1000 Friends of Florida is deeply concerned about the hardships and health risks all of us are facing from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. We urge you to take care through these trying times.

Like you, we are making rapid adjustments to the pandemic’s disruptions. Several public events that we planned to lead or join in the next few months have been rescheduled or will be conducted remotely. Our Tallahassee office is temporarily closed, and our staff is working from home. To help families coping with school closings, we are launching a new outreach effort on innovative educational resources (at www.1000fof.org/outreach/distance-learning/) to help the next generation of young leaders learn about creating more resilient and sustainable communities. Our free online webinars (at www.1000fof.org/upcoming-webinars/) on cutting-edge development and conservation topics, popular for years, are especially well-suited to current limits on public gatherings, and will continue.

Rest assured, we remain as determined as ever to work with you to protect the unique environment and quality of life that make Florida so special. In our 34 years, 1000 Friends has successfully navigated many challenges. With your ongoing support, the leadership of our Board of Directors, and the dedication of our staff, we are confident that we will steer through this unprecedented emergency together.

When the current crisis recedes, the pressures from growth on Florida’s environment and quality of life will remain. But so will 1000 Friends of Florida’s commitment to partnering with you to create a more sustainable future for our beloved state, no matter what other challenges might lie ahead.

May you and your loved ones stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Paul Owens
President
Please join us at the OUTSIDE Sustainable Landscape Collaborative in Clermont which will focus on the intersection of academia, industry and government in order to shift the Florida landscape towards more sustainable landscaping.

It provides a forum for collaboration, the sharing of best practices and showcasing innovative projects and trends.

On the first day, panelists will explore sustainable landscaping, its benefits, major challenges and innovative solutions. Keynote speaker Jeff VanderMeer, author of the New York Times best-selling Southern Reach trilogy (Annihilation, Authority, and Acceptance) and resident of Tallahassee, is actively engaged in Florida’s environmental issues and will share his out-of-the-box thinking on sustainability.

On the morning of the second day, attendees choose from tours on green infrastructure, residential landscaping, and biodiversity. In the afternoon, hands-on workshops focus on landscape and irrigation codes, Florida native and resilient plants, and low-impact development. This event has been approved for professional certification credits for planners, Florida attorneys, certified floodplain managers and others.

OUTSIDE is spearheaded by Timothee Sallin, President of Cherrylake, a vertically integrated landscape company and the largest grower of ornamental trees, palms and shrubs in Florida. Timothee also serves as Secretary on the Board of 1000 Friends, with 1000 Friends one of the event’s sponsors. To find out more and register visit www.outsidecollab.com.

PHOTOGRAPHER IN FOCUS: Richard Auger

Richard Auger’s studio is based in the quiet beach town of Hobe Sound, Florida. Born in Deerfield Beach, Richard grew up scuba diving South Florida’s coral reefs and swimming in the springs of North Florida. During those years, Richard gained an appreciation for the great outdoors, especially Wild Florida, with its haunted, mystical swamps and peaceful, sunny coastlines. Auger hopes to capture what this state has meant to him, as well as other Floridians that share a passion for our landscape.

After only two years out of college with a practical degree in business, Richard quit his office job in 2010, destroyed his entire digital portfolio, and began an all new award-winning series, “Florida Noir,” shot entirely in black and white film. In late 2014, Richard slowly began to re-embrace color and digital techniques. The knowledge he gained shooting black and white film carried over to his new color work, resulting in large prints with high resolution and captivating compositions.

His new color series shows the vibrant quality to our state that makes it such a unique place to call home. Richard Auger’s award-winning prints hang at government buildings, corporate collections, galleries, and private homes across the United States. Find out more about Richard’s work at www.richardauger.com.
Welcome Susan Trevarthen as Board Chair

Join us in welcoming Susan Trevarthen of Fort Lauderdale, who began serving as the new Chair for 1000 Friends’ Board of Directors on January 1 of this year. Susan joined the Board in 2015, led the search for the current President in 2018, and led the organization’s Legal Advocacy Committee in 2019. An attorney with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, PL, Susan handles land use, planning and zoning matters for governments and serves as a municipal attorney for two small coastal cities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

1000 Friends President Paul Owens explains that with her extensive experience in both planning and law, Susan is a natural to chair the organization. “In addition to her stellar background, she also brings a passion for citizen involvement, sound public policy, and protecting our natural lands and waters.”

