



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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The City of West Palm Beach

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Grassy Waters Conservancy

2019 Highlights

- **Major grants received:**
 - Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation
 - Ibis Charities Foundation
 - Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)
- **Palm Beach State intern program (3rd year)**
- **Sponsored growing summer camp program (3rd year)**
- **Sponsored 17 public school bus trips**
- **Record setting 5th annual Conservancy Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
- **Added a 2020 Youth Photo Contest**
- **New Photo Contest partners WPB library and Armory Art Center**
- **E-Bird system for the Nature Center**
- **Leadership team update**
 - New member: Ilan Kaufer, VP and Director
 - New member: Virginia Sambuco, VP

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12/31/19 Financial Summary

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| 12/31/18 | BALANCE | <u>\$ 54,233</u> |
| Revenues (net expenses) | | |
| Contributions * | | \$ 25,919 |
| Annual Photo Contest | | \$ 6,278 |
| Memberships & Misc. | | <u>\$ 1,400</u> |
| | Subtotal | <u>\$ 34,086</u> |
| | Total Funds Available | \$ 88,319 |
| Disbursements & Expenses ** | | |
| Annual Grassy Poster | | (\$ 692) |
| Summer Camp Program | | (\$ 5,163) |
| Binoculars | | (\$ 608) |
| Palm Beach State Student | | (\$ 450) |
| Elem School Bus trips | | (\$ 4,440) |
| E-Bird System | | (\$ 5,160) |
| Visitors Guide | | (\$ 485) |
| Misc. to Grassy | | <u>(\$ 505)</u> |
| | Subtotal | (\$17,503) |
| | Office & IT expenses *** | <u>(\$ 3,208)</u> |
| 12/31/19 | BALANCE | <u>\$ 67,608</u> |

- Notes: * Includes annual disbursement from Community Foundation Endowment
** \$20,000 committed for 2020 to Nature Center exhibit
*** Office & IT expenses 9% (goal <10%)

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources

- Additional FPL nature center exhibit funding
- Major Nature Center exhibit planning underway with WPB

2. Environmental Education and Research

- 3rd annual PB State student intern program
 - 3 interns worked on the invasive Apple Snail project
- Sponsored 17 public school bus trips (up from 6 in 2018)
- Sponsored the 3rd annual summer camp program
 - Provided funding for 2 intern/counselors, water bottles and binoculars
 - Interns produced the first Grassy Waters Visitors Guide
 - Interns produced a key for identify invertebrates commonly found at Grassy
- E-Bird kiosk provided to the Nature Center

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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3. Visitors

- Record 5th annual Conservancy Grassy Waters Photo Contest
 - Record 362 entries (previous record 162)
 - Fundraising exceeded the total of the first 4 contests
 - Sponsored Nature Center’s annual poster
 - Partnered with the Armory Art Center for the opening and exhibition
 - Partnered with the WPB Library for a follow-up exhibition
- Approved a “free” youth photo contest for 2020
- Funded the 3rd annual summer camp program
 - Program grew from about 80 in 2018 to 215 campers in 2019
 - Interns produced the first Grassy Waters Visitors guide
 - Interns produced a key for identifying invertebrates commonly found at Grassy
- Supplemented Ibis grant for a Nature Center E-Bird Kiosk

4. Volunteers and Partners

- Continued partnering with Palm Beach State College
- WPB Library and Armory Art Center new partners