

One Hundred Miles FY21 Annual Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

With your help,
One Hundred
Miles protects
and preserves
Georgia's
100-mile
coast through
advocacy,
education,
and citizen
engagement.



Fighting for the Things We Believe In

One Hundred Miles is here because we love Georgia's coast more than any other place in the world—and we want to see these 100 miles protected for generations to come. Our past year was defined by our deep connections to our coast and the willingness to stand up for what is right. On issue after issue, you helped us effect positive and long-lasting change across our 100 miles. **Join us at OneHundredMiles.org.**

Our issues in 2020-21 were more than just work. For the

staff, board, and supporters of One Hundred Miles, they were personal. From protecting the legacy of nearly 60 years of loggerhead sea turtle conservation efforts to stopping a dangerous mine from harming our beloved Okefenokee Swamp—OHM staff left it all on the line this year, working day and night to make a positive difference for the coast we love.

With the backdrop of an enduring global pandemic, it wasn't always easy. But we found creative ways to expand our coalition of supporters and advocates and to amplify the voices on our coast further than ever before. Along the way, we made progress that will carry us into the future in critical ways.

Here's how you helped us stand up for Georgia's coast in 2021.



WE'RE FIGHTING FOR... the turtles we know by name

Georgians love their sea turtles. Every summer, hundreds of staff and volunteers work day and night to ensure their survival—and residents and visitors visit our coast for a chance to witness their ancient nesting rituals in person.

So when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to overturn winter dredging windows that had been in place for more than 30 years, public outcry was swift. Last March, more than 1,500 people answered our call and submitted comments regarding the proposed changes.

Even so, in defiance of these voices and over the objections of our state biologists, the Corps pushed forward with their reckless plan—one that would have jeopardized loggerheads' recovery and nearly six decades of conservation efforts.

OHM, represented by the Southern Environmental Law Center, took the Corps to court—and won! In May, U.S. District Judge Stan Baker granted our motion for a preliminary injunction, halting all spring and summer hopper dredging in 2021. And the Corps conceded that we would have ultimately succeeded on the merits, admitting they had violated federal law in failing to conduct an environmental review of their actions.

It was a tremendous victory, but we're continuing our advocacy and legal efforts to ensure these protections remain in place.



WE'RE FIGHTING FOR... the wild heart of Georgia

The 'Land of the Trembling Earth' is home to the largest wilderness area east of the Mississippi. Alligators, wading birds, turtles, and black birds all make their home in the Okefenokee's peat beds, cypress forests, and tannin-soaked waters, while more than 600,000 visitors annually flock to the Swamp, which was designated as a National Wildlife Refuge in 1937.

An ill-conceived titanium mining proposal continues to threaten this irreplaceable ecological and cultural resource. Its fate now hinges on Georgia's leaders and the state's Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD).

OHM is a proud member of the Okefenokee Protection Alliance, a 40-member group from across the Southeast and across the country. Along with our partners, we've led a robust outreach campaign across the region to engage residents in the Swamp's protection. As a result, more than 40,000 comment letters have been sent to GA EPD to date!

At the same time, OHM is investigated permitting requirements to hold local and state governments accountable. And we've worked alongside the Georgia Water Coalition to educate elected leaders about the mine's dangers. In April, Senators Warnock and Ossoff weighed in, urging caution and requesting assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in fully evaluating the risks.



WE'RE FIGHTING FOR... the survival of a species

We're watching North Atlantic right whales disappear before our very eyes. Long considered the "right" whale to hunt, today they are critically endangered due to deaths from ship strikes and commercial fishing gear from lobster and snow crab fisheries. With fewer than 400 individual whales—and crucially, only about 100 calving females— remaining on the planet, scientists predict that without dramatic action, this gentle species could become functionally extinct within the next 20 years.

Coastal Georgians know we can't sit back and let that happen. That's why OHM is committed to giving advocates the tools they need to effect change. In 2021, we launched our statewide "Eat Local, Not Lobster" campaign to educate consumers and restaurant goers about the impacts of the lobster and snow crab industries and to encourage sustainable, local choices.

Meanwhile, we worked with our partners to advocate for change at the federal level. This spring, we lobbied for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to strengthen rules governing lobster and snow crab fisheries. Our outreach helped to generate hundreds of letters from advocates and state elected officials to NMFS, asking for emergency action to impose stricter regulations of the vertical ropes used to catch lobster and snow crab.

