



# Moving Forward Together

annual report 2024-25





# A Letter from the CEO

## Kay Ehas

This year's theme, *Moving Forward Together*, is more than a slogan—it's a vision for the future. It celebrates what we've accomplished side by side, and invites you to help shape a legacy that will endure for generations.

In September, we broke ground on the Hogan Street Link—presented by VyStar Credit Union—connecting downtown to the future Riverfront Plaza. Progress is accelerating with the McCoys Creek Restoration, the upcoming Hogans Creek design, and future segments like the Riverside Link and S-Line Connector. Each milestone is a step toward a city transformed.

The Emerald Trail is not just concrete and greenways. It's a promise—to connect neighborhoods, restore ecosystems, and empower communities. It's a symbol of equity, resilience, and opportunity. And we're already halfway there: 50% of the trail is complete, under construction, or in design.

From the Rail Yard District to LaVilla and the Eastside, forgotten spaces are coming alive. Voices once ignored are being heard. But as the Emerald Trail grows, so does our responsibility—to maintain, enhance, and activate it for everyone.

Yes, we faced a setback: the loss of a \$147 million federal grant, including \$7 million for community engagement and neighborhood planning. But we are undeterred. This is where visionary partners like you make the difference. Your investment is creating a lasting impact: healthier communities, stronger local economies, and a more connected city for decades to come.

Together, we are building more than a trail—we are building trust, opportunity, and a legacy of progress. Thank you for being a vital part of this transformation as we move forward—together.

# Message from the Board Chair

## Deborah Martin Johnson, CPA, MBA



It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Groundwork Jacksonville Board of Directors during this pivotal moment in our city's transformation. I am continually inspired by the extraordinary work of the Groundwork team—leading one of Jacksonville's most ambitious infrastructure projects while staying deeply rooted in the neighborhoods it serves.

The Emerald Trail is a symbol of what's possible when we move forward together. From the restoration of McCoys Creek to the design of Hogans Creek and the groundbreaking of the Hogan Street Link, the momentum is real and energizing. These milestones are not just engineering feats—they are acts of community-building, environmental stewardship, and economic revitalization.

But to fully realize the Emerald Trail's promise, we must secure new public funding and continue to grow private support. Our partners at the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and our federal representatives are working alongside us to find the resources needed to complete this transformative vision.

Private support has been—and remains—essential. Without it, Groundwork Jacksonville could not lead with such boldness or impact. Your generosity fuels not only trail construction, but also the grassroots engagement that ensures every neighborhood has a voice in shaping its future.

The Emerald Trail is a gift to our city—one that offers job creation, recreation, resilience, and connection. But it is a gift we must build together. I invite you to stand with us, invest in this vision, and help Groundwork Jacksonville continue creating a legacy of impact that will benefit generations to come.

# LaVilla Link

## Life on the Trail

From blocks away, visitors are drawn to the LaVilla Link by the bright, dynamic colors of the Park Street Bridge mural—a pop-up book of images representing the area’s vibrant history. Stretching from Brooklyn and spanning 1,100 feet over McCoys Creek and the rail lines, the bridge lands in LaVilla with the Downtown Jacksonville skyline shimmering in the distance.

Led by Overstreet Ducasse (*at left*), artists Grace Bio, Dustin Harewood, and Alexi McMonigle transformed the bridge’s concrete walls into their canvas, showcasing a living portrait of LaVilla’s history, culture, and memories. Months of meticulous, hand-painted work bring vivid colors and geometric shapes that pulse along the bridge, urging runners, walkers, and cyclists onward. The Ritz Theatre, Stanton High School marching band, jazz musicians, Gullah Geechee culture, and local railroad porters who played for the Negro League’s Red Caps leap from the walls—a long-anticipated masterpiece that makes the community’s stories tangible.

Generously underwritten by donors Rushton and Charles Callaghan, the Park Street Bridge mural does more than decorate—it welcomes all to step into Jacksonville’s story and enter a trail that celebrates community, culture, and the city itself.

