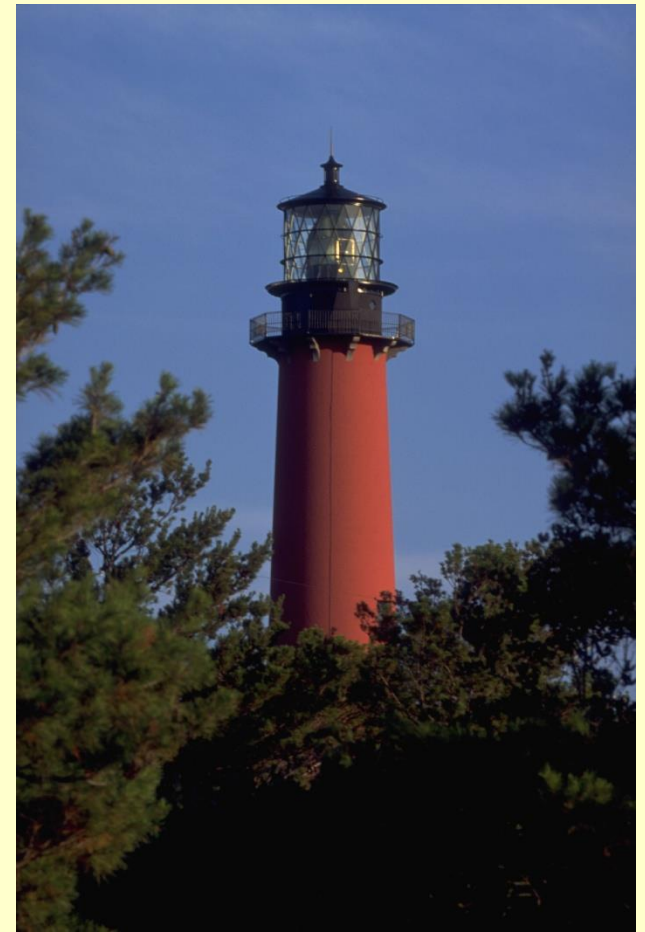


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Project Goal:

Foster the development of the governing network for the newly designated Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area to advance the strong record of citizen stewardship, and collaboration on natural and cultural resource management and educational outreach.

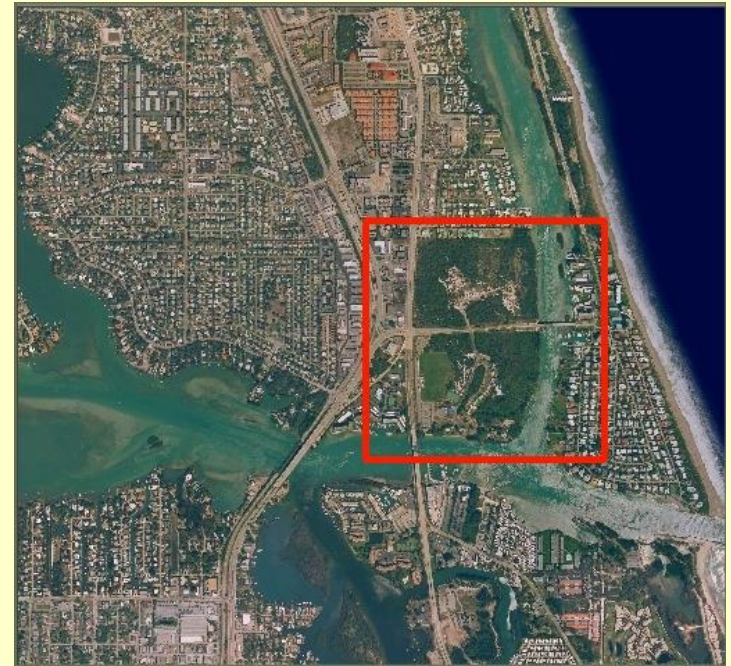
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Network Objectives:

1. Collaborate with networking partners to engage the public in Outstanding Natural Area planning effort.
2. Leverage federal funding and expertise with the resources of state, local and nonprofit partners to begin implementation of the activity plan in fiscal year 2010.
3. Ensure the activity plan addresses the needs and goals of the partners, community and public within the framework of the National Landscape Conservation System.



