

City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places Fiscal Year 2022 Report

This video report is a summary of the City of Gainesville's portion of the Wild Spaces & Public Places program during fiscal year 2022. It's a snapshot of the city's expenditures along with highlights of a few of the transformative projects underway during the year.

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The following document is a transcription of the Wild Spaces & Public Places 2022 fiscal report.



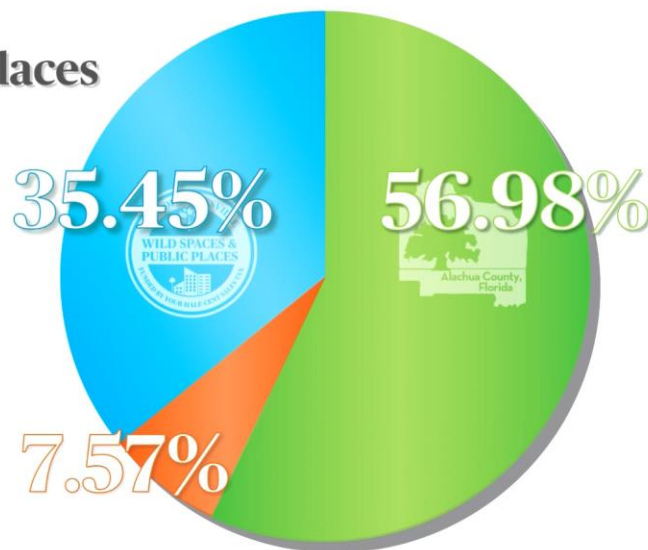
Introduction

Wild Spaces and Public Places' half-cent sales tax is used to acquire and improve lands for conservation, wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation, and to operate and maintain parks and recreational facilities throughout Alachua County.

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Distribution of Wild Spaces & Public Places Sales Tax Dollars

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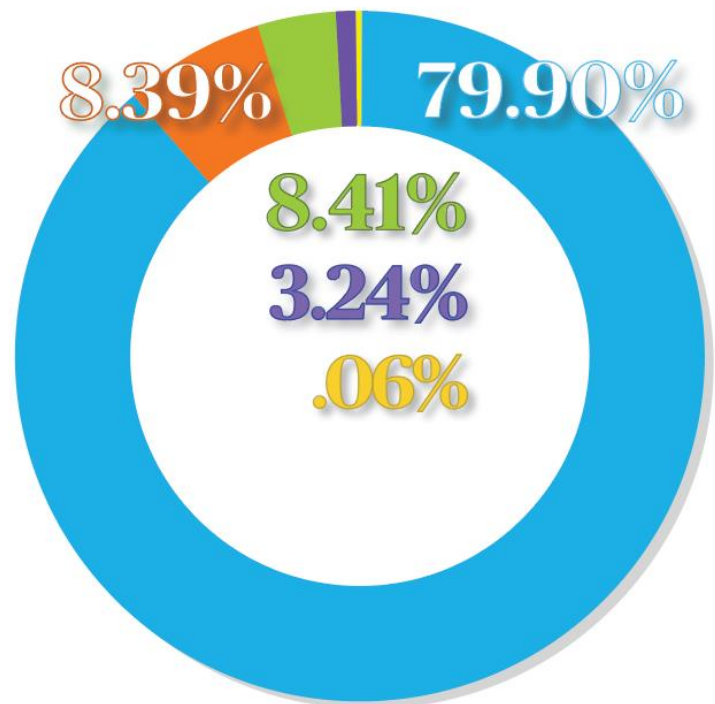
The State of Florida disburses the Wild Spaces & Public Places sales tax revenue to Alachua County and the nine incorporated municipalities within the county based on population.

- The City of Gainesville receives 35.45 percent of the sales tax collected. The City is focusing its efforts on improvements and renovations to existing parks and facilities with a few signature projects.
- Alachua County receives 56.98 percent of the sales tax collected. Of the Alachua County revenue, 80% goes toward conservation lands and 20% goes toward active parks.
- The remaining 7.57 percent of the sales tax collected is distributed amongst the 8 smaller municipalities within the county.

Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditures

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Funds received	Funds expended
\$9,183,833.88	\$ 5,701,622
Construction & Improvements	\$ 4,555,582
Construction Administration	\$ 478,505
Design & Professional Services	\$ 479,381
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 184,745
Advertising & Marketing	\$ 3,407



We are extremely proud of the spending breakdown for the City's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, with the majority of the dollars spent going directly into the job sites.

- An **impressive** 79.90% of your tax dollars were spent directly on Construction & Improvement.
- 8.39% of the money collected went towards construction administration.
- 8.41% was spent on Design & Professional Services.
- 3.24% was spent on Operations and Maintenance.
- While less than one percent was spent on Advertising & Marketing.