“The whole process for the project began with us listening to the stories told from residents of the neighborhoods.”

*Overstreet Ducasse, Artist*



## Celebrate Trails Day

Groundwork Jacksonville welcomed the community to the Butterfly Garden near LaVilla Pond for our first Celebrate Trails Day, inviting families to connect with nature and the Emerald Trail. On Saturday, April 26 visitors enjoyed chalk art, yoga, walking tours, tree and pollinator talks, and a conversation with artist Overstreet Ducasse about the Park Street Mural. The afternoon culminated with a joyful butterfly release.

The event was made possible thanks to Baptist Health and the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the USDA Forest Service. Created by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Celebrate Trails Day is an annual event that encourages people to get out in nature and experience their local trails.



## StoryWalk®: Tales on the Trail

Among the blooms of the Butterfly Garden, families can stroll, read, and experience StoryWalk®. Twenty displays bring the pages of a children’s picture book to life, inspiring movement, imagination, and early literacy. Funded by Baptist Health and created in partnership with the Library Foundation of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville, StoryWalk® offers new titles quarterly, curated by the Jacksonville Public Library. Combining literacy and nature, StoryWalk® is a wonderful reason for parents to bring their children to enjoy the Emerald Trail.



## Sign of Things to Come

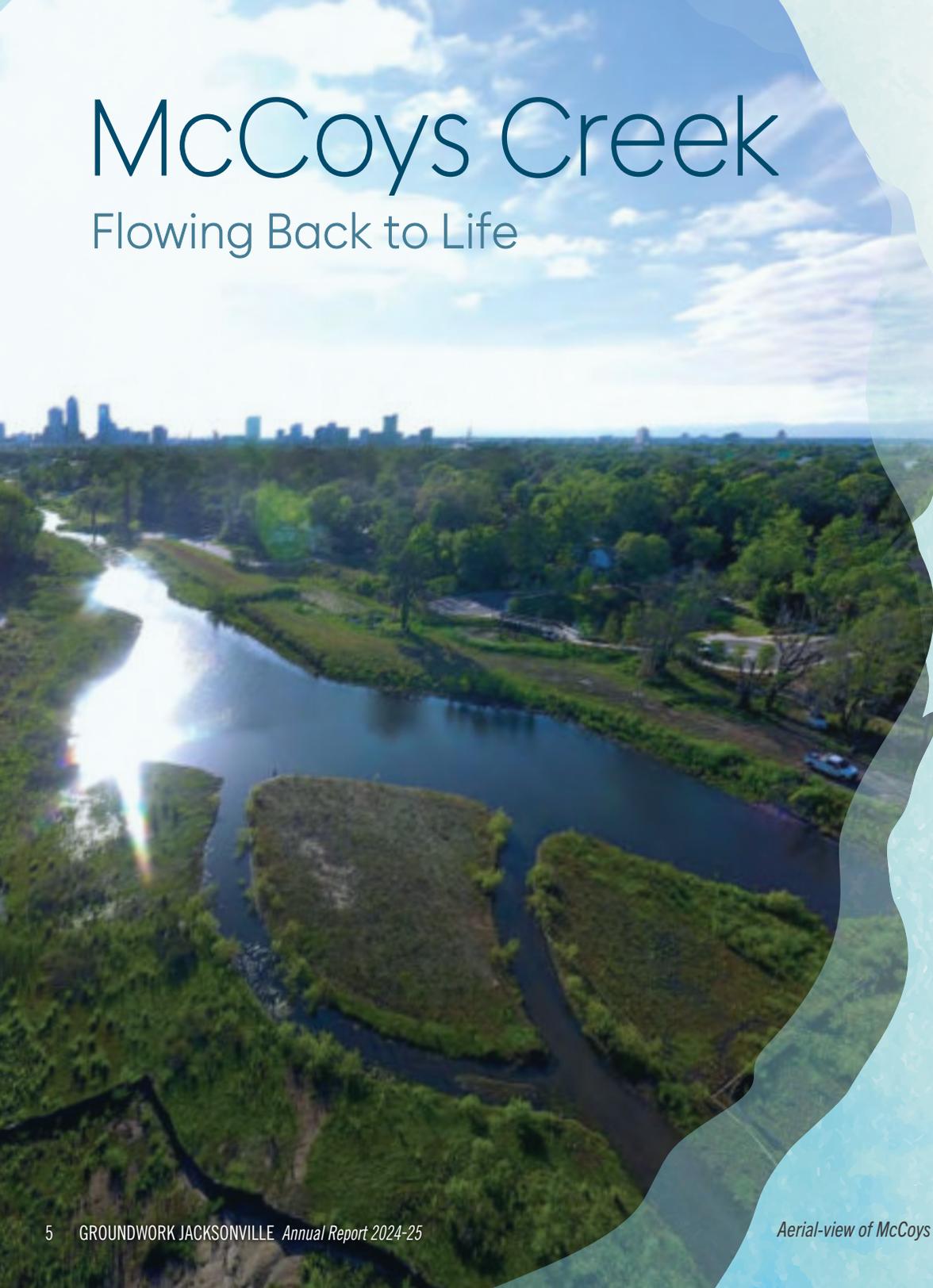
Bold emerald-shaped signs along the LaVilla Link share local history, while illustrated panels highlight the Trail’s unique natural features.

