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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We hope you had a good summer! JNCA has been busy working on plans to save the mangrove islands and seagrasses. We have a lot of exciting news to report and a call to action for **YOU**.

FUNDRAISING:

We set a goal of raising \$80,000 over the summer, and we have met that goal! Thanks to so many of you who have contributed. Between June 1 and August 31, we raised \$71,836 from neighbors and \$25,000 from a local foundation (see below).

Our fundraising work is not finished. We must raise another \$52,000 by year end to pay for the rest of the pre-construction engineering. If you have not yet supported the effort, PLEASE [***go to our website***](#) to learn more and donate, or [***make your online donation here***](#). If you would like to make a stock transfer, please email us at info@jupiternarrowsconservation.org so we can provide the necessary information. Thank you in advance for your support! Any amount is important, as we want to demonstrate in our grant applications that we have broad support from our community.

In the meantime, we are also busy applying for grants for the construction phase of the project. We will need and encourage additional donations to support that as well. Thanks in advance. **Please share any ideas you have for foundations and corporations that might be interested.**

PARTNERSHIPS/ALLIANCES:

We are thrilled to formally announce the support of the Andrew "Red" Harris Foundation (ARHF), a local foundation established by the Harris family to honor their son's memory. Their mission is to "enhance and protect the marine environment," primarily by building artificial reefs. Andrew was an avid outdoorsman who loved the water, and he lived the last two years of his life at Ocean Villas on Beach Road, facing the mangroves we are working to restore. He loved the Jupiter Narrows. ARHF has pledged \$175K towards our project (mostly for the construction phase), and in turn, we are working to name the islands in Andrew's memory. We are honored to be partnering with ARHF.

It is important for our grant applications to have endorsements and/or letters of support from municipalities, government organizations, NGO's, and other organizations/groups. So far, we have received letters of support from Village of Tequesta Council, Palm Beach County's Environmental Resources Management, Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves (part of FL DEP), and West Palm Beach Fishing Club, representing 1600 members throughout the area. We are awaiting a letter from Sustainable Palm Beach County, and we have gotten verbal support from Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area - JILONA (part of the Federal Bureau of Land Management) as well. The list of supporters continues to grow, demonstrating that this is truly a community effort.

ENGINEERING/PERMITTING:

Taylor Engineering has completed additional surveying and data collection and is meeting with permitting authorities to apply for the necessary permits for the limestone breakwaters. We are optimistic since FDEP and Army Corps recently issued permits for JILONA's restoration efforts directly across the waterway, some of which are similar to the breakwaters we are proposing.

Please support our efforts and spread the word. We will provide updates throughout the fall, and we hope to have a gathering for our community of supporters in late fall or early winter. Stay tuned. Thanks again for your interest and support!

Jupiter Narrows Conservation Alliance Board -

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