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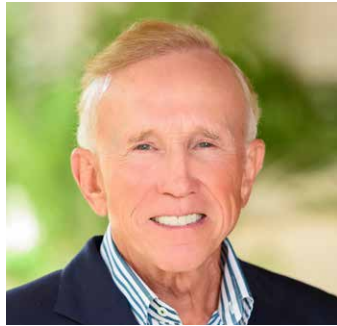
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WE LIVE IN A PLACE OF NATURAL BEAUTY, ICONIC WILDLIFE, AND PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPES. SINCE OUR INCEPTION, WE HAVE STOOD BY THE BELIEF THAT IT CAN ALL EXIST IN HARMONY. OUR SPECTACULAR CORAL REEFS. OUR ABUNDANT FRESHWATER SPRINGS. OUR COUNTLESS NATIVE PLANTS AND SPECIES. AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO CALL FLORIDA HOME.

For twenty-five years, we have worked to conserve nature and ensure lasting public access to and enjoyment of hunting, fishing, and other traditional outdoor recreation activities. In conserving Wild Florida, we also preserve a way of life and the very things that have brought people here for thousands of years.

In 2019, our journey continued. The dedication. The support. The pride. From the land to the waterways to the wildlife that flourishes throughout, we stood strong in the conservation of it all.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings to our many supporters and partners across Florida and beyond! Our state is entering a new decade full of conservation challenges, but many remarkable efforts are underway to ensure Florida remains beautiful and ecologically diverse, with undiminished natural landscapes and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Our Foundation is playing its part. In 2019, we and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) joined with agencies and aquariums across the state and country to rescue Florida corals from highly lethal stony coral tissue-loss disease. Genetically diverse and resilient new strains of coral will be grown and returned to Florida's Coral Reef by the tens of thousands.

In 2019, optimism grew for the survival of North America's most imperiled bird, the Florida grasshopper sparrow, thanks to new habitat management strategies and successful captive breeding. Our past decade of funding for the sparrow's recovery passed the \$1.7 million mark, thanks to many public and private donors.

Our Foundation remains Florida's largest private supporter of outdoor education for children and teens. Foundation Board Member Connie Parker helped spearhead an effort to build a wheel-chair accessible saltmarsh boardwalk and fishing pier at FWC's Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach. Ben Hur Construction and the Union Sportsmen's Alliance donated much of the construction and labor, saving us and FWC hundreds of thousands of dollars. We also continued to provide summer camp scholarships and field trip funds to children from economically disadvantaged families and Title 1 schools.

In all, the Foundation gave away \$5.1 million in 2019 for an array of important conservation and outdoor programs, from supporting outdoor programs for women and returning veterans, to restoring manatee habitat at Warm Mineral Springs, and to helping the Conservancy of Southwest Florida radio-tag male pythons (see page 13) to catch reproductive females.

Please enjoy this annual accounting of our work, visit our website at wildlifeflorida.org, and follow us on social media. And please join us Friday, April 3rd at the Pelican Club in Jupiter for our annual *A Night for Nature* gala that honors Jack Nicklaus and Paul Tudor Jones for their life-long contributions to the outdoors.



FOR 25 YEARS, WE'VE WORKED TO CONSERVE
NATURE AND OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE. WITH
YOUR CONTINUED HELP, WE'LL DO SO FOR
MANY DECADES TO COME.



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

THE FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA SEEKS TO PROTECT OUR OUTSTANDING ANIMALS AND PLANTS AND THE LANDS AND WATERS THEY NEED TO SURVIVE. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC), FOR WHICH WE ARE A CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION, AND MANY OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS. SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1994, WE HAVE RAISED AND DONATED MORE THAN \$43 MILLION FOR CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION, INCLUDING YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION.

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WHAT WE DO

FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH FWC AND MANY OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS, THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS A FULL ARRAY OF CONSERVATION NEEDS IN FLORIDA, FROM ENHANCING OUR FISHERIES, SUPPORTING REHABILITATION OF INJURED WILDLIFE, FUNDING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON FLORIDA'S UNIQUE HABITATS AND CONSERVATION CHALLENGES, AND PROVIDING SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.

These five initiatives drive much of our work.

- GETTING KIDS BACK TO NATURE**
- COMBATTING INVASIVES**
- RESTORING OUR REEFS**
- CONSERVING WILDLIFE**
- PRESERVING OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE**

Each of these initiatives is outlined on the following pages.