“Early literacy is vital to academic achievement, health, economic development and public safety... The new StoryWalk® furthers these ideas in a beautiful, accessible way.”

*Mayor Donna Deegan*

# McCoys Creek

## Flowing Back to Life



When Groundwork Jacksonville began planning the McCoy's Creek restoration, the first step was listening.

For generations, residents along the creek faced repeated flooding—their homes and streets inundated whenever rains came. These conversations helped define the project's priorities: reduce flooding, restore the environment, and return McCoy's Creek to the community as a safe, healthy, and beautiful neighborhood asset.

The reality of the creek's condition was sobering. Once described as a "hidden gem," McCoy's Creek had become buried, polluted, and overgrown—a channelized ditch that had lost both its function and its beauty. Through a remarkable partnership between the City of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville, with support of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), that has now changed.

Phase 1 of the McCoy's Creek restoration has reimagined what was once a failing waterway into a natural, living system. The creek has been widened and re-directed, with new lagoons and tidal pools restoring natural flow, improving water quality, and creating habitat for fish and wildlife.

These engineering feats have also removed many homes from the flood zone, bringing back clean water, native vegetation, and a renewed sense of place. Trail and recreation design for Phase 1 is now complete and construction is expected to begin in early 2026. The transformation is truly breathtaking, with wide open views of a free-flowing creek.

More than restoring a waterway, McCoys Creek represents a point of neighborhood pride, revival of a community and a renewed future for generations to come.

## McCoys Creek Phase 1 Impact

29 acres of wetland restoration

32 acres of floodplain restoration

25,665 trees and shrubs planted

142,780 herbaceous plants added

One bridge updated out of the 100-year floodplain

Two feet of flood benefit

Five local intersections removed from the floodplain

*McCoys Creek Boulevard was removed to reduce flooding. In its place, neighborhood cul-de-sacs provide a view to the restored McCoys Creek.*

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“The McCoys Creek Restoration project demonstrates what can happen when the community comes together with a vision to create a more resilient ecosystem that benefits both nearby residents and the natural wildlife that the creek supports. McCoys Creek stands as an example for other urban communities of how bold ideas and collaboration can transform challenges into lasting opportunities.”

*Rebecca Vanderbeck, PE  
Vice President, WSP*



# Riverside Link

## Making Connections

“Groundwork’s focus on creating opportunities for residents living near the Trail and ensuring those residents needs and concerns are prioritized, reinforces the Rotary theme of Unite for Good.”

