



Annual Report

Celebrating 10 Years

Over the past decade, as One Hundred Miles has grown from two founding staff to an experienced team of 14, we've reached successes that once might have seemed unimaginable. Our work in Fiscal Year 2023 was only possible because of the hard-fought victories from those early years—and the dedicated advocates who have stood with us every step of the way. With every letter sent and petition signed, every call made, every dollar donated, you have helped us build the solid foundation we operate from today. Our work isn't always easy, but ten years in, we are stronger than ever—and ready to tackle the pressing challenges that lie ahead.

Our mission at One Hundred Miles is simple: to protect and preserve Georgia's 100-mile coast. Throughout FY23, we relied on our own brand of collaborative advocacy and innovative education programs to stay true to that commitment. Whether it was advocating alongside the people of Sapelo Island, pushing back against unfettered warehouse development, championing the Okefenokee Swamp, or ensuring that decision-makers listen to the science about our endangered wildlife—we engaged Georgians all over the state to take decisive action, whenever and wherever our coast needs us most.

Together we stood strong—and spoke out—for Georgia's coast in FY 2023:



STANDING UP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

You've heard us say that OHM is committed to building an accessible, healthy coast for all—but what does that mean for our work? It starts with recognizing environmental racism and injustice, and supporting groups that have been systematically and historically disenfranchised, particularly Black and Brown communities and those living in poverty. Guided by our Justice Strategist, we're working to ensure inclusivity is at the heart of OHM's advocacy and education.

In FY23, OHM partnered with the Emory University School of Public Health and community groups to investigate public health impacts from contamination from the many Superfund sites in Brunswick. We promoted the Exposure Study, conducted outreach, and advocated for cleaning up our communities.



SHARING THE STORIES OF 'OUR GEORGIA COAST'

Our 100-mile coast holds more stories than grains of sand, more twists and turns than a tidal creek meandering through a salt marsh.

To honor those stories—and better connect Georgians of all backgrounds to our coast—OHM launched the "Our Georgia Coast" campaign in June. It's a storytelling campaign aimed at increasing pride and motivation to protect our unique resources. Working with a creative firm, we interviewed coastal ambassadors and produced a series of short videos that highlight the threats facing our 100 miles and the collaborative efforts underway to protect communities, wildlife, and ecosystems. These spots are currently airing on social media, radio, and digital platforms across metro Atlanta, educating Georgians about the importance of our one-of-a-kind coast.



STOPPING THE WAREHOUSE TAKEOVER

Georgia's coast is known for its diversity of landscapes, iconic wildlife, historic communities... and increasingly, its industrial warehouses, which are being haphazardly approved and hastily constructed, often in rural areas and communities of color.

Coastal Georgians don't want to lose the unique character of their communities—or the quality of life that drew them here to begin with. But too often, giant warehouses are now boxing them in. In 2023, the OHM team worked alongside local groups to launch the "Stop the Warehouse Takeover" campaign. We helped to mobilize residents, met with decision-makers, and advocated for greater foresight in planning and zoning. We also partnered on a series of interactive maps that clearly define the problem—and all that we stand to lose.



TAKING LEGAL ACTION TO PROTECT OUR COAST

In June, OHM took legal action against the City of Brunswick and Maritime Homes over a new marshfront development approved despite overwhelming community opposition and evidence that the proposed complex violates the city's design and zoning ordinances.

While litigation is never a tool we take lightly, OHM stands ready to act. This latest challenge joins other notable legal action from the past year, including a big win in May, when we stopped the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from dredging during sea turtle nesting season (for the third year in a row!). And we celebrated a precedent-setting victory at the Georgia Supreme Court—one that finally put a stop to Spaceport Camden while cementing the right of Georgia voters to hold our elected leaders accountable.

Your support = a BIG impact for Georgia's coast.

23,368 advocates in the OHM action network, standing ready to make their voices heard for our coast!

122 coastal bird species spotted over 4 years of Master Birder

1,200 annual members

850+ "Don't Box Us In" yard signs and stickers distributed



8,565 learners educated through 205 events

72+ hours of interviews & coastal video footage collected to produce OurGeorgiaCoast.org

Top 10 Moments from our 10th Year of Conservation

2022-23 was marked by banner victories both big and small. Here are just a few of Team OHM's favorite memories and milestones from our 10th year of protecting and preserving Georgia's coast—made possible by the past decade of your support.

