



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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The City of West Palm Beach

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Grassy Waters Conservancy

2017 Highlights

- **January: Third annual downtown WPB Highwaymen fundraising events**
- **January – March: Third annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
- **January – April: PB State intern program – three students in initial cohort**
- **Sponsored nine public school bus trips**
- **January – May: Second Photo Group season**
- **NOVA graduate student water quality study continues**
- **April: Received Svitek grant to fund a new summer camp program**
- **May: Received Firestone Foundation grant to fund elementary school bus trips**
- **May: Received First Community Foundation endowment distribution**
- **July – August: Sponsored summer camp program**
- **October – December: Participated in an FAU graduate student study**
- **November: Provided the Nature Center with a bat monitor**
- **November – December: Began third Photo Group season**
- **December: Submitted Ibis grant request**
- **December: Secured FPL funding commitment for new Nature Center exhibit**
- **December: Initiated expanded fourth annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
- **December: Initiated second annual PB State intern program**

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12/30/17 Financial Summary

12/31/16	BALANCE	<u>\$ 19,515</u>
	Revenues (net expenses)	
	Contributions	\$ 16,876
	Memberships *	\$ 1,400
	Annual Photo Contest	\$ 1,809
	Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,548</u>
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 21,633</u>
	Total Funds Available	\$ 41,148
	Disbursements & Expenses **	
	Grassy Annual Poster	(\$ 1,134)
	Svitek Summer Program	(\$ 3,027)
	NOVA & PB State Students	(\$ 2,800)
	Elem School Bus trips	(\$ 1,942)
	Misc to Nature Center	<u>(\$ 617)</u>
	Subtotal ***	(\$ 9,520)
	Office & IT expenses ****	<u>(\$ 2,117)</u>
12/30/17	BALANCE	<u>\$ 29,511</u>

Notes: * 47 paid memberships on 12/30/17
 ** \$11,000 committed to Nature Center exhibit
 *** Including the \$11,000 commitment 95% of revenues disbursed
 **** 5% of available funds (reduced from 10% in 2016)

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources

- Continuing discussions on sponsoring exhibits
- Secured FPL funding commitment for a new Nature Center Exhibit

2. Environmental Education and Research

- Initial PB State intern program – three students in cohort
 - Two performed research projects
 - One was the Conservancy website intern
- Sponsored nine public elementary school bus trips
- Research grant to a NOVA Southeastern University graduate student for a water quality study continues
- Received Svitek grant to fund a new summer camp program
- Received Firestone Foundation grant to fund elementary school bus trips
- Participated in a FAU graduate student paper
- Initiated second annual PB State intern program
- Provided a bat monitor to the Nature Center

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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3. Visitors

- **Third annual downtown West Palm Beach Highwaymen fundraising events...art class was sold out**
- **Third annual Conservancy Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
 - **Entries increased from 142 to 154 (a record number)**
 - **Sponsored Nature Center's annual poster**
- **Conservancy Photo Group held two classes and three events**
- **Initiated Photo Group 2017-18 season**
- **Funded a new summer camp program**
- **Submitted a grant request for special wheelchairs**

4. Volunteers and Partners

- **Secured Highwaymen event Sponsors**
- **Received first Community Foundation endowment distribution**
- **Continued partnering with NOVA and Palm Beach State**
- **Received a number of new grants/contributions**
- **Secured a new/high profile judge for the 2018 photo contest**

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Leadership Team

Conservancy team update:

- **Naomi D'Alessio, PHD, elected Vice President Education and Research**
- **Advisory Board Member Alfredo Jalowayski, PHD initiated a new astronomy program**
- **Advisory Board Members Deborah Nichols, Alfredo Jalowayski, Phil Green, and Lisa Gaal (also our web consultant) expanding the Conservancy social media presence**