OUR IMPACT

**RAISED AND DONATED
\$43 MILLION**

to hundreds of conservation and outdoor recreation and education projects since 1994.

**HELPED SEND MORE THAN
2.3 MILLION**

Florida youth to camp or other outdoor experiences in the last decade.

**CONSERVED
8,000 ACRES**
of critical wildlife habitat.

Funded the captive breeding and release of
**105 ENDANGERED
FLORIDA GRASSHOPPER
SPARROWS.**

**PROVIDED
MORE THAN
\$300,000**

annually to a wide variety of Florida organizations to restore and preserve the state's unique springs that are vital homes for manatees, fish, and other wildlife.

GAVE \$253,300
to help Hurricanes Irma and Michael relief and recovery efforts.

**COMMITTED
\$500,000**
to date to rescue and propagate corals under threat of stony coral tissue-loss disease.

GETTING KIDS BACK TO NATURE

All of Florida's youth deserve easy access to nature and the delight of embarking on outdoor adventures. We are Florida's largest private funder of youth outdoor education and work closely with the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, a consortium of 350+ private and public partners providing formative outdoor experiences annually to more than 230,000 Florida children and teens.

Our Foundation and donors provide summer camp scholarships, school field trip funds, outdoor gear, and educational materials needed to raise a new generation who learns from and loves the outdoors. In 2019, the Foundation contributed more than \$308,000 toward construction of a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk and fishing pier at Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach. This allows better access to the saltmarsh and pond for STEM-based nature study and teaching children to fish.



Dedication for SYCC handicap-accessible boardwalk and fishing pier
Photo taken by Union Sportsmen's Alliance

COMBATTING INVASIVES

With our subtropical climate, Florida is an unfortunately ideal place for many invasive species to become established, Burmese python (see sidebar) and lionfish are two of the most destructive.

Lionfish have established themselves off the United States and in the Caribbean and are major threats to our coral reef systems and fisheries. In 2019, the Foundation and the Reef Environmental Education Foundation completed a \$90,000 two-year project to train more divers to capture lionfish and to test new technologies for luring lionfish

into the open. The work was funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and will inform our next round of lionfish work.

Burrowing and camouflaged color makes Burmese pythons difficult to spot. It's estimated that for every Burmese python pulled out of the Everglades, another 100 are nearby.

FWC is working with a highly trained group of individuals to locate and remove pythons from South Florida ecosystems.

