

2025 Impact Report

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PARKS FOUNDATION

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— A Year of Momentum

To our partners, supporters, and friends,

As I reflect on the past year at Timucuan Parks Foundation, one word comes to mind: momentum.

Because of your support, the largest urban park system in the contiguous United States continues to thrive. Together, we preserved and enhanced these extraordinary natural spaces while expanding opportunities for the community to experience, learn from, and care for them.

In 2025, that momentum translated into meaningful impact. We hosted more programs than ever before, welcomed a growing network of volunteers, and deepened partnerships that connect people of all ages to the Timucuan Preserve. From stewardship projects and educational programs to inclusive outdoor experiences, your support helped ensure these landscapes remain vibrant, accessible, and protected for generations to come.

The pages ahead highlight what we accomplished together this year—and the growing community making it possible. Thank you for being part of this work and for helping keep the wild heart of our region strong.



A blue ink signature of Fred Richards, written in a cursive style.

Fred Richards

Executive Director, Timucuan Parks Foundation





25 Years of Stewardship

In 2025, Timucuan Parks Foundation celebrated 25 years of protecting and promoting northeast Florida's wilderness parks and preserves. What began as a vision to safeguard one of the nation's largest urban park systems has grown into a powerful community movement dedicated to conservation, education, and outdoor exploration.

Connecting People to Nature

Through outdoor programs, guided experiences, and community partnerships, Timucuan Parks Foundation continues to introduce new audiences to the wonder of the great outdoors. From kayaking adventures to hands-on conservation projects, these experiences inspire deeper appreciation and stewardship of our natural spaces.

A Community That Cares

Volunteers are the heart of our work. Across our 80,000 acres, community members come together to restore trails, remove invasive species, and protect fragile ecosystems—ensuring these landscapes remain healthy and accessible for future generations.

Investing in the Next Generation

Our Young Professional Stewards program is cultivating the next generation of conservation leaders. This growing network of emerging professionals helps power volunteer projects, events, and advocacy efforts while building a lifelong connection to Jacksonville's wild spaces.

Wellness Through the Outdoors

Nature has the power to restore and reconnect us. Programs like Hikes into History and Mindful Birding invite participants of all ages to slow down, explore the landscape, and experience the physical and mental benefits of spending time outdoors.

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— Your Impact on Northeast Florida

Your support fuels everything we do—from protecting natural spaces to connecting people with the outdoors. Because of this community of supporters, volunteers, and partners, Timucuan Parks Foundation continues to expand its impact. Here's a look at what we accomplished together last year.



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Events hosted to benefit and educate the Greater Jacksonville community.



675

Individual volunteers contributed a total of 1,920 interactions to support TPF projects and activities.



6,431

Volunteer hours contributed to TPF initiatives valued at \$223,734 in volunteer time.

Environmental Stewardship

90

Park and trail projects were completed by volunteers.

4,984

Volunteer hours supported environmental stewardship and park cleanup programs.

Outreach and Programming

53

Programs activities, and outreach events were held for the community.

1,447

Volunteer hours donated to clinics, programming, and environmental leadership initiatives.





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— Your Impact on Northeast Florida

Stewardship and Outreach

Timucuan Parks Foundation works alongside park partners to clean, care for, and preserve our wilderness parks and natural spaces—creating meaningful opportunities for everyone to experience and enjoy these special places.

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Thank you for putting together such a great program! I truly value the work Timucuan Parks Foundation is doing and can't wait to partner with you all again in the future.

Valerie Hermann
Executive Director,
First Coast Urban Agriculture

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There is such a bunch of fantastic workers we have in our Timucuan Parks Foundation family!

Sharon Smith
Volunteer

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Thank you and your team for putting together such an amazing project for our families.

Sheronda Holzendorf
Founder and President/CEO,
We C.O.P.E. Inc.



With Gratitude

Looking back on the past year, you were behind every moment of impact and every reason to celebrate. Your generosity, partnership, and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. For 25 years, you—alongside an incredible community of volunteers, partners, and supporters—have helped protect, enhance, and bring people closer to the public lands, parks, and historic places that define our region.

Thank you for standing with us and helping ensure these natural and cultural treasures continue to thrive for generations to come. Because of you, the future of our wilderness parks and natural spaces is stronger than ever.



The Story Continues

For generations, the lands and waters of our region have told the story of Northeast Florida — from coastal marshes and maritime forests to the historic places that shaped our community. Timucuan Parks Foundation exists to help protect these landscapes and ensure people can experience, learn from, and care for them.

Thanks to supporters like you, we work alongside partners including the National Park Service, Florida State Parks, the City of Jacksonville, and others to enhance the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and surrounding public lands. Through conservation projects, educational programs, volunteer efforts, and community events, thousands of people each year are able to connect more deeply with the natural beauty and history of this region.

Together, we are helping ensure these places remain vibrant and accessible — but protecting them is ongoing work. These landscapes require continued care, advocacy, and community investment to thrive. This mission matters because these places matter. With your support, we can continue strengthening our wilderness parks, preserves, and historic sites to ensure they remain places of discovery, connection, and inspiration for generations to come.

Donate. Volunteer. Partner.