



## The Sapelo Foundation Annual Report 2002

## Financial Information

The foundation operates on a June 30 fiscal year.  
These figures are for the end of each year.

	2002	2001
2000		
<b>Net Assets</b>	\$33,541,533	\$34,167,060
\$34,652,317		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Administration	\$ 295,787	\$ 201,422
189,160		
Assets Management	\$ 87,843	\$ 90,468
86,904		
Taxes	\$ 40,616	\$ 42,104
Grants & Scholarships	\$ 1,537,031	\$ 50,735

## Officers, Trustees, and Staff

\*Reynolds family members continue to play an active role in the foundation's operations.

### Officers

Susan Lehman Carmichael*	<i>President</i>
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### Illustrations

FRONT COVER: grass-pink orchid; INSIDE COVER: grass-stage and mature longleaf pine;  
INSIDE PAGES: trumpet pitcherplants and hatpins; BACK COVER: red-cockaded woodpecker.

"Even now in places, in the Red Hills near Thomasville, for example, and on Fort Stewart Military Reservation near Hinesville, you can see how south Georgia used to be, before all the old longleaf pine forests that were our sublimity and our majesty were cut. Nothing is more beautiful, nothing more mysterious, nothing more breathtaking, nothing more surreal."

"Ecology of a Cracker Childhood"  
Janisse Ray



## History

The Sapelo Foundation grew out of Richard J. Reynolds, Jr.'s interest in Sapelo Island, one of the many barrier islands along the Georgia coast. This coastal region, rich in culture, history and natural resources, captured the interest and imagination of the young tobacco heir upon his first visit in the early 1930's. Over his lifetime, Mr. Reynolds developed a deep appreciation for the beauty, history and culture of Sapelo Island. He was especially intrigued by the vast saltmarsh ecosystem separating Sapelo from the mainland. In 1953, he created the Sapelo Island Marine Institute as a research affiliate of the University of Georgia. The Sapelo Foundation served as the vehicle for the development and operation of the Institute until 1976 when the University of Georgia took charge and the foundation turned towards funding charitable activities.

Over the years, the Sapelo Foundation has become one of the more progressive foundations in Georgia and the greater South. Through its broad grantmaking program, it furthers Mr. Reynolds' philanthropic goals, still dear to the family, of promoting positive social change and natural resources protection for the benefit of all Georgians.

## Ongoing Programs

The Richard J. Reynolds, Jr. Scholarship Program awards scholarships, based on financial need and academic standing, to accredited colleges and universities on behalf of residents of McIntosh County, Georgia.

Musgrove Conferences provide the opportunity for a small group of participants to engage in open discussion and stimulating debate on timely and pivotal issues. Each year grant funds are allocated for a selected organization to convene a conference at Musgrove, the private retreat of the Bagley family. Invited grant proposals must be submitted during the two annual grant cycles, although the conference may be held at any time during the year.

The Organizational Development Fund provides limited funding to existing grantee organizations that have received a grant within the past three years. These funds enable grantees to attend training programs, conferences and workshops on fundraising and organizational development, and to participate in the Peer-to-Peer Resource Exchange with fellow Sapelo grantees.

The Georgia Rural Philanthropy Initiative brings nonprofits and funders together to build relationships, strengthen the nonprofit sector, and help funders identify new projects. The Southeastern Council of Foundations, the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, and the Georgia Rural Development Council partner with the foundation on this new Initiative. Each year the Initiative selects a rural region of Georgia and assists its nonprofit organizations in hosting a funders' event that highlights the special character and needs of that region. The first event, the North Georgia Philanthropy Forum, held in October 2001, raised \$748,200 in new grants.

## The Sapelo Foundation

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**The Sapelo Foundation** promotes progressive social change affecting, in particular, rural communities and the natural environment in the state of Georgia.

The Sapelo Foundation:

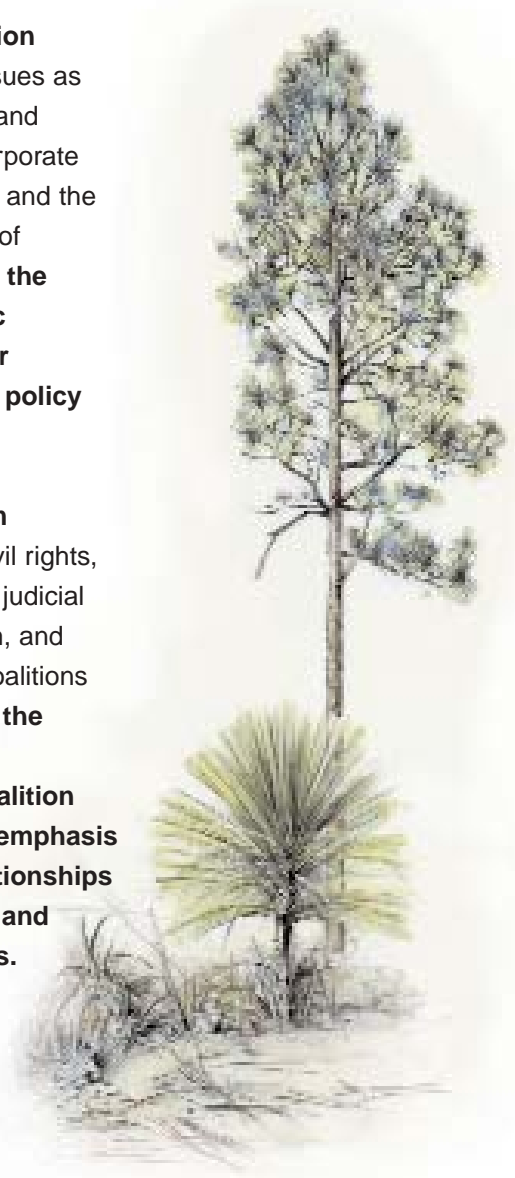
- Takes risks in grantmaking and encourages others to do so.
- Works to empower people who are powerless or marginalized.
- Encourages networking and cooperation, particularly among groups with differing racial and ethnic backgrounds.
- Is strategic in its funding and leverages financial resources.
- Acts as a catalyst in promoting change through affecting public policy.
- Shares experiences with foundations and other potential partners.

## Foundation Priorities

From May 2002 through May 2005 the foundation will concentrate its grantmaking on the two program areas indicated below.

**The Environmental Protection Program** addresses such issues as water and air quality, sprawl and sustainable development, corporate effects on rural communities, and the protection and management of natural resources. **Currently, the primary focus is a strategic campaign addressing water resource management and policy in Georgia.**

**The Social Justice Program** addresses such issues as civil rights, voting rights, workers' rights, judicial system reform, school reform, and the building of progressive coalitions for social change. **Currently, the primary focus is creating a progressive multi-racial coalition in Georgia, with particular emphasis on promoting working relationships between African-American and Latino/a community leaders.**



# GRANTS LIST

## Environmental Protection

**Action for a Clean Environment**  
General support for hiring staff and conducting public education about potential hazards posed by the Oconee Nuclear Power Plant. .... \$ 14,000

**Altamaha Riverkeeper**  
Challenge grant to establish a staffed office in the Ocmulgee River watershed that works to ensure the protection of the river's natural resources and water quality. .... \$ 20,000

**American Farm and Trust**  
To support a series of workshops that train leaders and develop policies and programs to slow the loss of farm and forestland in Georgia. .... \$ 15,000

**Chattooga Conservancy**  
General support of ongoing programs that address water quality, sustainable development, and the protection and management of natural resources in Northeast Georgia. .... \$ 25,000

**Chattowah Open Land Trust**  
To assist this organization in fulfilling its goal of protecting 10,000 conservation acres in North and Middle Georgia during the coming year. .... \$ 25,000

**Emory University**  
Matching grant to the University's Turner Environmental Law Clinic and its work to protect the natural environment of Georgia through an intern program, litigation activities, and legal counsel to nonprofit organizations. .... \$ 30,000

**Fund for Southern Communities**  
Support for Georgians Against Nuclear Energy in its work opposing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's license to build a plutonium fuel (MOX) factory at the Savannah River Site. .... \$ 25,000

**Georgia Conservancy**  
Support for Georgia nonprofits collaborating on the Georgia Water Coalition, this organization by providing the message development and delivery, training, and internal communication portion of the campaign. .... \$ 40,000

**Georgia Conservancy**  
Strategy for Marsh Hammock Protection  
To create a documentary video as a powerful education and advocacy tool for Phase II in their campaign to protect marsh hammocks and the surrounding marsh ecosystem. .... \$ 15,000

**Georgia Forestwatch**  
First grant in a two-year commitment for general support in protecting the Chattahoochee National Forest from unsustainable timber practices and detrimental public uses. .... \$ 25,000

**Georgia Legal Watch**  
General operating support to this public interest law group that focuses on water resources, and public education and participation. .... \$ 40,000