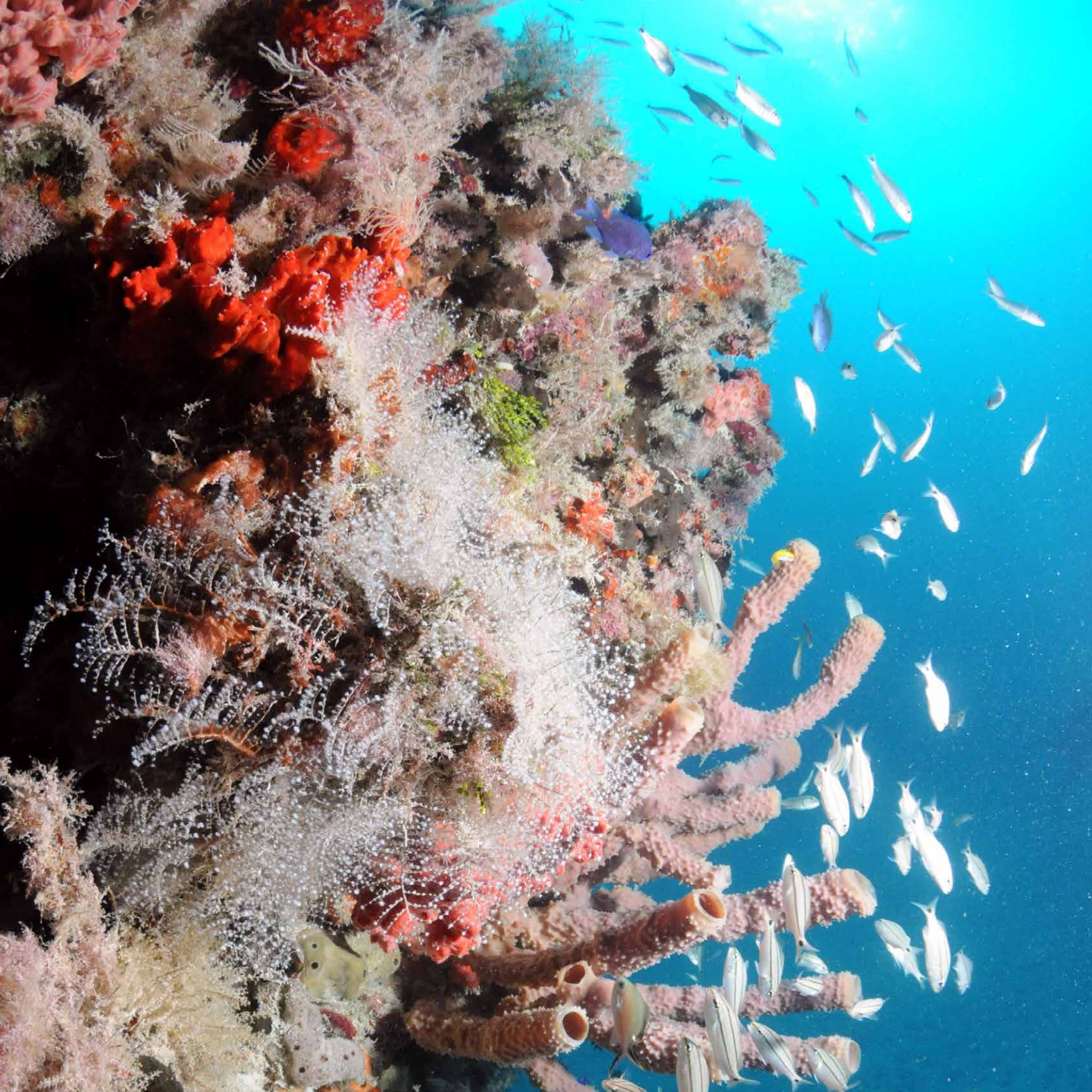
Late in 2019, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced a competition, the "Python Bowl," sponsored by Bass Pro Shops, to increase dramatically the number of python hunters and snakes being caught in the Everglades.



Spearfishing for lionfish

We're especially excited about our work with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to find and eliminate female pythons via radio-tagging male sentinel snakes. We donated \$65,000 for this project, which has already eliminated 525 pythons weighing in excess of 12,500 pounds from a 55-square-mile area in western Collier County. It's painstaking work; some nights no pythons are found. But radio tagging these snakes to find other pythons is one line of attack that shows promise. Pythons may never be eliminated from the Florida landscape, but with our continued efforts we can reduce their numbers.





RESTORING REEFS

Coral reefs are the gardens of the ocean. Though they occupy less than two percent of the ocean, they are home to one-fourth of all marine creatures. Here in Florida, they're the literal and figurative backbone of Florida's \$8 billion/year recreational fishing industry.

Reefs are also fragile in the extreme. Slight but sustained variations in normal water temperatures can kill large numbers of coral and send fish in search of better conditions. Ocean acidification caused by absorption of atmospheric carbon can impede the formation of calcium carbonate by corals. Reefs around the world are also beset by siltation, pollution, overfishing, invasive species like lionfish, and direct damage from boats, divers, and in parts of the Indo-Pacific, by dynamiting to stun or kill fish for harvesting.

Florida's Coral Reef, which is 360 miles long, is one of the best-managed reefs in the world, but is not immune to some of these and other threats.

In late 2014, a heretofore unknown malady called stony coral tissue-loss disease began killing stony corals off Virginia Key near Miami. By late 2019, it had been reported from 95 percent of the reef, from Martin County to west of Key West, as well as from the Caribbean and the 600-mile Mesoamerican reef.



The cause of the disease, which causes 66 to 100 percent mortality in at least 22 species of brain, pillar, boulder, and star corals, has not yet been found, though it's believed to be bacterial. In 2019, our Foundation worked with FWC, NOAA, the Tampa Aquarium, and others to rescue the best remaining examples of these 22 vulnerable species and ship them to aquariums across the state and country for safekeeping while long-term coral breeding facilities are created in Florida.

The first new coral propagation lab, co-funded and co-managed by our Foundation, will launch in early 2020.