Susan’s first job in planning was working for 1000 Friends’ co-founder Dr. John M. DeGrove at Florida Atlantic University in 1986. “I am both humbled and gratified to have this opportunity to come full circle, and steward the organization to which he and co-founder Nathaniel Reed devoted so much of their energies, and which has played such an important role in the history of Florida growth management policy.”

Thank You to Victoria Tschinkel

1000 Friends of Florida extends a warm thanks to Victoria Tschinkel of Tallahassee who has served as Chair of the Board of Directors several times over the course of her long association with 1000 Friends, most recently in 2019. “Vicki has successfully led 1000 Friends over the years, bringing her experience and wisdom to the organization,” says Paul.

“We are pleased Vicki has agreed to continue to serve in a leadership position as chair of 1000 Friends’ Legal Advocacy Committee,” notes current Board Chair Susan Trevarthen. She adds “Vicki and Tim Jackson, our most recent chairs, have done an exceptional job of positioning the Board and the organization for success, and my goal is to live up to their example.”

In other Board news, Greg Barnhart of West Palm Beach continues to serve as 1000 Friends’ Vice Chair, with Timothee Sallin of Clermont as Secretary and Tim Jackson of Longwood as Treasurer.

Introducing Intern Claire Hodges

This spring, Intern Claire Hodges is following climate change-related legislation and researching communications strategies for 1000 Friends. A senior at the University of Florida, Claire is graduating with a double major in Sustainability Studies and International Studies, and is also a current Civic Scholar with the University of Florida Bob Graham Center, researching the effects of climate change on Florida counties. When not immersed in research for her thesis, Claire can usually be found on a trail, in a tree, or out on the dance floor.
Haley Busch of St. Petersburg joined 1000 Friends’ staff on January 1 to serve in the newly created position of Outreach Director. “I am eager to continue coordinating with citizens concerned about our state’s future in a new capacity with the stalwart champions of smart growth, 1000 Friends of Florida,” says Haley.

1000 Friends President Paul Owens explains that Haley is working to connect a new generation of Floridians with 1000 Friends’ mission and assist in planning local workshops and other informational events statewide. Prior to joining 1000 Friends, Haley was the Administrator for the Florida Conservation Coalition. A Gainesville native, she graduated from Eckerd College, Phi Beta Kappa, and obtained her master’s degree of Public and Urban Policy from the University of Glasgow. Haley resides in St. Petersburg with her husband, where she enjoys kayaking, birdwatching and long runs at Fort DeSoto Park and along the Pinellas Trail.
This session, 1000 Friends identified three priority areas: managing growth, protecting water quality, and funding land conservation with our lobbying team of Paul Owens and Jane West working hard to promote the best outcomes possible. The bills that passed are on their way to the Governor for final action, but it is important to note that, given the economic impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic, it is likely that the budget will come up for reconsideration.

Managing Growth – We appreciate your calls of support on several bills that passed. SB 580 protects the rights of heirs to land from developers. SB 178 requires state-funded construction projects in coastal areas to plan for sea level rise. HB 1061 creates the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve designating the coastal areas of Citrus, Hernando and Pasco counties so that “its biological and aesthetic values may endure for the enjoyment of future generations.” HB 1091 increases the penalties for violating Florida’s environmental laws, including increasing required or maximum environmental penalties in various sections of Florida law. Again, with your support 1000 Friends also successfully supported the full allocation of $370 million for the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a vast improvement over the $144 million that the House had recommended.

1000 Friends successfully led the effort to oppose HB 519 & SB 1766. Your calls helped to defeat these damaging bills which would have exposed taxpayers and local governments to unlimited financial liability from legal challenges and severely hindered managing growth.

1000 Friends opposed SB 410 which passed, and we are calling on Gov. DeSantis to veto this destructive bill. It requires that each local comprehensive plan in Florida include a new private property rights element which adds no additional property rights protection for individuals but creates a new bureaucratic burden for local governments. It also allows municipalities to override county land use regulations, which could clear the way for high-density development in designated rural areas. Find out more at www.1000fof.org/legis/veto-sb-410/.

