

The
Elizabeth Ordway Dunn
Foundation, Inc.

2008
Annual Report

The Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation, Inc.

Report of the Directors

Year end 2008 marked the twenty-fifth year of environmental stewardship for The Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation. Many would say that giving money away must be simple; we find it difficult as there are so many worthwhile but competing environmental issues ripe for support. If only we had more to spread among our hard working non-profit community! 2008 will also be remembered as the worst year for the securities markets in recent memory. Many of us were yet unborn during the Great Depression. While we know of it, few experienced it. Regrettably, we see more and more signs of this economic tsunami every day. Not unlike many other funders, we must examine our ability to continue to provide the support so desperately needed at this time. We hope to continue to support our many friends, and welcome new and exciting ideas into our field, but the reader is cautioned that 2009 grant support is likely to be at far lower levels than many recent grants.

The Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation continued to provide support in its traditional areas of interest: water quality and quantity, growth management, and habitat conservation. This year's grantees in the area of water quality and quantity include: the Trust for Public Lands' St. Johns River Initiative, Florida Earth Foundation's Florida Land and Water Initiative, and The Conservation Fund's Three Sisters Spring project in Crystal River. Grantees in the area of growth management include: Gulf Restoration Network's Campaign to Save the Nature Coast and the Putnam Land Conservancy for organizational assistance and project support. Habitat conservation grants include: Tall Timbers Research Station to help determine economic valuations for ecosystem services, to the Sierra Club Foundation for support of a phosphate mining component of the Florida coastal protection campaign, and to Florida Oceanographic Society to establish a long-term restoration project in the St. Lucie Estuary.

In addition to those primary areas of interest, the Directors feel that support to newer, smaller organizations for a variety of projects is a worthwhile way to seed the Florida environmental movement. Grants in this sphere include: Sarasota Bay Watch for assistance in preserving the Sarasota Bay ecosystem, to Green Living and Energy Education, Inc. to support Florida Keys-wide "green" educational efforts, and the newly formed Florida Paddling Trails Association to train paddling "trail-keepers" and extend environmental awareness. It never fails to surprise us when we find these tiny pockets of environmental responsibility, and we are happy to support these efforts.

Finally, we point out that two grants were made last year to expand prescribed burning in areas dependent upon fire for ecosystem health as part of our ongoing efforts at habitat conservation and restoration. The Directors are convinced that fire plays a key role in Florida, and it must be handled, given the population, in a very sensitive way exhibited by our grantees.

We continue to seek innovative, exciting options for environmental success, whether proposed by a national NGO for Florida work or a local activist group. Our only hope is that at the end of each day the Florida environment is a bit cleaner, a bit more protected, and a bit less impacted.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Jensen, President
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Report on
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Grants for 2008

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| <u>Apalachicola Bay & River Keeper, Inc.</u> d/b/a <u>Apalachicola Riverkeeper</u> Apalachicola, FL First year of two year grant of \$40,000 in support of staff and legal activities critical in advancing the protection and preservation of the Apalachicola River and Estuary. | \$20,000 |
| <u>Caribbean Conservation Corporation, Inc.</u> Gainesville, FL Continued support of CCC's Florida Coastal Policy Reform Initiative. | \$15,000 |
| <u>Chicago Zoological Society</u> Brookfield, IL Support of the Florida Dolphin and Coastal Ecosystem Conservation Program. | \$20,000 |
| <u>Collier County Audubon Society, Inc.</u> Naples, FL Third year support for enhanced environmental policy advocacy and conservation efforts in Southwest Florida. | \$25,000 |
| <u>The Conservation Fund</u> West Palm Beach, FL Three Sisters Springs Project in Crystal River, Florida. | \$15,000 |
| <u>Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc.</u> Micanopy, FL Organizational assistance to support the process of attaining full compliance with Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices. | \$8,000 |

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| <p><u>University of Florida Foundation, Inc.</u> f/b/o <u>North Florida Research and Education Center</u> Quincy, FL</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> |
| <p>A 1:1 challenge grant to increase ecological restoration by expanding the availability of land managers properly trained and certified for prescribed burning the the Natural Areas Training Academy.</p> | |
| <p><u>Environment Florida Research & Policy Center</u> Tallahassee, FL</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> |
| <p>Support of the Campaign for Global Warming Solutions.</p> | |
| <p><u>Florida Earth Foundation, Inc.</u> West Palm Beach, FL</p> | <p>\$5,000</p> |
| <p>Support for the Florida Land and Water Initiative.</p> | |
| <p><u>Florida Ocean Alliance, Inc.</u> Ft. Lauderdale, FL</p> | <p>\$20,000</p> |
| <p>Support of Phase 1: Laying the Groundwork for Developing an Ocean Management Plan for Florida.</p> | |
| <p><u>Florida Oceanographic Society</u> Stuart, FL</p> | <p>\$15,000</p> |
| <p>Three year grant of \$45,000 to establish a long-term habitat restoration program highlighting oyster reef restoration throughout the St. Lucie Estuary.</p> | |
| <p><u>Florida Paddling Trails Association</u> Tampa, FL</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> |
| <p>Support the development of an 'Environmental Awareness Program' and training program for Trail Keepers.</p> | |
| <p><u>Florida Wildlife Federation</u> Tallahassee, FL</p> | <p>\$15,000</p> |
| <p>Partial support for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment, a necessary component in formulating a management control plan to address the rapid expansion of the Burmese python and other invasive exotic animals in south Florida.</p> | |

