



Grass Roots Newsletter



The restoration efforts of Hunter Springs, supported by a generous **\$24,626 donation** from the **US Family Foundation**, marks a significant achievement in environmental conservation. This initiative, led by Save Crystal River, involved the removal of many tons of sand, debris, and concrete/rock from the spring vent. These efforts have gone a long way toward successfully restoring the spring to its pristine, crystal blue condition, allowing it to flow freely once more. Such projects not only revive natural ecosystems but also enhance local biodiversity and community engagement.

For those interested in learning more about this remarkable initiative, further details can be found at www.SaveCrystalRiver.com or by contacting the office at (352) 257-6359.

**Success is
Crystal Clear!**

- 850+ Spring Vents Opened
- 133+ of 171 Permitted Acres Cleaned
- 650K+ Eelgrass Pods, 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!



Shocking Transformation!

The first photo was taken in 2006 – a healthy marsh grass island in Kings Bay. But in the photo today, 2025 (almost 20 years later), something is clearly missing. We've lost not only land, but the natural protection it provided. These disappearing marshes once helped shield nearby homes from storm surge and supported vital marine life.

Since 1944, Kings Bay has lost more than 123 acres of critical habitat – and that number continues to grow. In less than 20 years, the change has become impossible to ignore. The Kings Bay Island Restoration Resiliency Project is our path forward. But we need your support to make it happen.

Let's bring back what's been lost – for the bay, for the wildlife, and for all of us who call this beautiful place home. **Use the QR code above and donate today to help the with islands restoration!**

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2025



Save Crystal River President Lisa Moore had the privilege of attending a fundraiser for Dr. Ralph Massullo, who is running for State Senator. A former member of the House of Representatives, Dr. Massullo has been a huge supporter of Save Crystal River and our Kings Bay Restoration project, and has advocated for the support needed to continue our efforts to keep Crystal River thriving for generations to come.

Pictured with Dr. Massullo are Save Crystal River's President, Lisa Moore, and Sea & Shoreline's Sales Manager & Project Developer, Howard Miller.

Representative J.J. Grow - Legislator of the Year

Congratulations to Representative J.J. Grow on receiving the 2025 Legislator of the Year award! This recognition is a testament to his unwavering dedication to environmental conservation and his steadfast support for Save Crystal River's mission to clean and preserve Florida's waterways.

Representative Grow's leadership and commitment serve as an inspiring example of how collaborative efforts and legislative action can lead to significant environmental progress. Here's to more successful initiatives under his guidance!





what's up?



Sat Nov 1

Stone Crab Jam - SCR Booth near Kane's, downtown Crystal River

Sun Nov 2

Daylight Savings Time - roll those clocks back!

Mon Nov 11

Thank a Veteran for their service!

Fri Nov 14

Save Crystal River is presenting at the META Annual Training

Thurs & Fri Nov 20 & 21

Eco Week at Crystal River Primary School - watch for news about this educational program in the December newsletter

Thurs Nov 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

www.SaveCrystalRiver.com

Make a Big Difference!

Donate \$25 to get a Save Crystal River hat!



Join us by **volunteering at events** where Save Crystal River is involved.

Share with friends and family our mission to clean and maintain healthy waterways in Kings Bay and beyond.
Pass this newsletter forward!

Join Save Crystal River today and become part of a dedicated community working to protect and restore the natural beauty of the Crystal River. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to participate in conservation projects, receive updates on local environmental efforts, and connect with others who share your passion for preserving this precious ecosystem. Together, we *can* and *do* make a difference!

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