Protecting Water Quality – 1000 Friends successfully helped advocate for $650 million for Everglades restoration and water quality improvements, more than the Governor’s recommendation of $625 million. 1000 Friends also advocated to strengthen SB 712,
dubbed the “Clean Waterways Act,” which passed. The vehicle for the Governor’s water quality proposals related to his Blue-Green Algae Task Force recommendations, it represents a modest step forward, addressing pollution from septic tanks, wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater and biosolids. But it does not go far enough in cracking down on pollution sources, nor is funding identified. 1000 Friends of Florida stands ready to support additional, more-effective efforts to crack down on water pollution in future sessions.

**Funding Land Conservation** – Since its inception, 1000 Friends has advocated forcefully for funding for land conservation to manage the impacts of growth, protect Florida’s water supply, and protect natural resources. This year the Legislature appropriated $100 million toward Florida Forever, the amount requested by the Governor and three times as much as the current year’s $33 million. We extend a sincere thanks to Senator Rob Bradley, Representative Travis Cummings, Senator Debbie Mayfield and Representative Holly Raschein, for their leadership. We remain committed to advocating for a return to the historic funding level of $300 million a year for Florida Forever next year and for years to come.

We opposed **SB 1794** which passed and join in the call for a veto. It tightens rules for constitutional amendments which would further inhibit citizen initiatives like the land and water conservation amendment approved 3-1 by voters in 2014.


**FREE DeGrove Webinar**

**2020 Florida Legislative WRAP UP**

*Wednesday, April 15, noon to 1:30 Eastern Time*  
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Join 1000 Friends Chairman Emeritus and Past Board Chair Lester Abberger, President Paul Owens and Policy and Planning Director Jane West for a free, informative webinar on the results of the 2020 Session. This event has been approved for professional credits for planners, Florida attorneys and others.
Advocacy Update

1000 Friends has been busy providing educational, planning and legal assistance to citizens, organizations and local governments around Florida, including in Miami-Dade, East Pasco and St. Johns counties, Wimauma in Hillsborough County, and Sumterville in Sumter County.

1000 Friends also engages in legal challenges with statewide implications to uphold citizen participation in the local government land use planning process. Current challenges include:

- **Walton County** – On January 15, oral argument was held at the 1st District Court of Appeals (DCA) in the *Imhof v. Walton County* case. 1000 Friends had filed a friend of the court brief last year. At issue is the consistency challenge which is the sole means of challenging local government development decisions not consistent with a local comprehensive plan. The trial court improperly narrowed the basis for challenges to be limited only if a development order pertains to use, density or intensity of a development. The appellate court has taken the matter under advisement.

- **Martin County** – On October 14, attorney Gary Oldehoff filed a notice of intent on behalf of 1000 Friends to file a friend of the court brief with the Florida Supreme Court in the case of *Hurchalla v. Lake Point*. Hurchalla was sued for “tortious interference” after emailing county commissioners about a stormwater treatment facility owned by a mining company. Hurchalla argued that her communications were protected by the First Amendment but the 4th DCA disagreed and affirmed a staggering $4.4 million dollar jury verdict against her. Supreme Court review is sought to overturn the verdict, with jurisdiction still pending.

- **State of Florida** – As noted in the last issue of *Foresight*, on September 13, 1000 Friends filed a constitutional challenge to HB 7103, signed into law by Governor DeSantis in 2019. The new law says if a challenge against a development order fails, the prevailing party can collect attorney fees. This has a chilling effect on engagement from citizens, who risk owing huge legal bills, and a potentially significant fiscal impact for local governments and their taxpayers. The state of Florida filed a motion to dismiss, and an amended complaint has been filed. A hearing on the State’s Motion to Dismiss is set for June 3 before Judge Cooper in Leon County.

For more information on technical assistance please contact Policy and Planning Director Jane West at jwest@1000fof.org.
Planning for the controversial M-CORES toll roads – proposed to extend more than 300 miles from the Panhandle’s Jefferson County south to Collier County – is moving forward. 1000 Friends continues with its dual-pronged approach – serving on each of the three Florida Department of Transportation task forces to promote the least damaging outcome possible if the roads are ultimately built, and providing educational materials and outreach for those who want to engage in the process, including opposing the road system.

If you haven’t yet had the chance, please check out our M-CORES website at www.1000fof.org/mcores which has links to numerous resources:

- A downloadable series of natural resource maps commissioned by 1000 Friends to identify conservation lands, wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, biodiversity, and more
- Citizen Primers providing overviews of M-CORES and processes for transportation planning and local comprehensive planning, with more primers coming soon
- Op eds by 1000 Friends representatives identifying M-CORES conservation, water resource protection and economic challenges
- A legal analysis by 1000 Friends identifying concerns with the planning process
- Information from FDOT, including links to their site.