**Georgia Wildlife Federation**  
Support for Georgia nonprofits collaborating on the Georgia Water Coalition, this organization by providing the location, logistical requirements, and facilitation of meetings, as well as assisting with the message development and legislative portions of the campaign. .... \$ 30,000

**Land Trust Alliance**  
To provide scholarships for Georgia land trust staff and members to attend Land Trust Alliance events and training opportunities during the coming year. .... \$ 5,500

**National Wildlife Federation**  
To assist citizens in developing plans for the Upper Suwannee River watershed to reduce pollution and improve the quality of aquatic habitat in South Georgia. .... \$ 15,000

**Savannah Riverkeeper**  
To create a Riverkeeper organization that will monitor and advocate for the protection of water resources in the Savannah River watershed. .... \$ 15,000

**Southern Environmental Law Center**  
First grant in two-year commitment for providing legal counsel to nonprofits that focus on the protection of water resources, and to initiate efforts targeting the enforcement of environmental laws in Georgia that address water resources. .... \$ 40,000

**Southern Environmental Law Center**  
Support for Georgia nonprofits collaborating on the Georgia Water Coalition, this organization by providing the legal and legislative analysis and strategy portion of the campaign. .... \$ 40,000

**Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund**  
Support for Georgia nonprofits collaborating on the Georgia Water Coalition, this organization by providing the legislative education and public participation portion of the campaign. .... \$ 40,000

**Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund**  
Support for the Statewide Water Policy Campaign 2002 and its efforts to bring environmental organizations together to draft and support critical water resources policy discussions in the coming year. .... \$ 32,500

**Wilderness Watch**  
Support for the Cumberland Island Wilderness Defense project in its efforts to preserve designated Wilderness Area on Cumberland Island. .... \$ 20,000

**Women's Action for New Directions Education Fund**  
To raise awareness through the work of the Georgia Women Take Action for Nuclear Awareness project about the growing nuclear industry in Southeast Georgia, specifically at the Savannah River Site. .... \$ 20,000

## Rural Economic Development

**Boggs Rural Life Center**  
Support for the "Organizational Renewal: First Steps to the New Boggs," a complete board and organizational restructuring during the second half of 2002. .... \$ 30,000

**Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity**  
Matching grant for the creation of Community Communication Classes and Clubs that provide personal financial management and business communications training to low-income residents of Chatham County, Georgia. .... \$ 10,000

**Dock Kemp School Alumni Association**  
General support to promote the historic, cultural, and educational quality of life in Johnson County, Georgia through activities fostering interaction between seniors, children, and youth. .... \$ 25,000

**Federation of Southern Cooperatives Land Assistance Fund**  
For the Southern Alternatives Minority Farmers Pecan Cooperative project in Southwest Georgia to complete a marketing strategy and maintain a paid business manager position during the coming year. .... \$ 40,000

**Georgia Legal Services Program**  
First grant in a two-year commitment for a rural economic development program providing legal counsel and technical support designed specifically to assist rural community-based organizations. .... \$ 30,000

**James L. Barnes Community Development Corporation**  
To support the creation of a board recruitment and development plan, an employee job description and work plan, and an organizational operating work plan for the coming year. .... \$ 10,000

**McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development**  
First grant in a two-year commitment for general support of ongoing work to stimulate economic development while protecting the natural environment in coastal McIntosh County, Georgia. .... \$ 30,000

**Miller County New Vision Coalition**  
For the "Vision - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" project collecting African-American oral histories in Miller County, Georgia, publishing them in book format, and producing a folk play. .... \$ 15,000

**Neighborhood Improvement Association**  
For assistance in ongoing community economic development programs and in hiring a full-time staff person. .... \$ 30,000

**Newtown Florist Club**  
For general operating support for ongoing work in low-income housing rehabilitation and affordable housing construction in Gainesville, Georgia. .... \$ 30,000

**Rural Outreach Resources Referral Center**  
For hiring additional staff to operate a community organizing and training program and to manage a provisional housing development project. .... \$ 37,000

**Sam's Memorial Community Economic Development**  
First grant in a two-year commitment to launch a 40-unit multi-family affordable housing project and develop micro-enterprise businesses in the Community Multi-plex Center in Darien, Georgia. .... \$ 50,000

**Sapelo Island Cultural & Revitalization Society**  
To assist in the implementation of three program objectives: cultural and historical preservation, land retention, and economic development. .... \$ 30,000