**Tommy Grimes**  
*Rotary Clubs Of Jacksonville*

Design of the 2.3-mile Riverside Link connecting Riverside to North Riverside and McCoys Creek continues. The initial 30% design was funded by Groundwork Jacksonville thanks to generous gifts from the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Funds in conjunction with the J. Wayne Weaver Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, and The James M. Cox Foundation.

This will be the first section constructed under a three-way partnership between Groundwork Jacksonville, the City of Jacksonville, and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, funded by the \$132 million Local Option Gas Tax. Construction is projected to begin in 2027.

The Riverside Link will also connect to the Southbank Riverwalk and San Marco via the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Shared-Use Path (SUP) across the Fuller Warren Bridge. Other features will include a half-mile spur along Riverside Avenue sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Jacksonville, connecting the Artist Walk, skate park and Riverside Arts Market to Memorial Park on the St. Johns River.



# Racing Ahead

## VyStar Emerald Trail 5K/10K



The VyStar Emerald Trail 5K/10K has grown alongside the Trail itself—a reflection of transformation in motion. What began in 2020 with 150 runners and walkers weaving through early construction zones has become a sea of more than 800 participants filling the streets.

Over the years, the course has traversed through Downtown, the Shared-Use Path to San Marco, the Northbank Riverwalk, LaVilla Link and stretches of the S-Line. Each year the event allows participants to experience areas of Jacksonville they have never seen before.

Runners and walkers of all ages experience murals, native plantings, and educational signage—symbols of a city on the move. Each stride tells the story of progress, connection, and the vibrant spirit of Jacksonville taking shape.

Title sponsor VyStar Credit Union, presenting sponsor JTC Running, and race director 1st Place Sports have been pivotal in the creation, planning, and operation of the race from its very inception. While sponsorships have grown each year, Tom Bush Family of Dealerships and HDR have been loyal sponsors since the beginning. In its first five years from 2020-2024, the Emerald Trail 5K/10K has raised more than \$225,000 to support Groundwork Jacksonville.





# Building Community

## Listening & Learning

At the heart of all Groundwork Jacksonville’s efforts—we’re building community. The Emerald Trail isn’t just a 30-mile route through Jacksonville—it’s a once-in-a-generation opportunity shaped by the people who live, work, and gather along its path.

Since January, Groundwork Jacksonville along with our partners, the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and Volkert, have hosted a series of community meetings, neighborhood walks, focus groups and pop-up events for residents and stakeholders along Emerald Trail segments 4, 6, 7 and 8.



“We listen. We’re not building a trail for Groundwork. We’re building a trail for the community, and especially for those residents who live and work near the trail.”

**Gloria McNair**  
Chief Community Officer

The Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is where the project moves from vision to reality—studying feasibility, exploring possible trail alignments, and, most importantly, listening.

Residents, business and property owners in Brentwood, Phoenix, North Riverside, Robinson’s Addition, Durkeeville, New Town, College Gardens, Eastside and Springfield were able to see the proposed trail routes firsthand and share their input in real time.

Every idea, concern, question, and suggestion helps GWJax and our partners create a trail that meets neighborhood needs and contributes to the vision for their neighborhood.

**Segment 4** | Phoenix & Brentwood

**Segment 6** | North Riverside & Robinson’s Addition

**Segment 7** | New Town, Durkeeville & College Gardens

**Segment 8** | Springfield & Eastside

*The PD&E Study began in January 2025 and will be completed by January 2026. Design of Segment 4, the S-Line Connector will begin next year.*

## Protecting Residents from Displacement

For many residents of our urban neighborhoods, home repairs can feel out of reach—leaving them vulnerable to climate impacts and displacement. The North Riverside Home Repair Program, created in partnership with the North Riverside Community Development Corporation (CDC), is changing that by helping long-time residents remain safe and comfortable in their homes.

This year, we completed repairs including new cool roofs, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and structural repairs on 11 homes, bringing the total to 39 homes repaired in just three years.

