



Grass Roots Newsletter

Crystal River Springs Restoration Initiatives Ongoing Support and Achievements

Save Crystal River has greatly benefitted from the steadfast support of the Citrus County Commissioners and the generosity of private donors. Through these valuable partnerships, we have successfully raised the necessary funds to restore Hunter Springs and are now preparing to begin the restoration of Millers Creek. Our ongoing efforts have been made possible by this collaborative spirit and commitment to the health of our local environment.

Looking ahead, our primary objective is to obtain the backing of state legislators, and with their support we aim to restore all of the springs within Kings Bay, including notable sites such as Jurassic Spring and Kings Spring. Achieving this goal will further our mission to revitalize and protect these essential waterways.



We encourage everyone interested in our progress to regularly visit our website, where we will post the latest updates on all our initiatives. In the near future, we will be adding comprehensive pages dedicated to springs restoration and sawgrass resiliency projects. Additionally, subscribing to our newsletter is an excellent way to stay informed about our ongoing work and upcoming opportunities.

**Success is
Crystal Clear!**

How Can *You* Play an
Important Part?

Donate Today!

- **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**



Hometown Pride!

We had the chance to meet Hollywood actor **Miles Teller**, who shares his hometown pride with Crystal River, and also caught up with **Dr. Ralph Massullo**, while he was here!

We love seeing familiar faces show up, celebrate our community, and remind us of what makes Citrus County amazing!

Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation Fundraiser at Wild Buck Distillery

We were proud to attend the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation fundraiser at Wild Buck Distillery inside the beautiful Chassahowitzka Wildlife Refuge.

The event brought together conservation supporters for an afternoon of live music, craft whiskey and beer tastings, and great local eats, all in celebration of protecting Florida's connected wild spaces. We also enjoyed a special screening of Patchwork Wild, the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation's newest short film, followed by an inspiring Q&A.

As strong supporters of the Corridor's mission to preserve and protect Florida's wildlife and ecosystems, we were grateful to be part of such a meaningful day. Thank you to the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation for hosting an incredible event. We look forward to continuing to grow our conservation partnership.





2025 Stone Crab Jam

Always a great outreach in support our community and to provide updates on our projects and programs!



Eco Week 2025 at Crystal River Primary School

Another great year for Save Crystal River volunteers to celebrate Eco Week with our community partner Crystal River Primary School!

Kindergarten and 1st grade students took part in hands-on, minds-on activities that helped them explore and build background knowledge about our beautiful local ecosystems.

These little scientists were all in...engaged, curious, and excited to learn more about the natural world around them. Seeing their faces light up as they discovered new things was the highlight of the day!

A huge thank you to Crystal River Primary Bear Cubs to inspire us to support the growth of future environmental stewards!





Volunteers in Action!

Save Crystal River is an all-volunteer organization. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year, and express our sincere gratitude for your tireless and generous contributions to Save Crystal River and the preservation of our cherished river. Your commitment truly makes a positive impact every day, and your dedication is deeply valued and appreciated!

