# **NERR** by the numbers

73,256 acres

255 active volunteers

11,009 hours volunteered

1,522 members

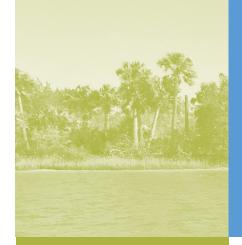
244,300 annual visitors

5,538 students educated



# The Friends of the GTM Reserve

The Friends of the GTM Reserve is the 501(c)(3) support organization for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM NERR), also known as the GTM Research Reserve. Comprised of private citizens, the Friends give their time, treasure, and talents to help the Reserve staff achieve their mission. We accomplish this through community partnerships, volunteerism, financial support, and outreach.



# What the Friends do



#### **VOLUNTEERISM**

Friends give their time and talents to the programs at the GTM **NERR** 



### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Friends give through sponsorship, membership, and donations to bridge the gap in funding at the **GTM NERR** 



### **OUTREACH**

Friends spread the word about the GTM **NERR** and are champions for education, research, and stewardship



### COMMUNITY **PARTNERSHIPS**

Friends work with other organizations to leverage the impact of the GTM NERR

# Research.

# Education.

# Stewardship.

### Be a Friend.

Support our oceans and estuaries. Join today.

www.GTMNERR.org

### **Ellen Leroy-Reed**

**Executive Director** 

# Why we support the GTM Research Reserve?

- The GTM Research Reserve's 74,000- acre boundary of conservation lands and waters run from Ponte Vedra to Palm Coast and is home to some of the best fishing, swimming, and boating in Northeast Florida.
- The Reserve is a dynamic collection of ecosystems and habitats that range from ocean to forest and protect a great diversity of plants and animals.
- Florida's wetlands and coastal systems are vital in ensuring our lakes, rivers, and estuaries continue to thrive and healthy estuaries defend against property and industry loss, sustain our businesses, and support recreational activities and water quality.
- The continuity of information and data provided by the GTM Research Reserve ensures the decisions made about our community are based in science and fact. Additionally, their

research initiatives and education programs are crafted around the regional needs of our citizens, stakeholders, and officials.

The Reserve is connected to a system of 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves so their research. education, and stewardship is locally relevant but also has a national impact.

