

What We Do

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Our activities never stop. We have no paid employees. Our work is done by volunteers

EDUCATION: WE EDUCATE IN MANY FORMS USING MANY MEDIA



- We have created and presented water information to over thousands of people at various events.
- Our board members have spoken on NPR, and against the Sabal pipeline on TV in Albany, GA.
- Our board members have been interviewed by radio stations such as WMNF in Tampa, and 109.4 in Gainesville.
- We have written many editorials in several different newspapers.
- We have established a FaceBook page to share information relative to the Santa Fe and the springs.
- We have created this website www.oursantaferiver.org with over 500 posts about the rivers, springs and environment.
- Our board members have given lectures on water conservation in local secondary schools and libraries.

FUNDRAISING: WE ACTIVELY GENERATE FUNDS FOR



- We have held the annual Song Contest since 2010, with 44 songs about the Santa Fe, written and performed.
- We actively participated in the annual High Springs Haunted House charity fund-raiser with many hours of work.

ADVOCACY: WE TAKE ACTION AGAINST THREATS TO THE SPRINGS & RIVER

- We spoke against the Sabal Trail pipeline at many scoping meetings and wrote letters and editorials against it.
- We legally challenged a harmful water withdrawal permit,



and for this we were sued.

- We stopped four water bottling plants from coming into the Santa Fe River basin.
- We helped stop a five million gallon per day peaking station in the Waccasassa Flats.
- We stopped private landowners from roping off access to public springs which are part of the SF River.
- We continuously attend water district meetings to request

moratoria on excessive withdrawal permits.

- We have traveled to Miami, to Jacksonville to Tallahassee to Leesburg, GA and points in between to participate in demonstrations.
- We filed a legal Motion to Intervene against the gas transmission pipeline and also against the Seven Springs/Nestle bottled water withdrawal permit, and were a plaintiff in the suit claiming the BMAPs to be inadequate.

SUPPORT: WE WORK WITH AGENCIES AND GROUPS TO PROTECT THE RIVER AND ENVIRONMENT

- We go to countless meetings representing our state's legally recognized "Outstanding Florida Waters."
- We mentor and provide guidance to new groups trying to protect the environment.
- We organized and hosted a workshop with Aquifer Watch to



test wells for nitrates.

- We support SRWMD in their conservation endeavors, innovations and projects by writing letters and speaking before county government.
- We conceptually created the Monthly Aquifer Report that airs on WCJB CH 20, ABC News affiliate.
- We helped write curricula for the unique Water Studies Program that offers a B.S. degree at Gateway College, Lake City, FL.
- We endorsed the Florida Water & Land Legacy Campaign and

the Floridian's Clean Water Declaration Campaign. Our president was a guest speaker at several of these events.

- We organize our own and participate in other groups' river clean-ups.
- We renovate, clean and repair boat ramps and county parks that are vandalized or neglected.
- We request that local government entities act to establish county or city ordinances and a state-wide resolution to ban fracking for protection of our water, land and air resources.

RECOGNITION: THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

- We were featured in a major article in *Our Town Magazine*, summer, 2013; "Our Santa Fe River – Passionate Local Non-Profit Aims to Protect and Educate" and mentioned in



numerous articles since.

- Our past president received an award for environmental leadership from Gateway College, Lake City.
- Our board members sit on innumerable boards and committees dealing with water quality and conservation.
- Our organization has been consulted by local newspapers for comments concerning environmental issues.