Thanks to support from the Knopf Family Foundation, X-Ray machines can now be used in the field to help injured panthers

CONSERVING WILDLIFE

Ensuring present and future generations can experience Florida in all of its natural beauty and diversity is a priority for our Foundation. We work closely with FWC, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, and many others to prevent native species and natural communities from becoming rare or extirpated by helping protect and manage ecologically important lands and investing in technologies and strategies designed to help the rarest species recover. These include medical field equipment to increase survival odds for injured Florida panthers.



Florida Grasshopper Sparrow

Florida possesses more than **15,000** invertebrates, **2,800** plant species, **1,000** species of saltwater fish, **140** species of freshwater fish, **280** species of amphibians, **89** species of native reptiles, and **57** species of native mammals.

For North America's rarest bird, the Florida grasshopper sparrow, it means contributing nearly \$215,000 toward the best hope for sparrow survival – captive breeding and release. White Oak's 12 captive sparrow pairs produced an astounding 130 fledglings in 2019, 105 of which were released into dry prairie habitat 50 miles south of Orlando – the first-ever release of captive-reared

sparrows into the wild. While the birds were too young to mate in 2019, they displayed normal behavior after release, making us optimistic for breeding in 2020. It can't happen too soon; the 2019 sparrow surveys located only 30 wild nesting pairs.

Approximately 45 two-year-old and older birds will be released in winter 2020, and a yet-to-be-determined number of one-year-old and younger birds will be released later in the summer.

If captive-reared birds prove to be successful nesters, we will have bought ourselves considerable time to work on other constraints to full recovery of the Florida grasshopper sparrow.

We and our partners are working to support the program through the next five years. We have the land, the experts, and increasingly the knowledge and technology to recover this species. We're confident we can bring the Florida grasshopper sparrow back from the brink, and never have to watch helplessly as the last bird grows old and dies along with all hope for its species.

PRESERVING OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE

Too few Americans fully appreciate the importance of hunting and fishing to conservation. In 1937, a national coalition of hunters, concerned about the long-term fate of America's natural lands and wildlife, supported a federal tax on hunting gear to fund wildlife conservation at state and federal levels. Known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, this landmark legislation has generated more than \$10.5 billion – yes, billion — for the conservation of wildlife and habitat across the United States.



At the same time, in the absence of large natural predators that have been eliminated throughout most of the continental United States, hunting is the most important and effective tool for keeping populations of deer and other game animals – including Florida's non-native, destructive wild pigs – in balance. By leasing lands for hunting, hunters also provide an important economic incentive for farmers and other private landowners to manage their lands for wildlife. But the number of Americans who hunt has dropped sharply as older generations of hunters retire.

Our Foundation financially supports FWC's efforts to attract a new generation of men and women to hunting and shooting sports, including archery, as well to fishing and boating. We also fund projects to protect and manage important wildlife habitats and ensure public access to hunting lands, while improving deer stands, creating food plots, funding construction of wheelchair-accessible blinds, and much else.

LEAVE A LIVING LEGACY



TAKING THE LONG VIEW

Conservation of course isn't just about today or tomorrow. The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida works to protect species and habitats for the long-term, helping ensure Florida remains a place of outstanding beauty and diversity for generations to come. You can leave a lasting, living legacy by naming the Foundation in your estate plans. Most of our planned giving supporters make unrestricted gifts that allow us to use their funds for our most pressing needs. We are happy, however, to discuss any specific wishes you may have for your gift. Individuals making gifts via their estate plans are vital to our long-term effectiveness and are honored as

members of the Foundation's Conservation Legacy Society. If you plan to include the Foundation in your estate plans or already have done so, please let us know! Your information will be kept confidential unless you wish to be listed as a member of the Conservation Legacy Society. The Foundation always encourages donors to consult with their financial and tax advisors before making a planned gift.

In addition to the many FWC programs we support day to day, some of which are grouped under the major initiatives, we have several endowments to help ensure Florida's natural legacy and the public's access to it for years to come.

THE CHILDREN AND NATURE ENDOWMENT

The average child or teen now spends 53 hours/week using electronic media. Getting youth back into nature has become a national priority to combat childhood obesity; boost physical fitness and emotional and social well-being; and inspire confidence and self-reliance in youth. Our Foundation is Florida's leading private funder of outdoor youth programs and our Children and Nature Endowment will ensure these programs have permanent, predictable funding for years to come.





