

## 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.

**The Georgia Rural Philanthropy Initiative** brings nonprofits and funders together to build relationships, help funders identify new projects and strengthen the nonprofit sector. Every other year an Initiative committee 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, has resulted in more than \$1.2 million in new grants to its eleven-county region.

## New Initiative

The foundation recently made a four-year commitment to the creation of the **Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI)**, an independent, nonprofit, non-partisan organization engaged in research and education on the fiscal and economic health of the state of Georgia. The Institute will provide reliable, accessible and timely analysis to promote greater state government fiscal accountability as a way to improve services to Georgians in need and to promote quality of life for all Georgians. It will function as a part of the national State Fiscal and Analysis Initiative (SFAI) coordinated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) in Washington, DC.

## Grant Application Process

For the most current information concerning funding priorities and application procedures, please visit our website or contact the office. [www.sapelofoundation.org](http://www.sapelofoundation.org), 912/265-0520.

## Financial Information

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

	2004	2003	2002
<b>Net Assets</b>	\$34,476,480	\$ 32,401,141	\$33,541,533
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Administration	\$ 266,600	\$ 274,548	\$ 295,787
Assets Management	\$ 80,483	\$ 79,714	\$ 87,843
Taxes	\$ 49,614	\$ 0	\$ 40,616
Grants & Scholarships	\$ 1,482,769	\$ 1,728,553	\$ 1,537,031

## Officers, Trustees, and Staff

\*Reynolds family members continue to play an active role in the foundation

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### Stream Banks and Water Quality

*From clear, cool brooks bubbling forth from small springs in mountain coves to the mighty Altamaha River Delta's confluence with the Atlantic Ocean, Georgia is blessed with an abundance of freshwater streams. They provide family recreation and municipal drinking water. They support commercial fisheries and other types of industry. They are literally the lifeblood of the state. Without enforcement of protective regulations and sound planning, Georgia's streams will become little more than drainage ditches, unfit for fishing, swimming or drinking.*

*Preserving stream banks in their natural state, maintaining seasonal stream-flow and regulating pollution are the most cost effective ways to protect water quality and wildlife habitat and to safeguard against flooding and erosion. Georgia's leaders are at a crossroads where they must choose between preserving water resources for the public good or aiding special interests in poorly planned growth and its long-term consequences.*

### Illustrations Portray Plant Species Indigenous to North Georgia Stream Banks

FRONT COVER: mountain laurel. INSIDE COVER: Jack-in-the-pulpit; INSIDE PAGES: fiddle-head fern. BACK COVER: a North Georgia stream.

### Credits

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# GRANTS LIST

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

## 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, 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 building progressive coalitions for social change.

**Currently, the primary focus is building a progressive multi-racial coalition in Georgia, with particular emphasis on promoting working relationships between African American and Latino/a community leaders.**



**Focus Area: new Coalitions Center for Policy Alternatives**  
To develop a leadership network of Georgia state legislators for the promotion of workers' rights

— \$ 20,000

**Fund for Southern Communities**  
For the Georgia Rural Urban Summit project's networking, communication, and advocacy with project member organizations to support progressive social change

— \$ 30,000

**Georgia Community Loan Fund**  
To provide organizational development skills to members of the People of Hope cooperative

— \$ 15,000

**Grassroots Empowerment All of Rome**  
For support of a multi-racial alliance of grassroots organizations and individuals in Rome, Georgia

— \$ 10,000

**Latin American Resource Center**  
For conducting a part-time general courier to serve the Latino community in Glynn County

— \$ 10,000

**Latin American Services Organization**  
To increase the level of services provided to the Latino population in the Savannah/Chatham County Area

— \$ 10,000

**League of Women Voters of Georgia**  
To increase statewide voter participation by educating new voters

— \$ 20,000

**Mexican Americans Legal Defense and Education Fund**  
Second grant in a two-year commitment to be an active partner in the Georgia Partnership Network, a multi-racial coalition-building initiative

— \$ 25,000

**Newtown Florist Club**  
To strengthen relationships between African-American and Latino communities in Gainsville/Hall County

