

TWO DECADES OF TAMPA BAY HABITAT RESTORATION AND EDUCATION



— Our Programs Make a Difference —



President and CEO Peter Clark founded Tampa Bay Watch in 1993 with the goal to establish an impactful environmental organization that helped promote education, restoration and protection of the Tampa Bay Estuary. Tampa Bay's unique estuarine environment helps drive the local economy, provides habitat for a variety of important wildlife, and is a primary factor in the quality of

life for the entire region. With its science-based mission, the Tampa Bay Watch staff seeks to promote its vision through community habitat restoration and youth education programs. With the support of thousands of local volunteers, Tampa Bay Watch's programs generate measurable results and improve the quality of life for our community's inhabitants—plant, animal and human.

SALT MARSH PLANTINGS

Replenishing the bay's shorelines with salt marsh creates new habitat and helps reduce erosion.

SEAGRASS TRANSPLANTS

We transplant underwater seagrasses into target areas around the bay, enhancing habitat and helping keep the bay clean.

GREAT BAY SCALLOP SEARCH

Our annual Scallop Search helps keep track of bay scallop populations — important to the bay's health.

STORM DRAIN MARKING

Our volunteer drain marking program helps educate citizens about storm drains that carry fertilizer and other pollutants directly into Tampa Bay.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We bring organizations and community volunteers together while restoring Tampa Bay!

BAY GRASSES IN CLASSES

Local students embrace bay restoration on their own grounds, replenishing the bay with school-grown salt marsh.

OYSTER REEF ENHANCEMENT

Rebuilding habitat for oysters with marine-friendly oyster domes and oyster bars that improve the bay's water quality and protect shorelines.

COASTAL CLEANUPS

Marine debris and monofilament line are removed from bay beaches and bird nesting islands each year, saving countless numbers of wildlife from injury or death.

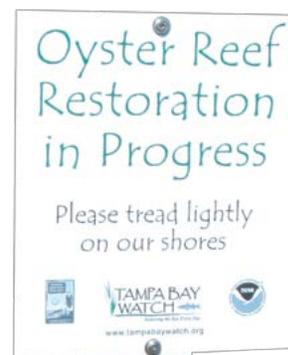
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The Estuary EDventures education program builds environmental literacy and stewardship through estuarine science programs and restoration projects. Hundreds of students participate each year in field trips and summer camps.

Tampa Bay Watch is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary through scientific and educational programs.



Our award-winning education program provides Tampa Bay youth an opportunity to actively learn about the estuarine environment.



Learn more about Tampa Bay Watch's efforts to restore Tampa Bay and educate the next generation of environmental stewards at TAMPABAYWATCH.ORG.

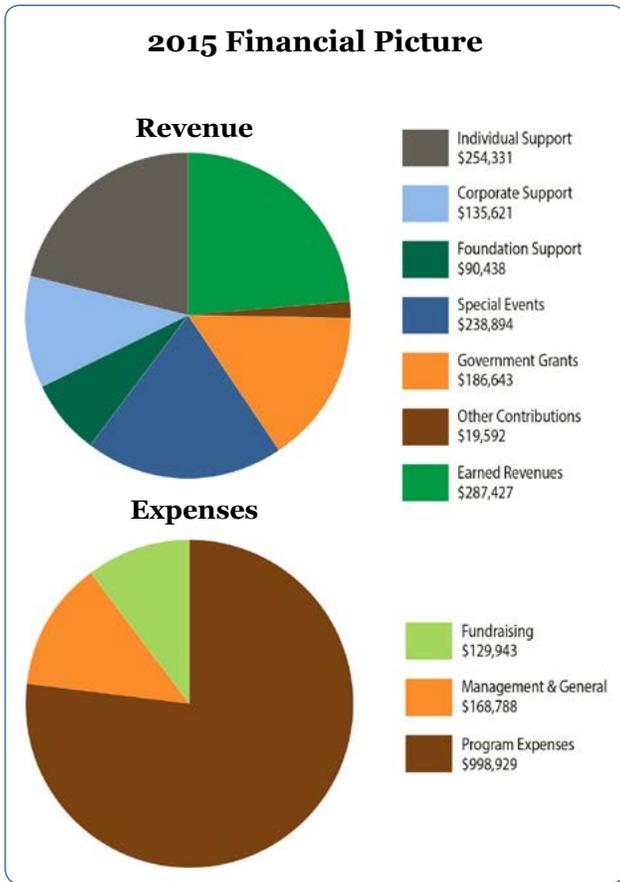
With a **science-based mission**, Tampa Bay Watch's **14 full-time staff members** seek to promote its vision through **habitat restoration programs** and **youth education** each year including field trips, Florida Standards Assessment Test-based teacher training, and summer camps.

Tampa Bay Watch operates on an annual budget of \$1.2 million to carry out its mission, along with the contributed elbow-grease of **more than 10,000 incidents of volunteer participation** annually.



— 2016 Was a Busy Year for Us! —

- **Salt Marsh:** 181 volunteers planted *Spartina alterniflora* salt marsh to restore 3.48 acres
- **Oyster Bars:** 655 volunteers shoveled 208 tons of fossilized oyster shell into marine-friendly mesh bags to form almost 15,000 square feet of shell bars
- **Oyster Domes:** 481 volunteers built 740 oyster domes at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine & Education Center, with 509 domes installed in 340 linear feet of shoreline
- **Derelict Crab Trap:** 49 derelict "ghost" crab traps were removed from the bay with 22 volunteers and five boats
- **Cleanups:** 621 volunteers removed 4,569 pounds of debris from the bay through coastal cleanups
- **Monotubes:** 117 volunteers monitored 175 monotubes in 57 locations to collect and recycle the equivalent length of 434 miles of dangerous fishing line from the bay
- **Summer Camps:** 220 children participated in 45 days of summer camp sessions to learn about the bay
- **Bay Grasses in Classes:** 6,197 students in 17 schools grew and planted 13,210 plugs of salt marsh to restore almost two acres of shoreline



Why We Need Your Support

Tampa Bay Watch relies on the support of its volunteers, members and sponsors to achieve our restoration and education goals. From civic groups to individuals to large corporations, Tampa Bay Watch offers everyone in our community an opportunity to make a positive, lasting impact on the health of Tampa Bay. Please join us today!

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