THE FLORIDA CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT

The Florida Conservation Endowment is the Foundation's general endowment, used to support a portion of our operations and the many conservation programs and projects we sponsor. This permanent fund, to which donors can contribute via outright or planned gifts like bequests, annuities, or trusts, will help ensure a predictable stream of revenue for our conservation programs far into the future.

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA RESERVE FUND

The Foundation recently partnered with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to launch a reserve fund. This fund expands the visibility of our work and gives donors more flexibility with planned giving like gift annuities. For more information, visit cftampabay.org/fishwildlife.

To learn more about these funds and how to contribute to them, including via your estate plans, contact Foundation President & CEO Andrew Walker at 941.809.7805 or awalker@wildlifeflorida.org.



2019 GRANTS

WHAT FOLLOWS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE PROJECTS AND RECIPIENTS OF THE \$5 MILLION OUR FOUNDATION RAISED AND GAVE AWAY IN 2019. APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 OF THESE FUNDS CAME FROM THE THREE FLORIDA CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES ADMINISTERED BY OUR FOUNDATION – THE “WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA” LICENSE PLATE, THE “CONSERVE WILDLIFE” PLATE, AND THE “PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS” PLATE. WE ALSO RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE “DISCOVER FLORIDA’S OCEANS” PLATE.

Citizen input is an important part of our grant making. We are indebted to the volunteer citizen committees that help review the many applications we receive for springs conservation, hunting and shooting sports programs, and game species management. Their input is invaluable in prioritizing the many laudable applications we receive.

“CONSERVE WILDLIFE” GRANTS

Conserving Florida’s unique species remains priority for our Foundation. In 2019, the Board of Directors approved nearly \$400,000 in 13 grants for nongame species conservation. One such grant was \$30,000 awarded to FWC for **freshwater turtle disease research**. The project is investigating the deaths of freshwater turtles in the St. Johns River watershed. Since March 2018, an unprecedented 300 sick or dead turtles have been reported to FWC. Prior to this event, only 75 undiagnosed cases of dead freshwater turtles had been reported since 2006. With a novel virus as the suspected culprit, the grant will support the development of diagnostic tools to further understand the virus and its reach in Florida.

We also awarded nearly \$34,000 to FWC to improve **sponge restoration efforts in Florida Bay**. The sponge community in the Florida Keys has been severely damaged due to recent marine cyanobacterial blooms and exposure to air as water levels dropped in Florida Bay during Hurricane Irma. These sponges are foundational to the health of the Florida Keys ecosystem because they are a critical habitat for juvenile fish and invertebrates, like the spiny lobster and stone crab. This project aims to better understand the most effective restoration model and expedite region-wide recovery.



NAME	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Cameras for Remote Monitoring of Bear Traps	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$16,350.00
Growing Up WILD Curriculum Guides	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$10,000.00
Assessing Sponge Outplant Design to Refine Sponge Restoration Efforts in Florida Bay	Florida Keys	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$33,859.00
Support for Captive Breeding of Endangered Florida Grasshopper Sparrows	Yulee, Florida	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$82,978.00
Freshwater Turtle Disease Surveillance: Investigating a Softshell Turtle Mortality Event Caused by a Novel Virus	St. Johns River Watershed, near the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$30,000.00
Assessing the Spatial Components of Pollinator and Arthropod Habitat Using the GatorEye Unmanned Flying Laboratory	Watermelon Pond WEA, Fort White WEA, Suwannee Ridge WEA, and Bell Ridge Longleaf WEA, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park and Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$30,860.00
Captive Propagation and Repatriation of the Striped Newt	Apalachicola National Forest Wetlands	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$36,062.00
Implementing Predation Management for the Protection of Imperiled Beach Nesting Birds in Northeast Florida	Northeast Florida	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$45,517.00
A Benthic and Fish Community Assessment of West Florida Shelf Ledge Ecosystems, Including Harmful Algal Bloom Impacts	West Florida Shelf Ledge	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$60,000.00
Enhancement and Coordination of the Sentinel Snake Protocol as a Localized Control Tool for Burmese Pythons in Southwestern Florida	Southwestern Florida	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$65,000.00

We have been working on a redesign of the “Conserve Wildlife” plate. Soon after its launch in 2008, this license plate became one of the best-selling in the Sunshine State.

