



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



2023 Nature Center Award by Brianne Lapinsky

Submitted to
The City of West Palm Beach
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Grassy Waters Conservancy

2023 Highlights

1. **Major Grants and Donations:**
 - Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation Grant (summer camp program)
 - 2022 Ibis Charities Foundation Grant (Spotting Scopes)
 - Community Foundation of the Palm Beaches Endowment
 - Finished installation of Nature Center exhibits funded by FPL
 - Added reptile display to Nature Center exhibits funded by FPL
2. **Sponsored the Nature Center's summer camp program (7th year)**
3. **Sponsored bus trips from local schools to the Preserve**
4. **Held the 9th annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
5. **Expanded internship activities**
6. **Continued the Palm Beach State College Internship Program**
7. **Leadership team update:**
 - Vince Borghese elected President and Director

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12/31/23 Financial Summary

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| 12/31/22 | BALANCE | <u>\$67,148</u> |
| 2023 | | |
| | Revenues (net expenses) | |
| | Contributions | \$15,305 |
| | Annual Photo Contest | \$4,469 |
| | Svitek Grant | \$3,000 |
| | Ibis Grant | \$5,500 |
| | Community Foundation | <u>\$3,862</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$32,136 |
| | Disbursements and Expenses | |
| | Summer Camp Intern Program | \$6,000 |
| | Other Intern Programs | \$2,550 |
| | School Buses | \$2,649 |
| | Reptile Tank | \$4,215 |
| | Spotting Scope | \$5,917 |
| | Photo Contest | \$2,322 |
| | Facilities, Programs, and Misc | <u>\$2,646</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$26,299 |
| | Office, IT, Insurance, Professional Fees, and misc expenses | <u>\$3,496</u> |
| 12/31/23 BALANCE | | \$69,489 |

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

- Installed 2 new large aquatic tanks at the Nature Center
- Installed 2 new large reptile tanks
- Installed spotting scopes
- Worked on “Sam the Snail Kite” book and story walk

2. Environmental Education and Research

- Sponsored the 7th annual summer camp program
- Sponsored 15 bus trips from West Palm Beach schools to the Preserve
- Palm Beach State College Environmental Technology intern
- 3 Clarkson University communication interns
- 2 summer camp interns

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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3. Visitors

- 9th annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest
- Funded the 8th annual summer camp program
- Ibis grant and Conservancy funds provided the Nature Center with a spotting scope for children and adults

4. Volunteers and Partners

- Continued partnering with Palm Beach State College
- Continued partnering with Clarkson University

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Intern Programs



- 1. 2023 summer camp program had 2 interns**
 - Interns went on school outreach programs as well as conducted programs at Grassy Waters
- 2. Palm Beach State Environmental Technology Program intern tree ring project determined age of trees at Grassy Waters**
- 3. Three Clarkson University communications interns**

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Photography Programs



2023 Grand Prize Winner by Chris Trembly

- 1. Highly successful 2023 photo contest**
 - 287 images entered
 - 2678 total votes
 - Over \$2,000 raised for preserve programs
- 2. Provided the Nature Center with contest posters and exhibit photos**
- 3. Held numerous activities teaming up with the Nature Center**
- 4. Continued to grow the photography group**