



Grass Roots Newsletter



Save Crystal River has received a generous \$90,000 donation from Deborah MacArthur Anderson and her foundation, the SHERLOQ Group, to advance restoration and resiliency projects in Kings Bay and its surrounding ecosystems.

A longtime property owner in Crystal River, Anderson and her husband recently made the community their full-time home. As a member of the City of Crystal River Planning Commission, Anderson has been a strong advocate for sustainable growth and environmental preservation. Her family's love for the river inspired the decision to support restoration efforts in a significant way. (continued, page 2)

**Success is
crystal clear!**

- 850+ Spring Vents Opened
- 112+ of 171 Permitted Acres Cleaned
- 650K+ Eelgrass Plants, Hand Planted
- 700M+ lbs Lyngbya & Detrital Material Removed
- 99% Phosphorous & 50% Nitrogen Removed
Through Specialized Filtration

**How Can You Play an
Important Part?**

Donate Today!



“After learning about the exceptional work of Lisa Moore and the Board of Directors of Save Crystal River I wanted to help,” said Anderson. “The efforts that have been made by the board members and wonderful dedicated volunteers fill my heart. I wish that everyone that cares about the future of our waterways will take the time to learn what has been done and that which needs to be continued now and on going.”

The \$90,000 donation will be used in its entirety to continue the **restoration of Crystal River’s springs, eelgrass planting, and with island resiliency**. These projects are essential to improving water quality, restoring vital habitats, and strengthening natural protections against storm surge and erosion.

“Deborah’s generosity comes at a pivotal moment,” said Lisa Moore, president of Save Crystal River. “Large-scale restoration projects require both public and private support, and this donation not only accelerates our current work but also positions us to attract additional grant funding. We are grateful for her leadership and commitment to safeguarding the river.”

Save Crystal River has led transformative restoration efforts across Kings Bay for more than a decade, restoring over 112 acres of habitat, planting more than 650,000 eelgrass plants, removing more than 700 million pounds of Lyngbya and detrital material, and opening more than 850 previously unidentified spring vents.

About Save Crystal River

Save Crystal River is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and protection of Kings Bay and the surrounding waterways. Through community partnerships, education, and science-based solutions, the 501(C)(3) organization works to preserve the natural beauty, ecological balance, and resiliency of Crystal River for generations to come.

Double Rainbow
over Crystal River
- a sign of good
things to come!





BE A VOLUNTEER ROCKSTAR!

Volunteer to help us to meet our mission of restore and protect the beauty and health of Crystal River and Florida's waterways for future generations. Here are some great ideas that you can get started with:

Eelgrass Nursery: Do you live on, or frequent the water? When you see the eelgrass growing, let us know where, and go ahead and spread the good news to your neighbors and friends. Email us at info@savecrystalriver.com or text us at 352-257-6359

Photos: Are you a talented photographer? Then we need you and your photos! Please submit them to us at info@savecrystalriver.com and allow us to use them on social media, websites, presentations, publications, etc.. Great photos are needed to help us keep our online presence fresh. Photos can include not only manatees and eelgrass, but also other native plants, birds and animals to help showcase the broad spectrum of marine life. Crystal River houses, beautiful scenery shots, weather related photos, and people working in the bay to clean up our water ways. Any photos that you believe showcase our area or the work we are doing.

Events & Programs: Scallop season is upon us. We routinely post programs like Restaurants for the River, Responsible Anchoring, and the Eelgrass Eco School on our website - check them out and jump right in with your family and friends to help us to meet our mission.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping us with any of these. We can add you to our volunteer email list so we can reach out to you personally, as other volunteer opportunities arise.

Meanwhile, other ways to help include:

- **Donating directly to our cause** at www.SaveCrystalRiver.com/donate
- **Following us on social media** and helping to spread the word by liking, commenting, and sharing our posts
- **Become a Board Member, or an Advisory Member** - call us for more information at (352) 257-6359

We'll continue to focus on resiliency, and we invite you to stand with us in ensuring that Crystal River continues to thrive for generations, no matter what nature may bring. Together, we can strengthen the foundation that makes this region a sanctuary for wildlife and a source of pride for our community.

Donate. Volunteer. It's all making a difference!

