



Grass Roots Newsletter

Kings Bay Island Resiliency



A recent 11-year erosion study (2010–2021) shows that 2.8 net acres of land disappear *every year* within the King's Bay system.

Banana Island, which protects the iconic Kings Spring, has lost 40.5% of its total area, and Warden Key has eroded by 37.1%

This erosion sends sediment into nearby spring vents, chokes young eelgrass seedlings vital to the river's health, and clouds the crystalline waters.

Our work is far from finished. Learn more on how we're working toward restoring the islands of Kings Bay: SaveCrystalRiver.com/island-resiliency

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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

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Florida Wildlife Corridor Day!



Thank you Rebecca Bayes for joining Save Crystal River when we traveled to the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee for the Florida Wildlife Corridor Day.

Protecting connected lands and waterways is critical to the health of our springs, wildlife, and communities.



"I love seeing the adults experience the VR goggles. I especially remember this particular beautiful lady. She had a great smile, laugh, and sense of humor. I had her "swimming" while using the VR, to make it a bit more real. she made my entire day!"

(Jill-Anne Beary, Save Crystal River board member)



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Volunteer Spotlight - Lynn Barrett



As a fourth-generation Floridian, Lynn has spent her life connected to the natural beauty of this state. After retiring from a 36-year career teaching in Lake County, she began spending more time in Crystal River, a place she had been visiting for over 15 years. The area's small-town charm, clear springs, and unique wildlife made it an easy decision to eventually call Crystal River home full-time.

Lynn enjoys spending time on the water—always keeping an eye out for manatees—whether kayaking to Three Sisters Springs or boating the bay and river with family and friends. When she's not on the water, she enjoys gardening, feeding the birds in her yard, and walking her doodle around the neighborhood.

Volunteering with Save Crystal River has given her the opportunity to stay connected to education by volunteering with local school programs and community events. She especially enjoys working with students and sharing her love for the river while encouraging the next generation to help protect this special place.

Volunteering with Save Crystal River is a meaningful way to give your time and talents to local school programs and community events. No experience is required; we provide everything you will need to play an important role in our mission to protect the beauty, health and resiliency of our waterways. Contact Janis Tripp at (352) 895-2816 to learn about volunteer opportunities with Save Crystal River.