



Supporting the Everglades in West Palm Beach

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Grassy Waters Conservancy

2024 Highlights

- **Major Grants and Donations:**
 - Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation Grant (summer camp program)
 - Ibis Charities Foundation Grant (Game Cameras)
 - Private donation
 - Community Foundation of the Palm Beaches Endowment
 - Added reptile display to Nature Center exhibits
 - Sponsored custom graphic design artwork for Nature Center signage
- **Sponsored the Nature Center's summer camp program (8th year)**
- **Sponsored bus trips for local schools to the Preserve**
- **Held the 10th annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest**
- **Continued with Palm Beach State College Internship Program**
- **Leadership team update:**
 - Vince Borghese elected President and Director

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12/31/24 Financial Statement

12/31/2023 Balance			\$ 69,488.82
Receipts			
Donations		\$ 14,224.91	
Svitek Grant		4,500.00	
Ibis Grant		4,000.00	
Membership		175.00	
Garden Club		100.00	
Bus- Sharkey Foundation	\$ 1,500.00	87.50	
Bus Costs	<u>(1,412.50)</u>		
Photo	4,590.93		
Photo Costs	<u>626.50</u>		
Plant Sale		832.50	
Pottery		1,285.00	
Embroidery	1,050.99		
Embroidery Costs	<u>(427.25)</u>		
Interest		<u>1,187.53</u>	30,980.61

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Payments

Conference	246.96	
Book Test	310.00	
Signs	2,000.00	
Aquariums	2,673.00	
Facility	303.95	
Insurance	602.97	
Interns	6,458.90	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Office	131.39	
Plaque	144.01	
Posters	1,087.00	
Professional Fees	975.00	
Staff	600.00	
License	136.25	
Supplies	310.78	
Web, Zoom, etc	2,211.15	18,241.35
12/31/24 Ending Balance		\$82,228.08

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

- Installed 2 new large reptile tanks
- Installed game cameras
- Funds allocated for “Sam the Snail Kite” book and story walk

2. Environmental Education and Research

- Sponsored the 8th annual summer camp program
- Sponsored over 15 bus trips from West Palm Beach schools to the Preserve for field trips
- Palm Beach State College Environmental Technology intern
- 2 summer camp interns

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Progress on Strategic Plan Priorities

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3. Visitors

- 10th annual Grassy Waters Photo Contest
- Ibis grant and Conservancy funds provided the Nature Center with 6 game cameras

4. Volunteers and Partners

- Continued partnering with Palm Beach State College

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Intern Programs



- **2024 summer camp program had 2 interns**
Interns went on school outreach programs schools as well as conducted programs at Grassy Waters
- **Palm Beach State Environmental Technology Program Intern**
Student researched plant growth in controlled environment

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Photography Programs



- **Highly successful 2024 photo contest**
 - 159 images entered
 - 4000 total votes
 - Over \$4500.00 raised for preserve programs
 - Held numerous activities teaming with the Nature Center
- **Provided the Nature Center with contest posters and exhibit photos**