While it still generates nearly \$400,000 annually for conservation, sales have declined significantly over the past several years, losing ground to newer – and more stylish – plates. We worked with students at Sarasota’s Ringling College of Art and Design and sought public feedback to create a new plate. We are currently receiving input from FWC and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on a final, state-approved design. We hope to see it on your car in the next year!

“PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS” GRANTS

Florida’s hundreds of freshwater springs have been threatened in recent decades by nutrient pollution, invasive aquatic plants, and other stresses. The protection and restoration of Florida’s springs, on which so much of the state’s aquatic diversity depends, is an ongoing, critical priority. In 2019, we awarded seven grants totaling \$175,000 for research, conservation, and restoration of Florida’s freshwater springs.

The Foundation gave \$4,300 to study rare crayfish species native to two Florida springs: the big-cheeked cave crayfish (*Procambarus delicatus*) at Alexander Springs and the Silver Glen Springs cave crayfish (*Procambarus attiguus*) at Silver Glen Springs.

Little is known about the life history and ecology of these critically endangered species; they are among the rarest of Florida’s native species. The Silver Glenn Springs cave crayfish has less than two dozen recorded specimens, while the big-cheeked cave crayfish only has three official records.

The study will determine if these crayfish still exist before trying to estimate population abundances or getting additional protections at the state or federal levels. Additionally, the project hopes to expand the limited knowledge of these two species with photographs and data describing habitat, body measurements, and behavior of captured individuals.



NAME	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Simple Things for Our Springs	Suwanee River Basin	Alachua Conservation Trust	\$22,000
Nitrate Concentrations in Groundwater of the Santa Fe River Basin and Outreach	Santa Fe River Basin	Alachua County Environmental Protection Department	\$9,400
Determining Annual Use Trends, Return Rates, and Habitat Preferences of Manatees in the Silver River	Silver River, Marion County	Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute	\$17,098
Irrigation-Free Residential Landscapes in Florida's Springs Region: Making the Case	North central Florida	The Nature Conservancy	\$49,900
Herbivory and Recreational Exclusion Device Study	Santa Fe River Basin	Alachua County Environmental Protection Department	\$8,400
Aquifer Awareness Education Campaign	Statewide	Aquifer Awareness Education Campaign	\$10,000
Modeling Nutrient Transport in Karst Aquifer for Florida Springs Water Quality Management	Blue Spring, Volusia County	The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees	\$59,441
Springs Field School	Statewide	Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute	\$10,555
Florida Springs Conservation Prioritization Tool and Web Application	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$29,740
Blue Spring Alliance Community Plan for Springshed Resilience	Volusia County	Blue Spring Alliance	\$10,000
Surveying for Endemic Cave Crayfish Species at Alexander and Silver Glen Springs	Alexander Springs & Silver Glen Springs	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$4,300
Evaluation of Thermal Refuge Habitat for Snook in Springs of the Lower Suwanee River	Blue Springs, Madison County, Blue Springs, Lafayette County, Troy Springs, Ichetucknee Springs, Ginie Springs, Fanning Springs and Manatee Springs	University of Florida	\$37,078
Sediment History of Florida Springs: Determining Baseline Spring State and Subsequent Human Impacts	Wikiwa Springs, Salt Springs, Gilchrist Blue Springs and Ichetucknee Springs	Stetson University	\$17,667

“WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA” GRANTS

In 2019 our Foundation awarded 17 grants totaling more than \$200,000 from the “Wildlife Foundation of Florida” license plate. Proceeds from the purchase of the deer tag support protection and management of lands open to public hunting, hunting safety programs, and training in archery and other shooting sports for women and men of all ages and backgrounds.

The Foundation awarded \$40,000 to FWC to support the agency’s ongoing efforts to monitor deer in Florida for chronic wasting disease (CWD). CWD, which has not been detected in Florida, is a transmissible neurological disease believed to be caused by an abnormal protein called a prion. It is a fatal disease for all members of the deer family and is currently documented in white-tailed deer, mule deer, sika deer, elk, moose and caribou. Signs of the disease usually appear one-and-a-half to three years after initial exposure and can include extreme weight loss and abnormal behaviors such as listlessness, lowering of the head, inattentiveness toward people, walking in circles, staggering and standing with a wide stance.