Repairs on 36 of those homes were funded through grants from Groundwork USA and the United Way of Northeast Florida. Inspired after watching a video highlighting homeowner Johnny Bryant’s story whose home was completed in 2024, donors Rushton and Charles Callaghan generously funded repairs for three more homes which were completed this past summer.

What began as repairs has grown into resilience and an inspiration to others. Groundwork Jacksonville is working closely with residents of the Robinson’s Addition neighborhood to create a similar program for those residents.

“We used to see people with blue tarps on their roofs... Now they have new roofs, and can insure their homes.”

**Resident leader**  
*North Riverside CDC*

## A Welcome Addition

Inspired by North Riverside’s success, Robinson’s Addition residents rallied to bring home repair opportunities to their neighborhood. GWJax, alongside partners Three Rivers Legal Services, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Jacksonville, and Wealth Watchers, hosted a homeowner workshop that connected residents with vital resources for preserving homes and preparing for ownership. The event drew strong interest, with 30 families submitting forms for future repair support.

Beyond housing, the initiative is cultivating community—fostering leadership, unity, and momentum. During the MLK Day of Service, volunteers and residents planted accessible raised beds with herbs, pollinators, and winter crops. The garden now stands as a vibrant symbol of renewal, pride, and partnership, as Groundwork continues to help secure funding for long-term neighborhood growth.



# Building Community

## Stewardship, Education, and Shared Action

Community Restoration Environmental Stewardship Training (CREST) helps residents shape their futures and strengthen their neighborhoods. Created through Groundwork Jacksonville's engagement around the restoration of McCoy's Creek, CREST has grown to include neighborhoods along Hogans Creek.

Supported by grants from Wells Fargo and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this intergenerational program empowers residents of all ages to become environmental stewards through workshops, creek cleanups, field trips, and hands-on projects like maintaining the North Riverside Daily Manna Community Garden.

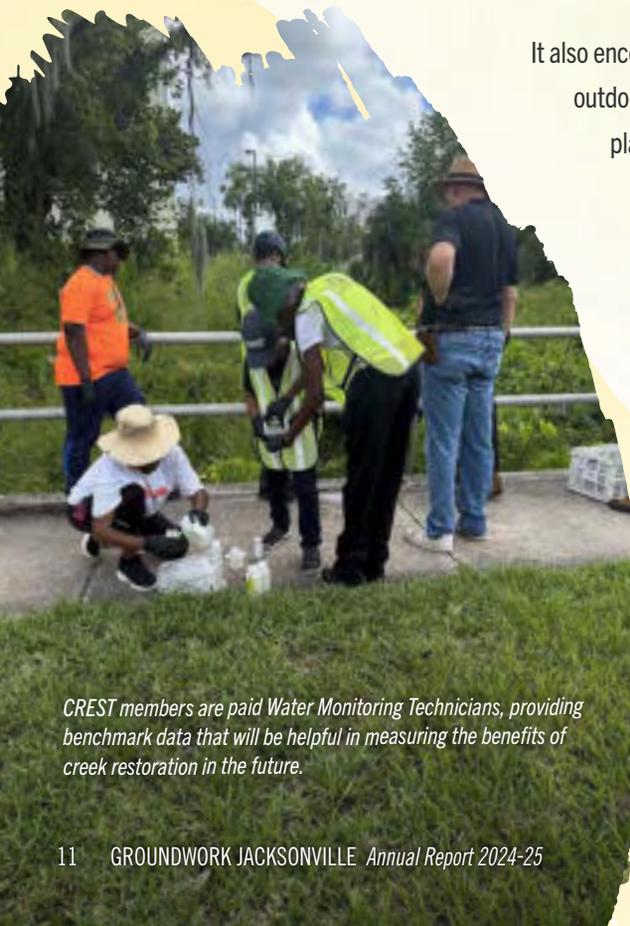
It also encourages young and young-at-heart to reconnect with the outdoors—learning ecology and gardening, how to play golf, and exploring places like the Jacksonville Zoo and Botanical Gardens, White Oak Conservation, and the Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.