1. “It has been an honor to work alongside our community to protect the Okefenokee Swamp from the threat of mining. I have never been more proud of our local partners than I was during the 2023 General Assembly. Our swamp champions drove from all over the state to testify before the Georgia House Natural Resources Committee—coming together to share their passion for the Swamp and support for the Okefenokee Protection Act, House Bill 71.”
- *Alice Keyes, VP of Coastal Conservation*

3. “Getting the call from Megan that the Georgia Supreme Court had ruled in our favor—upholding the first-of-its-kind referendum from 2022, where nearly three quarters of Camden voters opposed the County's efforts to purchase the Spaceport property—was one of the happiest moments of my life. I immediately left a meeting down the street and ran all the way home, waving my arms and yelling at the top of my lungs...causing my husband and our neighbors to run out with me to make sure I was ok.

I was better than ok. The court's ruling last February represented thousands of hours of time and sustained effort over many, many years by hundreds of community members from all walks of life—who all treasure the wonder that is Cumberland Island National Seashore and our surrounding salt marshes and beaches.” - *Shelley Renner, OHM Board Member*



4. “Working with our Youth Environmental Leadership program students has always been the best part of my job—but it's a lot harder when you're interacting through a computer screen. This year, for the first time since COVID, we were able to kick off the 2022-23 cohort with an in-person retreat at Camp Jekyll and celebrated their year of service in a graduation event in May. Watching the students start the year as strangers and come together as a cohesive team was a highlight.”
- *Stephanie Chewning, Coastal Education Coordinator*

7. “Georgians are too invested in our iconic wild species like loggerhead sea turtles and North Atlantic right whales to let our leaders throw away decades of conservation progress. Since 2020, OHM and advocates have been fighting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' dangerous plan to dredge Brunswick Harbor during sea turtle nesting season. Thousands submitted comments in opposition, and OHM filed another legal challenge in December 2022. It was a huge victory when the Corps agreed in May to halt their plans and conduct an Environmental Impact Study—a step we'd been asking for all along. A few days later, I relocated the first loggerhead nest on St. Simons. It was a relief to know that the nesting mother who laid those eggs could swim safely along our coast without the risk of being chopped up by a dredge.” - *Catherine Ridley, VP of Education and Communications & SSI Sea Turtle Project Coordinator*



8. “Glynn County is home to 20% of the state's Superfund sites, and while much work has been done on the environmental impacts, an extensive look into health impacts on the local community has not. Understanding that our approach to a “healthy community” involves both our nature and our people, a coalition of partners came together to lead an exposure study—100 volunteers donated blood samples to be tested for harmful chemicals. This doesn't answer all the questions, but it does provide a comprehensive approach towards finding solutions.” - *Dr. Kavanaugh Chandler, MD, MBA, OHM Board Member*

9. “For as long as I can remember, Sapelo has been home. I'm a direct Geechee Descendant of 44 original families of West Africans who were enslaved on Sapelo. Over my lifetime, I've watched as many of my fellow residents and homeowners in the Hogg Hummock community have been forced off the land our families have lived on for generations.

Back in February, we learned a bill introduced in the Georgia House sought to change the composition of the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority, an oversight board created in the interest of preserving the island's Gullah Geechee culture and environment. We immediately began working alongside our partners in Hogg Hummock to push for changes to the bill.

Ultimately, the bill didn't pass the legislative session. I was grateful we were able to work alongside Sapelo NGO partners to mobilize support with our state senators and representatives. Gullah Geechee people have been fighting not just for their land, but for their right to exist and have thriving communities.” - *Josiah “Jazz” Watts, Justice Strategist*

2. “Over the past decade, OHM has steadily grown our base of support and in our 10th year, we hit some exciting milestones, including raising membership to more than \$100,000 annually, growing our Spartina Society to more than 100 members, and launching a \$6 million capital campaign. These successes have solidified our sustainability as a thriving organization, and it's been gratifying to see just how many people believe in the work we do at One Hundred Miles.” - *Kate Grinalds, VP of Philanthropy*