With the task forces required to submit their recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in October, time is of the essence! Please get involved and make a difference.

For more information contact Communications Director Vivian Young at vyoung@1000fof.org.
St. Johns County 2070

Since 2016 when 1000 Friends partnered with the University of Florida’s GeoPlan Center and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to produce Florida 2070/Water 2070, we have used the results to promote informed public policymaking in communities across Florida. Last November, 1000 Friends President Paul Owens and Policy and Planning Director Jane West joined with the Matanzas Riverkeeper and St. Johns County Audubon in Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine to discuss growth projections and gather resident feedback.

As one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, nearly doubling in population size over the past 15 years, St. Johns County exhibits troubling patterns of sprawling development, threatening natural lands and increasing water demand. More than 150 attendees at two workshops shared what makes this coastal county special and discussed strategies to protect the quality of life while preparing for increasing growth. Recommendations will be presented to the St. Johns County Commissioners in March. To view project reports and projections, visit www.1000fof.org/county/stjohns.

The cumulative effect of small land use changes will, over time, shape future Florida landscapes and impact the quality of life for generations to come. Past events include Martin County 2070, Palm Beach County 2070, and Walton County 2070. To find out more about the 2070 project please visit www.1000fof.org/county.

Contact Outreach Director Haley Busch at hbusch@1000fof.org if you are interested in exploring the 2070 project in your county.

Upcoming Workshop:
Brevard County 2070
Viera & Palm Bay

1000 Friends of Florida looks forward to partnering with the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition in Viera and in Palm Bay on Brevard County 2070, working with our conservation allies, local government officials and other advocates. Once details have been finalized, they will be posted at www.1000fof.org under “What’s New.”
1000 Friends has had a busy six months with numerous outreach activities. In addition to St. Johns 2070 described on the previous page, staff has crisscrossed the state to participate in numerous events. Highlights include co-ordinating the Florida Forever Days of Action press event in St. Augustine in December to draw attention to the need for funding Florida Forever, making presentations at the ECO-Bellagio Seminar in Lake Worth, the COWBRA Residential Water Symposium at Boynton Beach and a Water Quality Roundtable discussion in Jupiter and at other venues. In addition, staff made presentations at American Planning Association events in Bonita Springs and Tallahassee, the American Bar Association’s webinar on SLAPP Suits, the Cela Tega 2020 workshop on Estero Bay in Fort Myers, and so much more.

Staff also shared information at the Everglades Coalition in Captiva, Winter Park Land Trust gathering, the Lost Springs: Explore the Ocklawaha event in Tallahassee, and the 2020 Springs Run & Fest in Gainesville.

To find out about upcoming events where you can meet representatives of 1000 Friends in your corner of the state, see www.1000fof.org/events-2.
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Meet Nancy Stoud of Boca Raton

One of Florida’s top land-use and environmental lawyers, Nancy Stroud of Boca Raton is a protégé of 1000 Friends Co-Founder John DeGrove, whom she worked for at Florida Atlantic University before beginning her law practice. She and DeGrove wrote a study of Oregon’s growth management system in the 1980s and met several members from a group of smart-growth advocates called 1000 Friends of Oregon. They discussed the need for a similar group in Florida. So after DeGrove and Nathaniel Reed founded 1000 Friends of Florida in 1986, Nancy says she was “immediately on board” as a contributor. She’s given regularly ever since.

“1000 Friends is consistently the best citizens’ organization in Florida to educate and advocate about growth management, I think in a very balanced and informed way,” says Nancy, who served on 1000 Friends’ Board of Directors from 1999 to 2003. “With Florida continuing to grow and to be challenged to grow wisely, I think it is important that it thrives as an organization dedicated to empowering citizens to watchdog that growth.”

Nancy had never even visited Florida before she interviewed with DeGrove for her first job upon graduating from the University of North Carolina with a joint degree in planning and law. She fell in love with Florida’s “incredible diversity, environmentally and socially.”

And her fondest hope for her adopted home state? “That we don’t lose the ability for anyone to discover and enjoy the natural environment that makes Florida unique,” she says. With generous and sustained support from faithful contributors like Nancy, 1000 Friends will keep fighting to protect that unique natural environment.