

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

Accomplishments of a BLM and Nonprofit Partnership

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Key Points

- Aim of Partnership
- Partnership Origins and Role of Partner
- Shared Vision
- Shared Execution
- Accomplishments
- Benefits
- Best Practices
- Lessons Learned



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The aim of the partnership between the Loxahatchee River Historical Society (LRHS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to utilize best conservation practices and preservation standards to manage the natural and cultural resources of the site, creating a unique National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) visitor experience in the East.



BLM-LRHS Partnership Origins

- 1994: LRHS entered into long-year lease with the USCG to restore, operate and offer public tours of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse
- 1996: USCG began returning land to BLM
- 2002: BLM began formally working with LRHS
- 2011: BLM invited to participate in the development of LRHS Strategic Plan
- Result: A highly engaged and motivated partner with a mission statement that embraces NLCS, who's role has evolved into that of a managing partner with BLM

A Shared Vision of a NLCS Unit

- LRHS Board of Directors requested BLM's NLCS "bookends" pitch in 2006
- Jointly developed plan of action, including community outreach
- PL 110-229 signed into law in 2008



JILONA Dedication



LRHS' Volunteers - 100 strong



Leadership Remarks

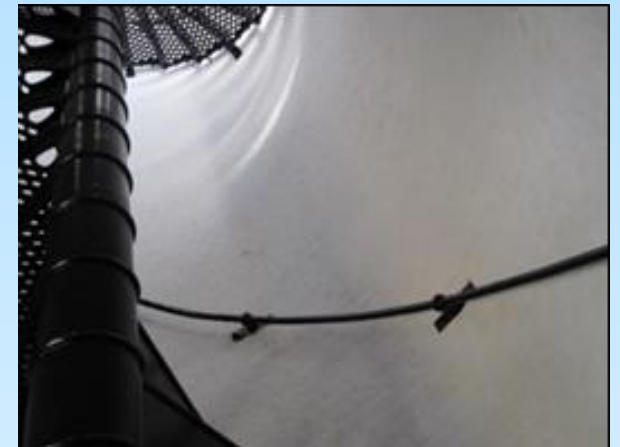
Challenges, Rewards & Benefits

- Through persistence, BLM secured ARRA project funding
- LRHS commitment to vision and its flexibility as a non-profit enabled short deadlines to be met
- In the 2nd half of 2010 - 29 individual projects were completed at a cost of \$650M
- In the end, through the teamwork of our partnership, the site was completely transformed by the projects
- Benefits experienced by the site's 65,000 annual visitors



Recovery Act Project Examples

Restoration of interior, exterior and First Order Fresnel Lens



**Gallery deck railing extension
added for safety**

Keeper's Workshop and Keeper's Original House Foundation Projects



1924 Workshop now used for exhibits and meetings



Excavation and Interpretation of the original 1860 Keeper's house

Authentic Seminole Chickee

Constructed by Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida to represent Seminole history and used as a place of learning.



Unexpected Riches

Over 500 artifacts dating to 3,000 BC found during ARRA project implementation including the original 1860 well, house foundation and cistern



Economic Impact of Projects

- “Completion Brunch”- celebrating dozens of contractors for their excellence in cooperation, planning and implementation
- Many business owners and craftsmen shared their stories and gratitude for the opportunity to keep their business afloat during the recession



Assistance Agreement Benefits

- Assistance Agreement – our tool of choice
- BLM benefits by having a built-in presence at the site, project managers and satisfied visitors (BLM Survey 2011 – 98% satisfaction rate)
- LRHS benefits through shared national vision, project funding, support of mission, BLM expertise



An Outstanding Partnership

- In 2012, the Loxahatchee River Historical Society received BLM's biannual Partnership Excellence Award
- Dedicated, experienced staff and well organized docent corps



Successful Partnerships

Best Management Practices

- Nurture, nurture, nurture
- Get familiar with one another's organization (constraints, challenges, fears and assets)
- Shared vision

Lessons Learned



The power of a shared vision is an incalculable multiplier

**Trust developed from successful execution of
shared vision is priceless**