



Preserve Needs

Monitor Threatened and Endangered Species

The Preserve is home to 20 Federally and State listed endangered and threatened species. The need exists to hire term staff to aid in the monitoring the health of these populations within the area. The funding will be used to hire student term employees to conduct the monitoring, providing the students with important career experience. Additionally, funding is needed for equipment costs related to field work, primarily flight time.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$45,000 salary for student employees
\$25k - 100,000 to aid in covering flight time



Provide Outreach to Local Communities

The Preserve is a remote rural area surrounded by large urban areas. The need exists to increase the knowledge of local residents to management challenges, recreational opportunities and direct quality of life benefits related to the protection of this unique area. Funds for this need will be used to hire a term employee that will coordinate and conduct activities within neighboring communities to foster an appreciation and understanding, for this protected area, within the residents.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$45,000 salary for term employee (1 year)

Welcome Center Exhibits

This project will fabricate and install the exhibits related to the new welcome center. The exhibit design (\$50,000) will be completed using NPS funds. The South Florida National Parks Trust has committed \$25,000 towards this project. Additionally, the NPS hopes to match 50% of the fabrication cost.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$400,000



100% Completion of the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center

This facility will be a multi-agency center that will provide orientation and information to an estimated 200,000 visitors annually. This need is to allow the NPS to complete all aspects of construction related to the project.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$400,000 to complete exterior viewing areas and presentation room

Volunteer Housing

Annually the Preserve works with over 50 volunteers that provide a variety of visitor services. This need will cover the cost of housing for the volunteers while in the preserve.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$36,000 30 VIP housing units @ \$200/mo for 6 months.



Volunteer Program

This project will allow the NPS to purchase supplies and materials related to the Volunteer Program at Big Cypress National Preserve. Additionally, the funds will be used to support training and recognition needs of the program, including the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$6,000

Monroe Station Landscaping

Currently the Preserve is working, through a grant from the FL Dept. of Transportation, to stabilize and restore the historic Monroe Station. The need exists to complete and implement a landscape plan that will provide an attractive, suitable setting for this piece of Florida history.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$250,00



Hybrid Technology

The National Park Service is a leader in preserving our Nation's resources, and when possible should demonstrate conservation measures. This need is for the lease, purchase or donation of hybrid vehicles to be used by the Preserve's Education and Outreach Branch. Staff in this branch often travel to special events where such hybrid vehicles will be highly visible. The branch would require 3 vehicles.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$15,000 3 vehicles @ \$800/mo for 6 months

Implement a Volunteer "Trail Ranger" Program

This is a program that has been proven very successful in other public lands around the country that allow for the operation of ORVs. The program will recruit and train a number of volunteers that will ride the ORV trails providing public information for the trail users, educate users on proper trail riding operation and monitor effects of trail related issues.

ESTIMATED NEED — \$10,000

