



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

## **2018 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

Submitted to

The City of West Palm Beach

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# **Grassy Waters Conservancy**

## **2018 Mid-Year Highlights**

- **1<sup>st</sup> quarter: Third annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
- **January – April: Palm Beach State intern program**
- **January – Successful first astronomy night**
- **Sponsored three public school bus trips**
- **January – May: Third annual Photo Group season**
- **NOVA graduate student water quality study completed**
- **Grants received:**
  - **JP Morgan Charitable Giving Fund/Firestone Foundation (school bus trips)**
  - **Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation (summer camp program)**
  - **Lake Worth Community High School Shape Club (invasive Apple Snail project)**
  - **Ibis Charities Foundation (2 specialized wheelchairs)**
  - **Vanguard Charitable/Pray Family Fund (summer camp program)**
  - **Florida Power & Light Company (dock area exhibit)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: Initiated partnering discussions with the WPB Armory Art Center**
- **Selected new website consultant**
- **Now participating in Amazon Smile**

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## 6/30/18 Financial Summary Estimate

<b>12/31/17</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 29,511</u></b>
	Revenues (net expenses)	
	Contributions	\$ 19,165
	Annual Photo Contest	\$ 1,765
	Memberships & Misc *	<u>\$ 750</u>
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 21,680</u>
	Total Funds Available	\$ 51,191
	Disbursements & Expenses **	
	Annual Grassy Poster	(\$ 700)
	Summer Camp Program	(\$ 4,500)
	Palm Beach State Student	(\$ 150)
	Elem School Bus trips	(\$ 750)
	Wheelchairs	(\$ 2,214)
	Invasive Snail Project	(\$ 800)
	Misc to Grassy	<u>(\$ 0)</u>
	Subtotal	(\$ 9,114)
	Office & IT expenses	<u>(\$ 500)</u>
<b>6/30/18</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 41,577</u></b>

Notes: \* 65 paid memberships on 6/30/18  
 \*\* \$11,000 committed to Nature Center exhibit

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## **Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities**

### **1. Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources**

- Continuing discussions on sponsoring exhibits
- Secured FPL funding for a new dock area exhibit

### **2. Environmental Education and Research**

- Second annual PB State intern program
  - One student worked on trail projects
- Sponsored 3 public elementary school bus trips
- Successful first astronomy night
- NOVA graduate student water quality study completed
- Svitek and Pray grants funded 2<sup>nd</sup> annual summer camp program
  - Provided funding for two intern/counselors, new paddles and life jackets
- Second Firestone grant for elementary school bus trips
- Lake Worth HS Grant to fund the invasive Apple Snail project

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## Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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### 3. Visitors

- Fourth annual Conservancy Grassy Waters Photo Contest
  - Entries increased to 162 (a record number)
  - Sponsored Nature Center's annual poster
- Conservancy Photo Group held two classes and three events
- Successful first astronomy night
- Funded the second annual summer camp program
- Received the Ibis grant and purchased two special wheelchairs

### 4. Volunteers and Partners

- Continued partnering with NOVA and Palm Beach State
- Received a number of new grants
- In partnering discussions with the WPB Armory Art Center
- In discussions with Palm Beach Atlantic University for interns