**Southern Technological Advocacy Resources Foundation**  
To support the "Shining STAR" Computer Training Program that teaches low-income residents computer skills and assists them with job placement and retention. .... \$ 25,000

## Social Justice

**Appalachian Community Enterprises**  
To support the Quality of Life Candidates Forum 2002, conducting a series of candidates forums, a "get out the vote" campaign, and producing a Georgia voters guide during the coming year. .... \$ 25,000

**Coastal Area Rape Crisis Center**  
To expand advocacy efforts for the newly emerging Hispanic population in Glynn County through the Su Casa Project and allow participation in the Georgia Partnerships Program. .... \$ 20,000

**Community Connection of Northeast Georgia**  
Support for the Athens Justice Project and in helping indigent people accused of crimes to achieve their goals of becoming productive law-abiding citizens. .... \$ 30,000

**Democracy South**  
To encourage new laws requiring public financing of judicial elections in Georgia, and to develop educational information about the laws on the voting rights of ex-felons. .... \$ 30,000

**Environmental Community Action**  
General support to inform and train disenfranchised citizens of Georgia about community organizing, environmental justice issues, and public participation and right to know issues. .... \$ 20,000

**Fund for Southern Communities**  
To support the continuation of the Georgia Rural Urban Summit project website and email "action alert" network during the coming year. .... \$ 10,000

**Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention**  
El Puentes/The Bridge  
For general support of this project's advocacy work within the Latino/a community in North Georgia, as well as its participation in the Georgia Partnerships Program. .... \$ 10,000

**Greater Atlanta Presbytery**  
For the Prison & Jail Project, this church's ministry in Southwest Georgia that monitors the criminal justice system and assists citizens in exercising and protecting their constitutional rights. .... \$ 10,000

**Greater Atlanta Presbytery**  
For continued support of the Smithville Neighborhood Freedom Center ministry and its development of community programs serving to educate, empower, and engage low-income citizens of rural Smithville, Georgia. .... \$ 15,000

**People Working for People**  
General support to address the clean-up of hazardous chemical waste sites in Tifton, Georgia, and to educate citizens about health and safety issues associated with industrial chemical pollution. .... \$ 15,000

**Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council**  
Support to investigate and monitor housing discrimination in Chatham County and the Savannah area through the widely recognized practice of mixed-pair fair housing testing. .... \$ 35,000

**Southeast Georgia Communités Project**  
To effect long-term social change by correcting misperceptions about farmworkers that contribute to racial and social abuse, to empower farmworkers to become involved, voting members of their communities, and to promote participation in the Georgia Partnerships Project. .... \$ 15,000

**Southern Center for Human Rights**  
Support to reform the current indigent defense system in Georgia. .... \$ 30,000

**Southern Regional Council**  
To implement the "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" project, a school curriculum based on a civil rights oral history documentary, in Georgia public schools; to train teachers who want to use it in their 5th, 8th and 11th grade social studies classes. .... \$ 23,000

**Southern Regional Council**  
First installment of a two-year commitment enabling the Southern Regional Council to serve as a coordination center for the Georgia Partnerships Network. .... \$ 50,000

**Special Initiatives, Conferences and Ongoing Programs**  
**Georgia Rural Philanthropy Initiative**  
**North Georgia Community Foundation**  
To assist in developing and implementing the North Georgia Nonprofit Network Project in a 15-county service area. .... \$ 15,000

**Community Developers Forum**  
To provide sponsorship assistance in the form of scholarships that enable organizations with an interest in rural development to attend the 2002 Celebrating Rural Georgia Conference. .... \$ 4,000

**Georgia Center for Nonprofits**  
To formalize operations for the Georgia Rural Philanthropy Initiative and plan and execute the second annual Rural Philanthropy Forum. .... \$ 20,000

**Musgrove Conference**  
**Southern Regional Council**  
To convene a February 2002 conference entitled, "Forging New Coalitions in the 21st Century," for the purpose of bringing African-American and Latino/a leaders in Georgia together into partnership around common issues and concerns. .... \$ 18,000

**Ongoing Programs:**  
**Organizational Development Fund**  
A Trustee-advised fund for Foundation grantees to access training and organizational support. .... \$ 50,000

**Richard J. Reynolds, Jr. Scholarship Program**  
For Sapelo scholarships to colleges and universities on behalf of qualifying students residing in McIntosh County, Georgia. .... \$ 100,000

**Council on Foundations**  
Support for ongoing services to its foundation members. .... \$ 1,975