Beyond environmental education, CREST offers job opportunities such as being paid to complete neighborhood asset surveys, infrastructure assessments, and community mapping. Participants have also trained as Water Monitoring Technicians with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, conducting creek sampling while earning stipends.

This unique program has gained attention from other organizations, both locally and beyond our region, as a model for intergenerational community stewardship.



*CREST members enjoy a rare opportunity to explore White Oak Conservation in Yulee.*



*CREST members are paid Water Monitoring Technicians, providing benchmark data that will be helpful in measuring the benefits of creek restoration in the future.*

*The "Queens of the Green" event at Brentwood Golf Course brings women and girls together for fun, fellowship, and outdoor recreation through the game of golf.*





### Trail Tending

TD Bank volunteers helped landscape the LaVilla Pond as part of its commitment to plant one million trees by 2025.

### Living Shoreline

Three generations of the Miller family, along with their friends, neighbors, and community leaders, planted aquatic and wetland plants and grasses along LaVilla Pond. This effort will improve water quality, reduce erosion, and create valuable habitats for birds, fish, and pollinators.



# Volunteers

## Many Ways to Give Back



### Raising The Roof

Dozens of Ally Bank employees joined us for tree plantings, trail clean ups and to help re-build the gazebo at Daily Manna Garden in North Riverside.



### Turtle Time

Sierra Club of Northeast Florida members not only coordinate our monthly S-Line and Hogans Creek cleanups, they also build turtle barges that allow our reptile friends to bask in the sun.

### Butterflies & Blooms

The Late Bloomers Garden Club funded the Butterfly Garden along the LaVilla Link and continues to volunteer throughout the year to keep it beautifully maintained for the butterflies, and for all of us, to enjoy.