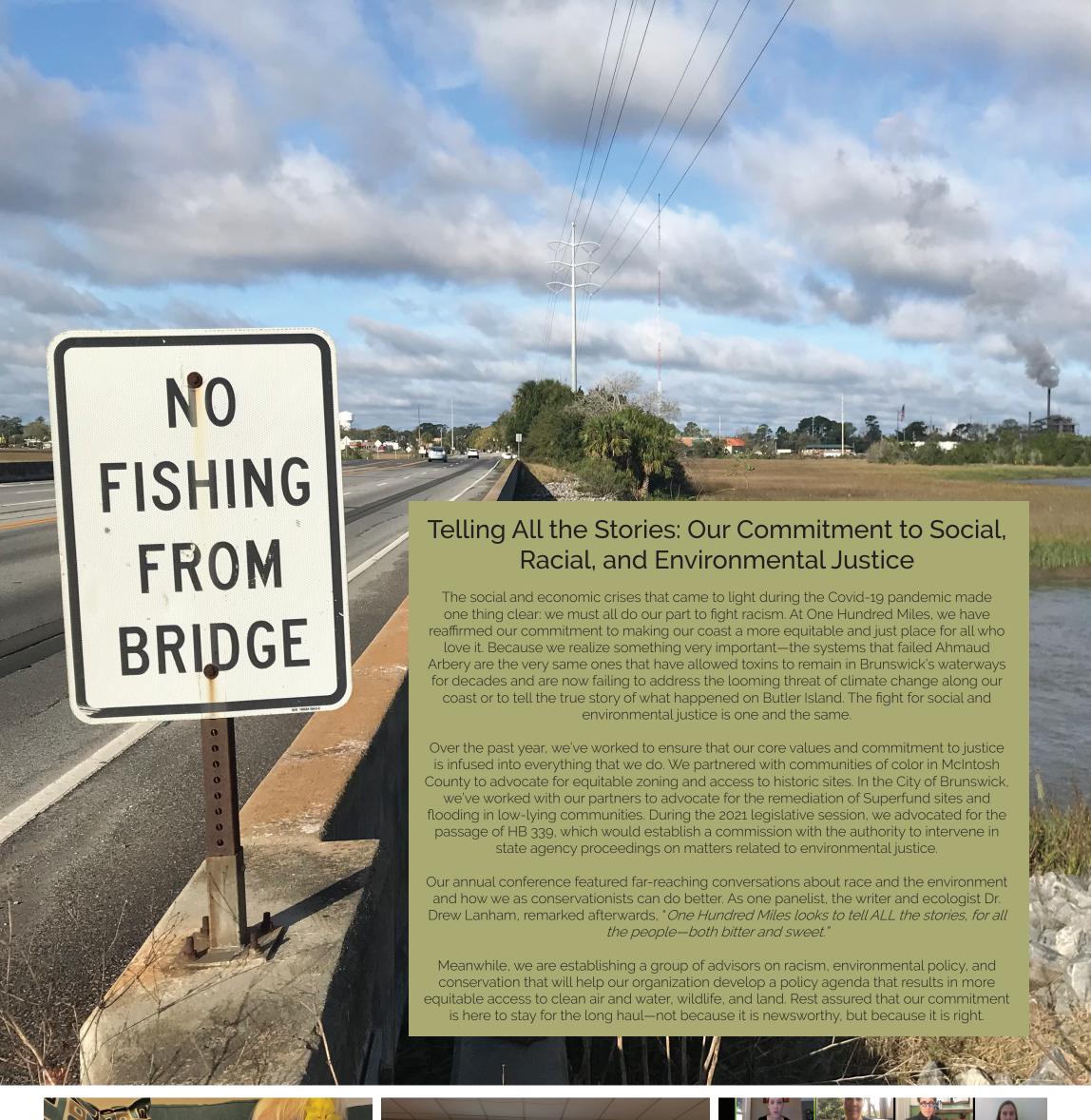


WE'RE FIGHTING FOR... the history of our landscape

Often overlooked by drivers speeding down I-95, McIntosh County is a hidden jewel of our coast. Its vast landscape of salt marshes and rivers are speckled with shrimp boats and wildlife. McIntosh is home to Sapelo Island and Hogg Hummuck, the last intact Gullah Geechee community in the Sea Islands of Georgia.

