



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

# **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Revised**

**Submitted to**

**The City of West Palm Beach**

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# Grassy Waters Conservancy

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- **January: Received first grant (IBIS Charities for Nature Center weather station)**
- **January – March: Second annual photo contest**
- **March: Downtown WPB Highwaymen fundraising events**
- **April: Received donation to sponsor four public school bus trips**
- **January – May: Successful first Photo Group season**
- **August: Confirmed Community Foundation endowment**
- **September: Received FPL donation for Nature Center “Ice Age” exhibit**
- **October: First graduate student (NOVA) grant for a water quality project**
- **November: New PB State intern program – three students in initial cohort**
- **December: Weather Station dedication**
- **December: Updated website launched**
- **Membership increased from from 56 to 65**
- **74% of funds raised contributed to Grassy**
- **Ongoing expenses 8% of funds raised**

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## 12/31/16 Financial Summary

<b>12/31/15</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,019</u></b>
	<b>Revenues</b>	
	<b>Contributions*</b>	<b>\$ 16,021</b>
	<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$ 1,625</b>
	<b>Highwaymen Events **</b>	<b>\$ 2,555</b>
	<b>Photo Contest **</b>	<b>\$ 1,663</b>
	<b>Photo Classes **</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,215</u></b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 23,079</b>
	<b>Expenses &amp; Disbursements ***</b>	
	<b>Weather Station</b>	<b>(\$ 7,964)</b>
	<b>Grassy Annual Poster</b>	<b>(\$ 500)</b>
	<b>Office expenses &amp; IT ****</b>	<b><u>(\$ 3,119)</u></b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(\$11,583)</b>
<b>12/31/16</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,515</u></b>

- \* Includes Ibis Charities \$7,500 grant and \$5,000 FPL donation
- \*\* Net expenses
- \*\*\* Not listed: \$5,000 "Ice Age" invoice, \$2,500 NOVA grant and \$1,000 for bus trips to be paid 2017
- \*\*\*\* Includes website redesign \$1,250

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## Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

### 1. Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources

- Received donation from FPL to sponsor the Ice Age exhibit at the Nature Center

### 2. Environmental Education and Research

- Received grant from Ibis Charities for Nature Center weather station...dedicated December 2016
- Received donation to sponsor four public school bus trips to the Preserve...planning underway for early 2017
- Awarded a research grant to a NOVA Southeastern University student for a water quality study
- Initiated intern program with Palm Beach State Environmental Science and Technology Program...three interns in first cohort

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## Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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### 3. Visitors

- Two downtown WPB Highwaymen fundraising events (art show and sale, and first painting class)
- Conservancy 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest
  - Entries increased from 81 to 142
  - Conservancy sponsored Nature Center’s annual poster
- Conservancy Photo Group held three classes and three events
- Received grant for four elementary school bus trips to Grassy
- FPL donation to sponsor the Nature Center “Ice Age” exhibit

### 4. Volunteers and Partners

- Secured sponsors for and DDA supported Highwaymen events
- Confirmed Community Foundation Conservancy endowment
- Began partnering with NOVA and Palm Beach State

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## Leadership Team

Conservancy team update:

- **Richard Stone, Photography Group Coordinator and weather station project lead elected Vice President Photography**
- **Naomi D'Alessio, PHD, elected Vice President Grants and Research**
- **Deborah Nichols, Advisory Member will also be Community Foundation Coordinator**
- **Alfred Jallowayski, PHD, became an Advisory Member**