# Progress & Impact



**14,385**  
**POUNDS**  
Trash Collected



**1,500**  
**RESIDENTS & STAKEHOLDERS**  
Engaged in 90 Events



**1,425**  
**NATIVE PLANTS**  
Added to LaVilla Pond  
Living Shoreline



**231**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
Committed 722 Hours



**23**  
**TREES PLANTED**  
at LaVilla Pond



**11**  
**HOMES**  
Repaired in North Riverside

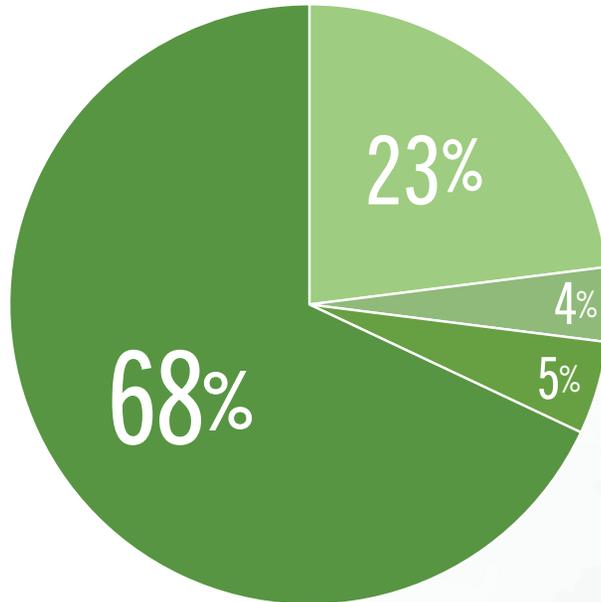


**1 mile**  
**CREEK RESTORED**  
McCoys Creek

# Financials

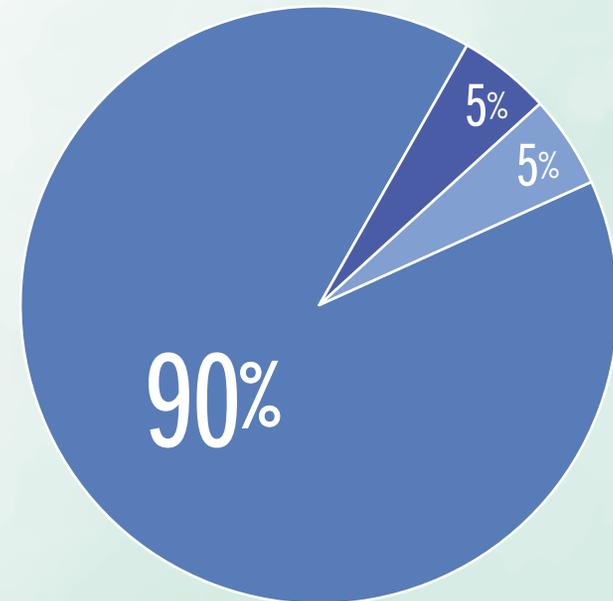
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

## REVENUE



SOURCE	\$ RAISED	%
Foundations	\$1,239,357	23%
Corporations	\$ 238,560	4%
Individuals	\$ 284,853	5%
Government	\$3,646,844	68%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,409,614</b>	<b>100%</b>

## EXPENSES



TYPE	\$ ACTUAL	%
Programs/Projects	\$4,792,317	90%
Fundraising	\$ 285,574	5%
Operations	\$ 245,523	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,323,414</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Support Groundwork Jacksonville

Thank you to our generous donors, members, partners and volunteers. Your gifts of collaboration, time and treasure make our work possible.

# Partners

Astra Group, LLC  
Ally Bank Green Team  
Beaver Street Enterprise Center  
Better Living Community Association  
Blackoak Landscape  
Blue Zones Project Jacksonville  
Bridge the Gap  
Children & Nature Network  
City of Jacksonville  
    Environmental Quality Division  
    Office of the Mayor  
    Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
    Planning Dept. Transportation Section  
    Public Works Department  
    Urban Forestry  
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1st Place Sports  
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Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Greater Bethany Baptist Church

Groundwork USA  
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Highline Network  
Historic East 21st Street Neighborhood Association  
Historic Eastside Community Development Corporation  
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Jacksonville Community Land Trust  
Jacksonville Electric Authority  
Jacksonville Historical Society  
Jacksonville International Airport  
Jacksonville Jaguars  
Jacksonville Public Library  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
Jacksonville Transportation Authority  
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens  
Jessie Ball duPont Fund  
JTC Running  
Keep Jacksonville Beautiful  
KIPP VOICE Academy  
Late Bloomers Garden Club  
LIFT JAX  
Lindsay Powell Design  
LISC Jacksonville  
Maxwell House  
Melanin Market  
Minds of the Future Academy  
Miller Families  
National Park Foundation  
National Park Service  
New Town Success Zone  
North Riverside Community Development Corporation  
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PGA Tour Green Team  
Phoenix Arts & Innovation District  
Rail Yard District Business Council  
Rails to Trails Conservancy  
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Sierra Club Northeast Florida Chapter  
Springfield Preservation & Revitalization  
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The Bearded Villains Jacksonville Chapter  
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University of North Florida Botanical Gardens  
University of North Florida Social Work Programs  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Visit Jacksonville  
VyStar Credit Union  
Wells Fargo  
WSP

# Donors

Gifts Received July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

## \$500,000+

Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund  
and J. Wayne Weaver Fund

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration (NOAA)

## \$250,000+

Anonymous

Baptist Health

James M. Cox Foundation

State of Florida

## \$100,000 - \$249,999

Rotary Clubs of Jacksonville

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JoAnn Tredennick and Jack Meeks

Winston Family Foundation

## \$50,000 - \$99,999

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## \$2,500 - \$4,999

1st Place Sport (In-Kind)

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Lewis Longman & Walker P.A.