Making a Local Impact

Vendors utilized in FY 2022

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Our team's focus is on supporting the local economy.

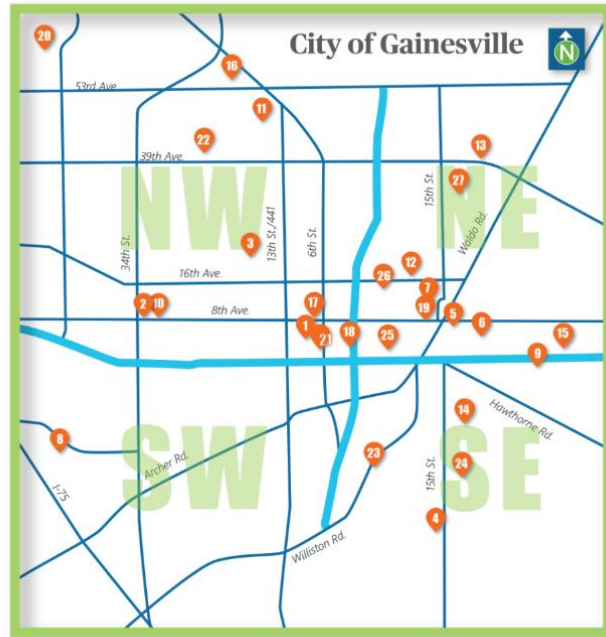
- The Wild Spaces & Public Places Program is proud to have kept over 76% of WSPPP expenditures local.
 - 64 local vendors were hired directly for Wild Spaces projects.
- Over 60% of the vendors hired were small businesses.
 - 56 Small businesses were utilized on Wild Spaces & Public Places projects during the past fiscal year.
- 15 of the businesses hired were registered as diverse.
 - At least 51% of the company is owned by a woman, service-disabled veteran or person with a diverse background.

Project Locations, Fiscal Year 2022

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FY 2022

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| 1. A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center | 14. Loblolly Woods Nature Park |
| 2. Albert "Ray" Massey Park | 15. Morningside Nature Center |
| 3. Alfred A. Ring Park | 16. Northeast 31st Avenue Trail |
| 4. Boulware Springs Nature Park | 17. Northside Park |
| 5. Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park | 18. Oakview Park |
| 6. Duval Park | 19. Possum Creek Park |
| 7. Dwight H. Hunter Pool | 20. Rosa B. Williams Center |
| 8. Forest Park | 21. San Felasco Park |
| 9. Fred Cone Park | 22. Southeast Williston Road to Depot Park Trail |
| 10. H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool | 23. Sweetwater Wetlands Park |
| 11. Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park | 24. T.B. McPherson Recreation Complex |
| 12. Howard Bishop Recreation Area | 25. Thelma A. Boltin Center |
| 13. Ironwood Golf Course | 26. Tom Petty Park |
| | 27. Unity Park |



In Fiscal Year 2022 Wild Spaces & Public Places completed nearly \$5.8 million dollars' worth of influential projects.

To name just a few of the projects worked on in fiscal year 2022

On Juneteenth 2022, a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration took place to commemorate the completion of **The Clarence R. Kelly Community Center & Park**. Improvements made included the construction of a 3,800 square foot community center and an extensive overhaul of the neighborhood park.

Construction of a space-themed **playground at Albert "Ray" Massey Park** began in 2022 with completion expected in April 2023. The new playground offers physical, social and sensory play experiences for children of all ages and abilities. A restroom near the play area and signage are additional new amenities to the park.

A major renovation of **H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool & Aquatics Center** at Albert "Ray" Massey Park is anticipated to complete in the spring of 2023. Improvements to the 50-year old pool and Aquatics Center include replacement of the pool liner, a reconstructed entry corridor and roofing system, new showers and much more.

Sweetwater Wetlands Park Improvements included construction of 1,600 linear feet of ADA-compliant porous concrete path. The park also acquired two new electric vehicles along with a storage garage and charging stations. One 10-passenger accessible electric tram allows for guided tours while the second vehicle is used for maintenance operations.

Contact Information

For information on Alachua County's Wild Spaces & Public Places program or the programs of the 8 smaller municipalities, please contact the county or appropriate city office.

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For information on the City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places program, contact the city's Wild Spaces and Public Places office.

City of Gainesville

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Gainesville City Commission, Fiscal Year 2022

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Ed Book

Cynthia Chestnut

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Bryan Eastman

Rena Sacco

Casey Willits

Closing

We are thankful to the Gainesville community for your continued engagement. We rely extensively on our neighbors input throughout these projects to better understand the unique needs and wishes of the community.

And thank you, Alachua County voters, for your support of the Wild Spaces and Public Places tax initiative that makes this important work possible.