— \$ 20,000

**Focus Area: Water Resources At Tamaha Riverkeeper**  
For general operating support and participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 25,000

**Canochee Riverkeeper**  
For general operating support and participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 15,000

**Center for a Sustainable Coast**  
For Georgia water policy development and regulatory monitoring in collaboration with the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 35,000

**Chattooga Conservancy**  
For continued participation in the Georgia Water Coalition and for general support of ongoing projects

— \$ 25,000

**Chattahoochee Open Land Trust**  
To secure 15,000 acres under protective riparian buffer conservation easements in 2004 and for continued participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 15,000

**Conservation Research Institute**  
To convene Georgia Water Coalition educational meetings in rural communities around the state, highlight where water policy has impacted rural areas, and to fundraise for the Coalition

— \$ 25,000

**Coosa River Basin Initiative**  
To improve statewide water policies impacting the Coosa River Basin, to ensure adequate enforcement of the Clean Water Act, and to participate in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 15,000

**Garden Club of Georgia**  
As a member of the Georgia Water Coalition, to educate Garden Club members throughout the state on water policy issues and to encourage their involvement in water conservation

— \$ 20,000

**Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest**  
For efforts addressing water resource management and policy and for participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 40,000

**Georgia Conservancy**  
To carry out the communications responsibilities for the Georgia Water Coalition during the next twelve months

— \$ 40,000

**Georgia Environmental Council**  
To broaden the impact and scope of the Georgia Water Coalition by targeting "second tier" water resource protection issues

— \$ 12,500

**Georgia Forestwatch**  
For general operating support to protect the National Forests and their watersheds in Georgia, and for participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 20,000

**Georgia River Network**  
To contribute to a cost-effective statewide water management plan, and to initiate stakeholder dialogue on the proposed Ocmulgee River Corridor Project

— \$ 20,000

**Georgia Wild Life Federation**  
For facilitation of Georgia Water Coalition meetings and to assist with other ongoing Coalition activities

— \$ 40,000

**Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation**  
First grant of a two-year commitment to assist the Georgia Water Coalition in southwest Georgia, and to complete legal work with the Glynn Environmental Coalition in Glynn County

— \$ 20,000

**Savannah Riverkeeper**  
For training and use of volunteers to monitor water quality and identify sources of pollution in the Savannah River watershed, and for participation in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 33,300

**Soque River Watershed Association**  
To attract, inform and mobilize members on water issues as a participant in the Georgia Water Coalition

— \$ 7,500

**Southern All Iance for Clean Energy**  
To bring energy production expertise to the Georgia Water Coalition for addressing both water consumption in power production and general statewide energy policy

— \$ 20,000

**Southern Environmental Law Center**  
For support of ongoing programs addressing the protection of coastal marsh hammocks and forested wetlands; to monitor and provide input on both the Tri-State Water Agreements and the drinking water and reservoir planning process

— \$ 40,000

**Southern Environmental Law Center**  
To develop the legal strategy for the Georgia Water Coalition in the coming year

— \$ 40,000

**Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund**  
To address three target areas: headwaters protection in Metro Atlanta; implementation of erosion reform programs; and increased enforcement of clean water regulations by the Georgia EPD through a new funding mechanism

— \$ 20,000

**Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund**  
To refine and advance the Georgia Water Coalition's policy-making strategies, and to implement its recommendations

— \$ 40,000

**General: Environmental Protection Fund for Southern Communities**  
For Georgians Against Nuclear Energy's legal intervention opposing construction of a Plaquemine Fuel (MOX) factory at the Savannah River Site

— \$ 15,000

**Georgia Conservancy**  
To initiate discussion between public agencies and the regulated community aimed at adopting an environmentally protective permit-coordination process

— \$ 8,000

**Georgia Poultry Trust Justice All Iance**  
To provide education and organizing support for workers within the poultry industry with particular emphasis on serving the disenfranchised Latino labor sector

— \$ 25,000

**Georgia Wildlife Federation**  
To begin operations and program development at the Okefenokee Education and Research Center in Folkston

