—past, present, and future.

It's the story of Dr. Jim Richardson, who as a young college student in 1964, started the world's first loggerhead sea turtle research program on Little Cumberland Island. It's the story of Wendy and Hank Paulson, who partnered with the Nature Conservancy in 2015 to ensure all 11,333 acres of Little St. Simons Island would be preserved in perpetuity. It's the story of the young students in Debbie Power's third grade class in Garden City, who take part in our Capitol Conservation Day bus trip.

And it's the story of you—our coast's most dedicated advocates and champions. Thanks to you, 2015 was the year when our collective voices were heard as never before. You woke up early to send the message to the federal government that our coast was more precious than oil; you stayed up late to attend hearings in Atlanta on the salt marsh buffer and proposed Camden County spaceport. In between, you wrote letters, called representatives, and gave generously of your time and resources.

With your help, we work every day to honor the high bar set by those who came before us and are always mindful of our responsibility to future generations of coastal Georgians. Our work is only possible with you by our side, and we couldn't be more thankful for all you do for this special place we call home.

Sincerely,

Megan Desrosiers

You make our work possible.

Thank you to our dedicated members and supporters! We're grateful for your generosity and commitment to preserving our coast. For a complete listing of 2015 donors, please visit OneHundredMiles.org.

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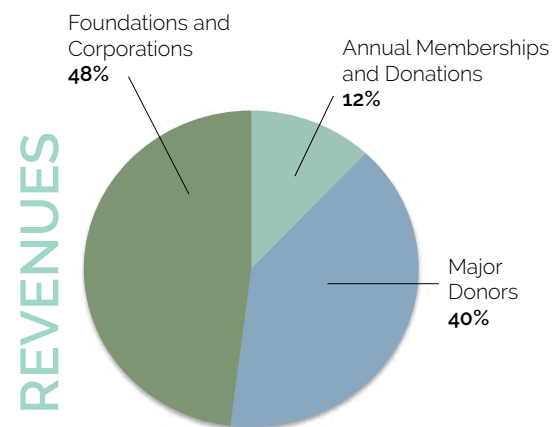
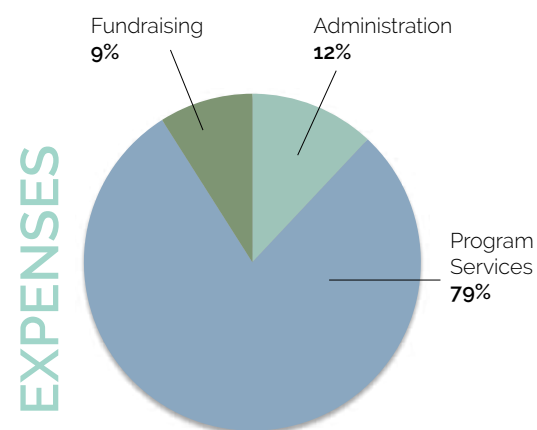
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One Hundred Miles endeavors to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our supporters. We are proud of the way we manage and safeguard the generous contributions we receive from annual members, individual donors, foundations, and corporations. In 2015, after only two years of operation, we planted the seeds for long term sustainability by establishing an emergency cash reserve.

Last year, seventy-nine percent of One Hundred Miles' expenses were allotted to program services. This percentage well exceeds the standard upheld by organizations that monitor the work of nonprofit charities.

This summary is derived from our December 2015 financial statements. Additional copies of our annual report, audited financial statements, and IRS 990 forms are available by request.



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