Last fall, OHM organized a series of community listening sessions to discuss the future of the Huston House on Butler Island. More than 150 people attended, including descendants of enslaved individuals and plantation owners, local and state elected officials, and Georgia DNR representatives. We also provided support for the newly-formed Butler Island Coalition, which is working towards the establishment of a nonprofit dedicated to sharing the true human history and ecology of Butler Island.

When a proposed private recreational dock threatened to alter the cultural integrity of Hogg Hummuck, we helped leaders within the community host informational meetings and send comment letters in opposition to the permit to the U.S. Corps of Engineers. And earlier this year, we organized an advocacy campaign to maintain public access to the Darien River that was threatened by a new hotel and condominium development in downtown Darien.









Lessons Learned in the Age of Covid-19

There's no denying it: we live in a whole new world, and we aren't going back anytime soon. The global pandemic upended our lives and routines in 2020 and 2021, but in many ways we've emerged as a stronger and more resourceful organization. During our conference, monthly education lectures, and community meetings, our investment in remote technology has allowed us to reach far beyond our 100 miles, engaging those that—whether due to distance or scheduling challenges—might not otherwise be able to participate. (This year's conference attendees hailed from as far away as France and Australia!) With the help of our YELP students, we were able to design creative new ways to reach young people online. And in the absence of face-to-face meetings, we expanded our ability to connect residents and visitors with their elected representatives—ensuring that our coast was always top of mind when important decisions were being made, from local city halls to the Gold Dome in Atlanta and the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C.

More than ever, this year we sought solace in the great outdoors and were reminded, time and time again, that our coast has never been so important. In our work this year and moving forward, we remain committed to advocating for green space funding and zoning policies that require the establishment of parks and the conservation of land, offering field trips for learners of all ages to experience our coast first-hand, and connecting volunteers to wildlife opportunities that help them better understand our place in the natural world

Dear friends,

Our coast is at the heart of everything we do at One Hundred Miles. It centers us as we live through a global health crisis, economic disruptions, and painful events that demonstrate the continued force of systemic racism and inequality.

Especially in times like these, it is a rare privilege to be able do work that's both professionally and personally meaningful. We don't take these responsibilities lightly. Like you, we choose to be part of One Hundred Miles because we care deeply about the world we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. We're fighting for a better coast—for the wildlife we cherish, the special places that have captured our imaginations, the people we love.

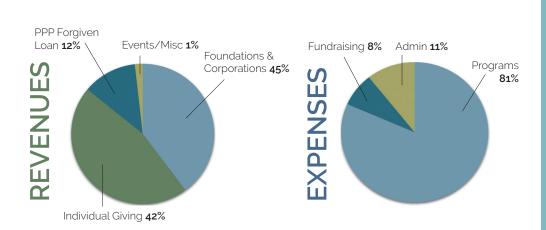
The past year has been one of the most challenging imaginable, but it has also provided significant opportunities for positive change. Today, more of us than ever before understand the need for a healthy environment and the importance of engaged advocates who stand up to make their voices heard on the issues that matter most.

Without you, none of this work would be possible. Your voices, your passion, and your commitment are helping us create the future we want to see. I hope you'll take some time to reflect on the stories shared in this FY21 report and the positive progress you have helped us make—and share in the excitement of what's to come.

Sincerely,

Megan Desrosiers, President/CEO

FY21 Operating Snapshot



In FY21, 81% of OHM's expenses were allotted to our mission-related programs—exceeding the nonprofit standard. This summary is derived from our draft 7/1/20-6/30/21 financial statements. Once completed, copies of our audited financial statements and IRS 990 forms will be available by request.

Our revenue numbers include a federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan that was received in FY2020 and forgiven in FY21. They do not include a second PPP loan, which was received in FY21 to help us cover operating expenses and has not yet been forgiven.

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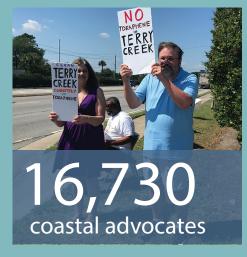
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Our Year in Conservation

2020-21 By The Numbers!







46,322
petitions sent to Camden residents in opposition to Spaceport Camden

29 states & 4 countries had participants attend our Choosing to Lead conference

21,926
comment letters sent to decision-makers from OHM advocates

2,448 staff hours spent on Zoom