5. “Georgia's salt marsh faces threats nearly every legislative session. Last Crossover Day, as OHM and our partners testified in committee hearings, worked the phones, and met with legislators, protecting our marsh came down to the wire again. With only hours to spare, we stopped HB370, a bad bill that would have paved the way for the privatization of our salt marsh. We'll be back to fight next year, too.”
- *Jen Hilburn, North Coast Advocate*

6. “OHM is leading the way as an innovative nonprofit. I'm proud that this year we were able to invest in better health care plans for our staff and their families, provide professional development opportunities, and promote a healthy work-life balance across our organization—bolstering our long-term business model by investing in One Hundred Miles' most valuable asset: our employees.” - *Tonnia Switzer-Smalls, VP of Operations*



10. “Moving isn't easy, especially in the middle of summer in coastal Georgia. Last year, after we finished construction at our new office at 7 Glynn Avenue in Brunswick, our team got to work unpacking boxes, setting up cooperative work areas, and making the space our own. Now that the dust has settled a bit, it's been fun to host new groups nearly every week—we're building a hub for collaborative coastal conservation in Georgia.”
- *Melissa Blackman, Office Manager*

Dear Friends,

Ten years ago, Alice Keyes and I stepped into an empty office building and got to work. We knew we needed to assemble a team that could create a new culture of conservation for our 100-mile coast.

In the beginning, we found ourselves frequently answering the question, “Georgia has a coast?” Over and over, we shared—and celebrated—the facts. Our coast is home to the oldest loggerhead sea turtle program in the world. Though only 100 miles in length, our coast boasts 33% of the remaining salt marsh on the entire Atlantic seaboard. Our coast is designated a Landscape of Hemispheric Importance by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network. Of the 14 major barrier islands along Georgia’s coast, only four are accessible by car. We spoke to anyone who would listen.

Soon, word began to spread. Our network began to grow. And voices from all over the state and country began standing up for our coast. Many our major accomplishments—preventing a bad bill that threatened our salt marsh, educating thousands of Georgians about our coast, saving sea turtles from summer dredging, and stopping Spaceport Camden—would not have been possible 10 years ago.

But they were this year. Because of your support, OHM is a reliable and respected institution that works in communities to educate and connect people to action. Actions that will lead to a better quality of life. A cleaner environment. And lasting protection for the coast we all love.



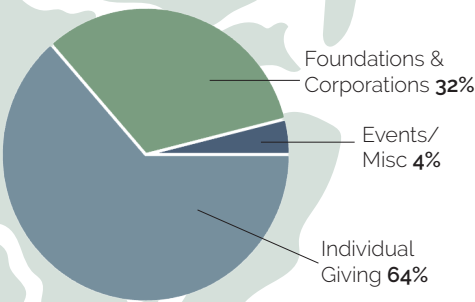
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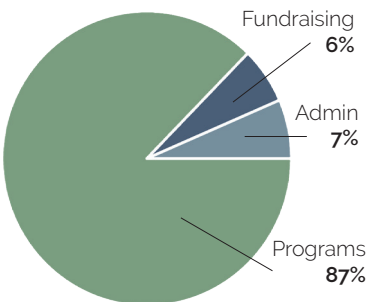
Megan Desrosiers, President/CEO

FY23 Financial Snapshot

REVENUES



EXPENSES



In FY23, 87% of OHM’s total expenses were allotted to our mission-related programs. This percentage more than exceeds the standard upheld by organizations that monitor the work of nonprofit charities. This summary is derived from our draft 7/1/22-6/30/23 financial statements. Once completed, copies of our audited financial statements and IRS 990 forms will be available on our website, OneHundredMiles.org, and by request.

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ONE HUNDRED MILES. ONE COAST.

In our first comprehensive capital campaign, **ONE HUNDRED MILES, ONE COAST**, OHM seeks to raise \$6 million to increase understanding of and actions for Georgia’s coast, grow our network of advocates, and fortify our organization—ensuring we remain the eyes and ears of the region and able to mobilize advocates to take action on the most critical issues facing our coast.

During the quiet phase of the campaign, we have achieved 84% of our \$6M goal. Many thanks to the donors who have already stepped up to support this effort.

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