FWC initiated a CWD monitoring program in 2002 and to date has tested more than 13,000 hunter-killed, road-killed and sick or diseased deer for CWD. Expanded surveillance is necessary to confirm Florida remains free of CWD. If CWD was detected in Florida, surveillance efforts would allow FWC and its partners to quickly implement their comprehensive response plan to contain the disease. The grant will fund a two-year surge in collection and analysis, quadrupling previous collections to address geographic gaps.



NAME	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Increasing Fire Management on Public Lands for Improved Hunting	Statewide	The Nature Conservancy	\$40,000
FWC/NWTF/FFS Wild Turkey Cost-Share Program	Statewide	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25,000
Little Orange Creek Women/Youth Hunts and Habitat Restoration Project	Hawthorne	National Wild Turkey Federation – Gator Gobblers	\$13,000
Enhanced Surveillance for Chronic Wasting Disease in Free-Ranging Deer in Florida	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$40,000
19-20 Food Plots	Blackwater River State Forest	Operation Outdoor Freedom – Florida Forest Service	\$5,000
FWC 2020 R3 Hunting Stakeholder Summit	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$12,000
UW-F/FWC Waterfowl Summit	Ocala	United Waterfowlers Florida, Inc.	\$3,500
YHPF Regional Restocking	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$8,465
Youth Dove, Quail, Squirrel and Deer Hunting	Statewide	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$1,485
National Hunting and Fishing Day Promotion	Bay County, Polk County and Osceola County	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$15,000
Ducks Unlimited Suwannee River Wood Duck Project	Columbia County	Suwannee River Ducks Unlimited	\$4,500
Florida Frontiersmen Archery Program	Central Florida	Florida Frontiersmen Inc.	\$3,427
FHF’s New Hunters Program for 2020-22	Liberty County and Levy County	The Future of Hunting in Florida, Inc.	\$28,965
Proverb 31 Outdoorsman	Gainesville	10 CAN, Inc.	\$20,000
SportsAbility	Orlando and Tallahassee	Florida Disabled Outdoors Association	\$20,000
Portable Archery Range	Statewide	Florida Bowhunters Council/Florida Bowhunters Association Inc.	\$11,866
2020 Rumble In The Swamp Youth Small Game Hunt	Navarre	Southeastern Dog Hunters Association	\$4,000
Upgrade and Enhance School Archery Equipment	Columbia County	Richardson Sixth Grade Academy	\$1,110
The Hope 4 Halee Disabled and Buddy Youth Deer and Hog Hunt	Milton	Seasons of Hope	\$3,500
2nd Annual Buck In Rut Youth Deer Hunt	Holt	Southeastern Dog Hunters Association	\$1,000
The Coldwater National Youth 3-Day Fox Field Trial	Panhandle	The Coldwater Nationals	\$8,000
Wheels In Nature (WIN) Happy Smiles	Northwest Florida	Removing the Barriers Initiative	\$7,000
Florida NASP State Tournament	Statewide	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	\$10,000
2020 Blackwater Fox Hunters Association Field Trial & Bench Show	Blackwater River State Forest	Blackwater Fox Hunters Association	\$2,500

“DISCOVER FLORIDA’S OCEANS” GRANTS

Our Foundation receives a portion of proceeds from the “Discover Florida’s Oceans” license plate, which is administered by the nonprofit Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, to fund marine conservation and education programs.

The Foundation committed \$75,000 from the “Discover Florida’s Oceans” plate to fund a groundbreaking approach to fighting stony coral tissue-loss disease. To save the last healthy examples of these corals, a pioneering public-private partnership is opening a new coral farm. Rescued corals will be transported to these farms for safekeeping while scientists work to identify the disease and determine how to breed corals for maximum genetic diversity and disease resistance.





THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

THE FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA IS ONLY AS STRONG AS YOU, OUR SUPPORTERS, MAKE US. WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT MADE CHARITABLE GIFTS OF \$100 OR MORE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2018 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

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\$50,000 - \$99,999

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Southeastern Millwright Regional Council
Union Sportsmen's Alliance

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Barco Family Foundation
Knopf Family Foundation
Mary Neil Ward Fund at the Community
Florida Power & Light Company
Foundation of Tampa Bay
Mosaic Global Sales LLC
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\$10,000 - \$24,999

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For the second year in a row, the first-grade class at Diamond Canyon School in the Phoenix suburb of Anthem, Arizona organized a fundraiser to help protect Florida manatees. After speaking with a FWC manatee specialist, the class raised nearly \$700, up from \$435 last year, from lemonade stands and bake sales, proving that you can make a difference no matter your age or location.