— \$ 40,000

**Glynn Environmental Coalition**  
To address toxic pollution problems, educate the public on potential effects, and insure enforcement of environmental laws

— \$ 20,000

**Land Trust All Iance**  
To strengthen the land trust community in Georgia through the establishment of a formal network

— \$ 20,000

**National Parks & Conservation Association**  
To continue to study and monitor federal legislation that may impact protected areas on Cumberland Island, and to monitor the impact of a potential land swap on the island

— \$ 15,000

**Residents United for Planning and Action**  
To launch a public education campaign on the environmental and economic impacts of manually maintaining beaches on St. Simons Island and other barrier islands through the application of dredged material

— \$ 15,000

**South Wings**  
To provide rights in Georgia focusing on environmental protection, and to the Georgia volunteer pilot network

— \$ 10,000

**Wilderness Watch**  
To protect the Cumberland Island Wilderness Area from harmful policy and a weakened Protection Management Plan

— \$ 15,000

**Women's Action For New Directions Education Fund**  
For general support of the Atlanta WAND office and its increased staff

— \$ 40,000

**General: Social Justice American Forum**  
To increase coverage of environmental and social justice issues in the Georgia's mainstream media

— \$ 20,000

**Atlanta Justice Project**  
To hire a development assistant and a social worker

— \$ 50,000

**Boys' Club of Glynn**  
To expand the Boys & Girls Club of Glynn's services into adjoining Wayne County

— \$ 8,000

**Environmental Community Action**  
For general operating support in three programs: organizing assistance, education and leadership development

— \$ 20,000

**Greater Atlanta Presbytery**  
To monitor southwest Georgia jails, prisons, courthouses and law enforcement policies and practices, for purposes of reform

— \$ 15,000

**McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development**  
For general support of ongoing programs in McIntosh County

— \$ 20,000

**Mothers Advocating Juvenile Justice**  
To advocate for children convicted and sentenced as adults under Georgia SB440, and to work for repeal of this law

— \$ 15,000

**Sams Memorial Community Economic Development**  
To hire a full-time staff person with fundraising and marketing skills

— \$ 30,000

**Sapelo Island Cultural & Revitalization Society**  
Second grant in a two-year commitment to general support of this organization and its goals

— \$ 25,000

**Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council**  
To pursue individual allegations of housing discrimination, and to monitor sales and rental housing practices

— \$ 30,000

**Smithville Neighborhood Freedom Center**  
For general support of ongoing programs addressing social and economic justice in Smithville, Georgia

— \$ 15,000

**SOC Education Fund**  
For Youth Task Force's efforts to build support in Georgia for a new human-rights initiative proposing that the U.S. ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child and for its Campaign for Juvenile Justice

— \$ 25,000

**Southern Center for Human Rights**  
To continue working for judicial system reform in Georgia

— \$ 30,000

**Southern Technological Advocacy Resources Foundation**  
For general support of ongoing programs addressing social and economic justice in southeast Georgia

— \$ 20,000

**Special Initiatives, Conferences and Ongoing Programs**  
To provide computer training and business skills for an additional 44 low-income students in southeast Georgia

— \$ 4,000

**Georgia Rural Philanthropy Initiative Community Devlopers Forum**  
For sponsorship of the 2004 Celebrating Rural Georgia conference in Dalton, Georgia

— \$ 4,000

**Musgrove Conference Center for Policy Alternatives**  
To convene a workforce conference at Musgrove for thirty Georgia State Legislators

— \$ 18,000

**Ongoing Programs: Organizational Development Fund**  
A Trustee-advised fund for foundation grantees to access training and organizational development

— \$ 23,878

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

— \$ 138,225

**Special Grants Council on Foundations**  
For support of ongoing services to foundation members

— \$ 3,670

**McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development**  
To plan and implement the second Richard J. Reynolds, Jr. Alumni Banquet in McIntosh County, Georgia

— \$ 8,800

**National Network of Grantmakers**  
For support of ongoing programs and services to its members

— \$ 2,000