Laura McKeithen

Kristina and Reed Nelson

ruckus

Pamela Telis

UF Health

## \$1,000 - \$2,499

Melissa and Shawn Arnold

David and Susanna Barton

Dillon Baynes

John and Karen Burr

Ellen and Alan Cottrill

David Damiani

Thomas Donahue



*FAR LEFT: Lindsey and Ryan Riggs hosted a successful house party in May that raised \$27,896 for GWJax.*

*LEFT: The Rotary Clubs of Jacksonville presented Kay Ehas with a \$100,000 check, fulfilling the clubs' \$250,000 commitment to GWJax and the Emerald Trail.*

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Gifts Received July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

## **\$1,000 - \$2,499 continued**

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## **\$500 - \$999**

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Margaret Barton and Tom Kimbrough  
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Kathryn Bode  
Wiatt Bowers  
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Dimitri Demopoulos  
Deborah Early  
Maureen Ely  
Jeffrey Foster  
Jerry Funk  
E. Dawn Geer  
Julie Hart  
Kay Henderson



*LEFT: Our Annual Trailblazer reception featured a tour of the Park Street mural with artist Overstreet Ducasse. The mural was funded by Rushton and Charles Callaghan.*

*RIGHT: Rushton Callaghan and JoAnn Treddenick*

Pamela and Jake Ingram  
John Kalinowski  
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Mari Kuraishi  
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Standard Feed & Seed

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Kristina Garcia Nelson

Sylvia Perry

Buck and Laura Jane Pittman

Nancy Powell

Harry Reagan

Ryan and Lindsey Riggs

Sharon Simmons

Allen and Debra Skinner

Kerri Stewart

Stephen and Kimberly Swann

Pamela Telis

JoAnn Tredennick and Jack Meeks

James Van Vleck

Tom and Stephanie Welchans

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*Members made tracks to the Emerald Trail for the Jingle All the Way Member Holiday Social.*

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# Groundwork Jacksonville

Groundwork Jacksonville Inc., was formed in 2014 by community leaders and the City of Jacksonville in partnership with Groundwork USA, along with support from the US National Park Service and US Environmental Protection Agency.

Jacksonville is one of 21 Groundwork Affiliates across the country focused on environmental equity, resilience, stewardship, and transforming the natural and built environment in low-resource and climate-vulnerable communities.

## MISSION

Our mission is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Our mission has been formally adopted by our governing board and is shared with all Groundwork Affiliates across the country.

## VISION

The Emerald Trail is a nationally recognized centerpiece attracting people to Jacksonville. It connects urban core neighborhoods that are valued as vital and desirable places to live, work, and visit. Jacksonville's urban core neighborhoods are economically diverse and economically healthy. Urban core neighborhoods have a community ethic of active living and an outdoor orientation. Working together, neighbors are engaged in creating and sustaining their clean environment.

## DONATE

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of individuals and companies throughout the community. Your tax-deductible gift is an investment in the health of our environment and our citizens, the equitable development and revitalization of our historic urban neighborhoods and the creation of a world-class urban bicycle-pedestrian trail that will provide unparalleled recreational, social, economic and cultural opportunities for generations to come.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Join us as we work to build the Emerald Trail, restore McCoys and Hogans creeks, connect our urban neighborhoods and create the next generation of environmental stewards. Visit our website to join today.

## VOLUNTEER

We have many ways for individuals, youth, groups and corporate teams to volunteer. Please contact us at [info@groundworkjacksonville.org](mailto:info@groundworkjacksonville.org) about these and other volunteer opportunities.

## CONNECT

Consider hosting a house party, inviting GWJax to speak at your business or civic group or connecting us to companies that can provide sponsorship dollars or in-kind professional services.



*Groundwork Jacksonville welcomed representatives from Groundwork USA, Providence, Ohio River Valley, Denver, and Atlanta for a Trust-to-Trust exchange. This program fosters collaboration across the Groundwork network by sharing expertise and strategies unique to each affiliate.*

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