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A LIFE DEDICATED TO CONSERVATION

FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA BOARD CHAIR RICHARD A. “DICK” CORBETT HAS SPENT HIS LIFE CONSERVING NATURE AND SUPPORTING OUR COUNTRY’S OUTDOOR HERITAGE. GROWING UP IN ROCHESTER, NY BY LAKE ONTARIO, HE CREDITS HIS FATHER, DONALD CORBETT, FOR INSTILLING A LIFE-LONG LOVE OF THE NATURE IN HIM AND HIS SIBLINGS.

“It’s so important for children to have a parent or mentor to take them into nature.” - Dick Corbett

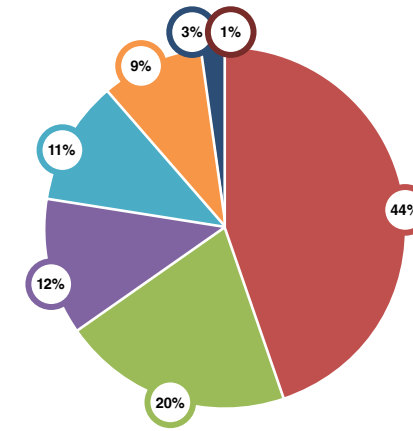
Having learned to hunt and fish at an early age, Dick has many fond memories and stories of his days in upstate New York, from pheasant hunting with his pet collie and a 20-gauge Remington 870 to bagging his first eight-point buck at age 16. In the process, he learned to appreciate the importance of maintaining wildlife habitats and managing game species for their long-term health. Most of all, he learned how wonderful nature can be.

Dick later joined the Kennedy White House staff and served as finance manager for Robert Kennedy’s presidential campaign. It was just a few years later that Dick met the love of his life, Cornelia Gerry Corbett, a ski instructor, photographer, and bird hunter. The couple went camping annually with their four (now grown) children, often in the true wilderness of Canada and the American West.

Dick and Cornelia spend much of the year at Pinckney Hill, their 17,000-acre property in Monticello, FL, a complex of woodlands, wetlands, and farming in north Florida’s Red Hills. The property is expertly managed for native Florida wildlife, including quail, dove, duck, and turkey. Pinckney Hill is particularly known for its traditional quail hunting: hunters on horseback following pointers through the longleaf pine forests and brush.

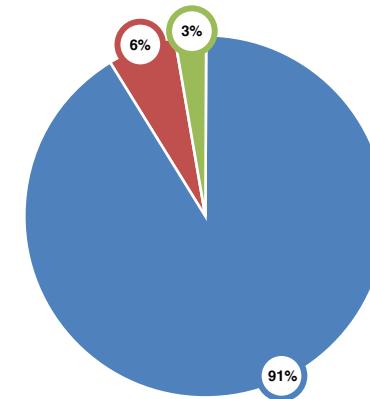
“Not everyone wants to hunt or fish, but everyone deserves the chance to spend time in nature,” Dick says. This is Dick’s passion and, he hopes, his legacy.

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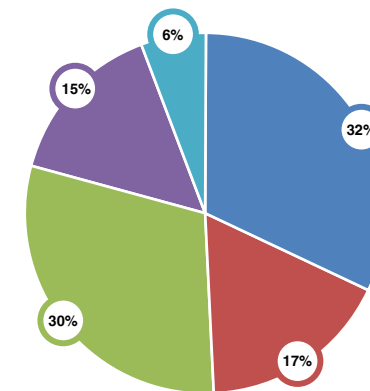
2019 REVENUE BY SOURCE

SOURCE	REVENUE
Endangered Species Mitigation	4,767,594
Program Fees and Service	2,161,939
Philanthropic Giving	1,316,040
Investments	1,231,978
License Plates	1,004,469
Government Grants	268,321
In-Kind	41,527



2019 PROGRAMMATIC EFFICIENCY

CATEGORY	EXPENSE
Program	5,504,525
Administration	365,577
Fundraising	152,149



2019 GRANT AWARDS BY CATEGORY

CATEGORY	EXPENSE
Species Conservation	1,766,017
Hunting and Shooting Sports	1,637,343
Wildlife Management	945,614
Outdoor Youth Programs	830,472
Florida Springs Research and Education	325,079



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