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Network Partners

➤ Partners With Assistance Agreements

Town of Jupiter
Loxahatchee River Historical Society
Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field
Studies Academy
Palm Beach County Department of Environmental
Resources Management
Archeological and Historical Conservancy

Partners With MOUs

U.S. Coast Guard
Town of Jupiter
Village of Tequesta
Loxahatchee River Historical Society
Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field
Studies Academy
Palm Beach County Department of Environmental
Resources Management

Partners : Venders

Liz Madison Consulting



Partners with Volunteer Agreements

Dr. Jack and Liz Hailman
Dr. Anne Cox

Informal Partnerships

Florida Inlet Navigation District
Jupiter Inlet District
South Florida Water Management District

Potential Partners

The Nature Conservancy
Jupiter Inlet Colony Homeowners Association
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Atlantic University

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Network Development

History of successful partnerships:

- *For example:*
The Jupiter Inlet Working Group partners collaborated on the development of a shared vision and ownership through the original activity level plan. Implementation of that plan reinforced the network, as each partner brought their expertise, funding, experience to these successful joint projects.



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Network Development

Back to Stage 1 Planning for new Outstanding Natural Area
(Visioning and Conceptual Stages):



- Broaden issues under the new Outstanding Natural Area goals.
- Initiated monthly coordination meetings for partners.
- Developed consensus on general plan format, schedule, a public outreach plan.
- Established BLM webpage with resource summaries and buttons for public to receive email alerts and forward questions and comments, linked to partner web pages and National Landscape Conservation System.
http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson_Home_Page/jupiter_ONA.html
- Public outreach through email lists, partner newsletters, BLM and partner websites, voice over power point made available to public unable to make scoping meetings, press releases and subsequent newspaper articles.
- Partners hosted three scoping meetings to record concerns and issues from the public. Public had access to representatives from all partners at the meetings, and were provided background information and powerpoint presentation on the ONA designation and overview of the National Landscape Conservation System mission and goals.
- Written comments accepted over the internet, postage paid mail-in comment cards, or email.

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Network Development

November 1, 2008 – September 2009

(Research and Development, and Implementation Stages):

- Schedule fact finding meetings to address specific planning issues, i.e. engineering expertise for marine/riverine shoreline stabilization, prescribed burn program, public access issues.
- Develop draft plan
 - Refine plan goals and objectives
 - Explore and develop alternatives
 - Analyze impacts associated with the alternatives
 - Develop business plan to identify shared funding opportunities
- Return to public with draft plan for additional review and input
- Incorporation of public and regulatory comments
- Release of final plan



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Network Development

October 2009 – Ongoing

(Active and Evaluation Stages):



- Jointly developed objectives expected to foster effective funding for “on the shelf” projects.
- Regulatory review of plan would streamline future federal actions.
- Public participation and “ownership” in planned actions increases public support and understanding of projects such as burn program, weed removal, habitat restoration projects.
- Monitoring, adaptive management and public feedback all planned evaluation tools.

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Where – Network Geography

This partnership network operates both onsite during project related work, offsite as the team members work with the expanded stakeholders arena and on the internet to reach remote and seasonal publics. The goal is to engage any group or individual with interest in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area.



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Bottom Line: Benefits of the Network



Present

- The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area is inherently managed by network, given the administrative responsibilities of the partners.

Future

- Partner and public ownership in the plan creates greater commitment to projects.
- Well-defined collaborative vision means fewer opportunities missed and avoids expensive duplication.
- Resources will benefit from coordinated management across administrative boundaries, for example, invasive control program and cultural resource protection measures.
- Resources will also benefit from the collective expertise and personnel shared amongst partners.
- Public will benefit area being managed as a whole, greater than individual pieces, particularly for issues such as interpretation and public access issues.

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	Evaluation Criteria	Comments
1	Advance strategic priorities	Development of the plan and subsequent implementation will increase the quality of the public 's experience , support the recovery of federally listed species, protect cultural and historic resources ,and bring more upland and wetland habitats into desired condition.
2	Leverage BLM funding	In most cases, BLM funding is expected to be leveraged least 50/50 by local partners.
3	Demonstrate big-picture thinking	A new paradigm for collaborative management.
4	Demonstrate entrepreneurship	Grant opportunities are effective funding method when ONA plan dovetails with local and regional initiatives, such as the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative and Indian River Lagoon license plate fund.
5	Management of volunteer and assistant agreements and contracts	Individual assistance agreements will continue as the backbone of the shared funding, but challenge cost contracting is likely to be expanded where appropriate. Grants.gov and federal procurement continues to be deterrent for smaller projects.
6	Demonstrate effective external and internal communication	Challenge for diverse group to develop unified identity. Newsletter, web page, successful collaborative projects, and public work days will help.
7	Actions promoting sustainability of the network	Regular, structured coordination meetings to outline upcoming work, bring opportunities to the group and assess completed projects
8	Potential as a network model	The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area has a strong potential as a network model.

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Lessons Learned in Network Management

- Communication, communication, communication.
- Goal is a well-articulated shared vision incorporating needs of partners, resources and public.
- Group is strengthened by collective expertise, experience and funding.

Challenges to Network Management

- Communication, communication, communication.

