



**TEACH THE BEACH
FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP
AND TEMPORARY USE OF
FACILITIES PROPOSAL
FOR THE JUPITER INLET
LIGHTHOUSE OUTSTANDING
NATURAL AREA**



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Proposed Use:

Unit of Interest: Unit F or Unit G

Our organization would like to secure one of the units to reach our current goal of obtaining a physical location for back office administration, educational space to continue our goal of teaching the public on ways they can conserve our environments, and a meeting place for like-minded partners. We currently have our back office administration being done from personal homes and would move this into an office space at the unit which would operate approximately one day a week from the hours of 10am-4pm. Currently we are educating the public through outreach at beach and park clean-ups, scheduled events and festivals. We would continue our current educational outreach but would expand it into the building with the history of the ONA (including local town, military, maritime, plants and animals) open to the public. Hours of operation for the educational public outreach section of the unit would run from Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 10am-4pm. Partnership meetings would take place in the office or conference room of the unit and would take place on a per appointment basis. Security systems would be installed to ensure the property has surveillance at all times. Participants will be limited to staff and volunteers of Teach the Beach Foundation of no more than 5 and to the general public while the hours of operation for the educational center are open.



About Us/Past Accomplishments:

Teach the Beach Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of people with a vision to keep our precious environmental resources around for generations to come. Teach the Beach Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to create awareness and educate people in our respective communities on ways they can conserve our local oceans and environments. We attend, create, and volunteer at local events, beach clean-ups, and more. Through the past several years we have organized and participated in numerous beach and park clean-ups. These clean-ups have yielded thousands of pounds of trash and recyclables collected and sorted annually. Our organization also puts on several educational and fun events partnering with other organizations such as: Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Palm Beach County, Town of Jupiter, Friends of Jupiter Beach, WILD Dolphin Project, American Shark Conservancy, Jupiter Inlet Foundation, and many more. We currently have partnered up with the Solid Waste Authority and their Adopt-A-Spot program with a quarterly beach clean-up at Carlin Park. Our current goal is to secure a physical location for back office administration, educational space to continue our goal of teaching the public on ways they can conserve our environments, and a meeting place for like-minded partners.



Eligibility:

Teach the Beach Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to create awareness and educate people in our respective communities on ways they can conserve our local oceans and environments.

Support & Enhancement of ONA Values: We currently hold our quarterly beach clean-up at Carlin Park but would like to move it to the ONA and if the need is there possibly change to monthly. We have volunteered before with local residents to clean-up on the ONA property and there was a substantial amount of trash and recyclables picked up throughout the property with a dire need of attention at the intracoastal waterway area of the property. With our building use for educational and historical purposes for the public to come by and learn it falls right in line with the vision of the ONA's values. We would also like to extend our staff and volunteers to help out with any ongoing projects the BLM employees may need assistance with.

Statement of Public Benefit: Through our potential partnership the public would enjoy a cleaner natural area, well preserved environment, and educational resources to learn about the history and environmental aspects of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area with opportunities to get hands on experience of personally conserving the environments that this space provides.



Partnership:

As we mentioned in several aspects of this proposal we are dedicated to preserving our natural environments. Our vision includes focusing on the ONA preservation through quarterly or monthly clean-ups where we invite locals, visitors, volunteers, and nature lovers to help with our cause making it available to everyone of all ages. Moving into a physical building will solidify our mission by inviting the public to come learn about the history and the beautiful environments that this property provides to its local plants and animal inhabitants. We are fully committed to the values that the ONA has and can provide what resources we have available to the people that work for the BLM whether it be volunteering our time when needed or financially if possible.

Statement of Adequate Funding: We have raised funds through multiple annual fundraising activities over the years preparing to move into a building. We also have two open credit lines that are not currently being used to cover all costs associated with renovation for this project and the operation after the renovations have been completed.

If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing back from you!