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| <u>Green Living & Energy Education, Inc.</u> | \$10,000 |
| Key West, FL | |
| Multi-phase grant of \$30,000 for organizational assistance and support to build an online 'green pages' directory to help connect the growing green-minded public and those who have made sustainability a part of their business. | |
| <u>Gulf Restoration Network</u> | \$20,000 |
| New Orleans, LA | |
| Enhance public education and outreach efforts, including coordination of the Florida Nature Coast Coalition, to protect and preserve the pristine Nature Coast from destructive and inappropriate development. | |
| <u>Indian River Land Trust, Inc.</u> | \$20,000 |
| Vero Beach, FL | |
| Third year of three year grant of \$75,000 for IRLT's efforts to protect environmentally important lands at risk for development in Indian River County. | |
| <u>Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.</u> | \$25,000 |
| f/b/o <u>Florida Coastal & Ocean Coalition</u> | |
| Miami Beach, FL | |
| Second year of three year grant of \$75,000 for the project to create greater accountability for Florida's governmental leaders regarding coastal and ocean policy. | |
| <u>The Nature Conservancy</u> | \$30,000 |
| Altamonte Springs, FL | |
| Grant to satisfy a required funding match for habitat restoration through the Florida Scrub-jay Fire Strike Team: bringing together federal, state, county and private entities to restore ecosystem health by facilitating prescribed burns on the Lake Wales ridge. | |
| <u>Putnam Land Conservancy</u> | \$35,000 |
| Palatka, FL | |
| Two year grant of \$70,000 for organizational assistance and project support for newly organized Land Conservancy in Putnam County. | |

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| <u>Reef Relief</u> | \$15,000 |
| Key West, FL Second year support of statewide coalition efforts to protect coral reefs. | |
| <u>Sarasota Bay Watch, Inc.</u> | \$20,000 |
| Longboat Key, FL Organizational assistance and project support of efforts to preserve and restore the Sarasota Bay ecosystem through community education and citizen participation. | |
| <u>The Sierra Club Foundation</u> | \$20,000 |
| San Francisco, CA Support of the phosphate mining component of the Florida Coastal Protection Campaign to safeguard Florida's coastal waters, estuaries and drinking water sources from damaging impacts of phosphate mining and processing. | |
| <u>Southwings, Inc.</u> | \$10,000 |
| Asheville, NC 2009 Conservation Flight Program for increased protection of watersheds, forests, and ecosystems of Florida. | |
| <u>Student Conservation Association, Inc.</u> | \$5,000 |
| Charlestown, NH Continued support of Conservation Interns working to protect and restore Florida's natural and cultural resources. | |
| <u>Tall Timbers Research Station</u> | \$15,000 |
| Tallahassee, FL Partial funding of efforts for determining economic valuations for ecosystem services provided by the Red Hills Region. | |
| <u>Trust for Public Land</u> | \$15,000 |
| Tallahassee, FL Continued support for TPL's St. Johns River Initiative | |
| Total Grants Paid: | \$428,000 |

Report on Seven Year Grants
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7 year Grants in 2008

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| Second year of seven year, renewable grants, made by Directors' Initiative, subject to restrictions and conditions, for continuation of environmental activities in Florida. | |
| <u>1000 Friends of Florida, Inc.</u> Tallahassee, FL Continued support of collaborative efforts to assist local grassroots organizations to address growth and development issues. | \$10,000 |
| <u>EarthJustice</u> Oakland, CA Support of continuing efforts to safeguard and restore Florida's freshwater and coastal ecosystems. | \$10,000 |
| <u>Florida State University Research Foundation, Inc.</u> f/b/o Florida Public Radio Tallahassee, FL Continued support of Florida Public Radio reports on Florida environmental issues. | \$6,000 |
| <u>National Audubon Society</u> d/b/a Audubon of Florida Miami, FL Support of efforts to involve staff and volunteer leaders in local land use and water resource planning processes for increased citizen participation. | \$10,000 |
| <u>National Parks Conservation Association</u> Washington, DC Continued support of efforts to protect and restore Everglades National Park. | \$10,000 |
| <u>Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.</u> New York, NY Renewed support of NRDC's Everglades restoration efforts and related activities. | \$10,000 |

Tides Center \$10,000
f/b/o Clean Water Network of Florida, Inc.
Tallahassee, FL
Continued support for CWN's projects to protect water resources in Florida.

Total Seven Year Grants Paid in 2008: \$66,000

Grand Total all Grants in 2008: \$494,000

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