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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
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Happy Holidays to All Our Friends!



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2018 Year in Review

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Thanks to members like you, the St. Mary's River Watershed Association was able to maintain our programming, credibility, and effectiveness in 2018. We stood firm in our belief that healthy waterways and a clean environment are essential to a high quality of life today and a fundamental right of future generations. Our successes are your successes because it is you who provide the moral and financial support that make this all possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Our 2018 Successes:

- Our monitoring program reveals that oysters in the St. Mary's River sanctuary are thriving
- Even though salinity remain exceptional low all year, mortality was below average at 5%
- We made over 100 reef balls now aging for installation in May
- We grew four million spat (baby oysters) in our shoreside nursery
- We recruited three



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- interns in our Future Bay Leaders program
- We led shoreside field trips and exhibited at festivals
- Our STEM intern led an experiment on natural spat recruitment in St. George Bay
- We advocated for oyster restoration, fishery management, and our sanctuary

Top Challenges for 2019:

- Permanent protection of the St. Mary's River sanctuary
- Fostering better working relations with local watermen
- Expanding our Reef Project and MGO programs
- Sharing our river through shoreside field trips and work events
- Build 1000 reef balls and educate 500 students in our Living Reef Action Campaign partnership



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OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

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