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Living Shorelines and Oyster Reef Balls in Jupiter, Florida

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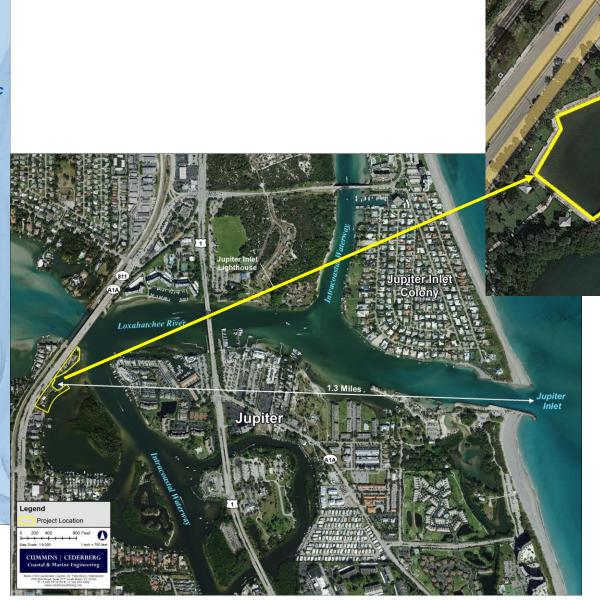


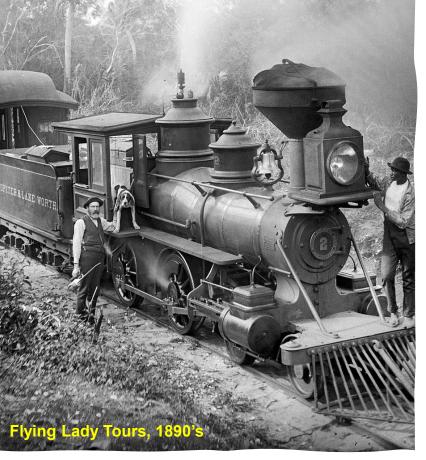
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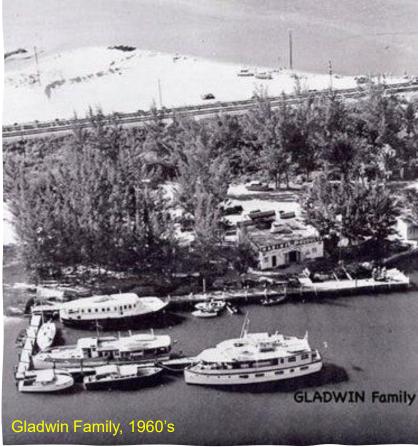
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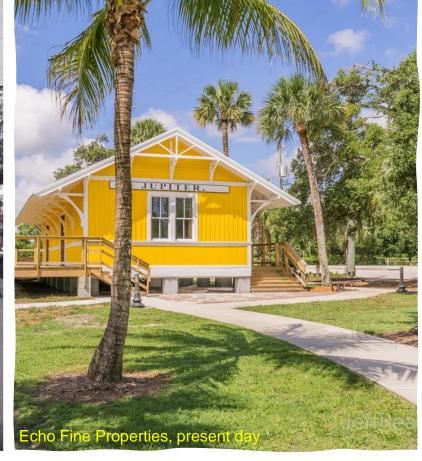
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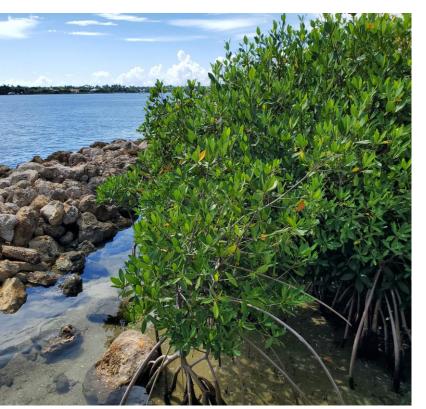
Project Site History

- First settlers, 5,000 years ago
- 1890's Henry Flagler Railroad
- 1920's Oyster Excavation
- 1940 1960's Old Jupiter Marina
- 1970's Navigation Improvements
- 1975 FDOT SR-811 Reconstruction



Project Goals

- Improve water quality
- Promote seagrass and oyster growth
- Improve fisheries
- Enhance coastal resiliency
- Restore natural hydrology





Field Work

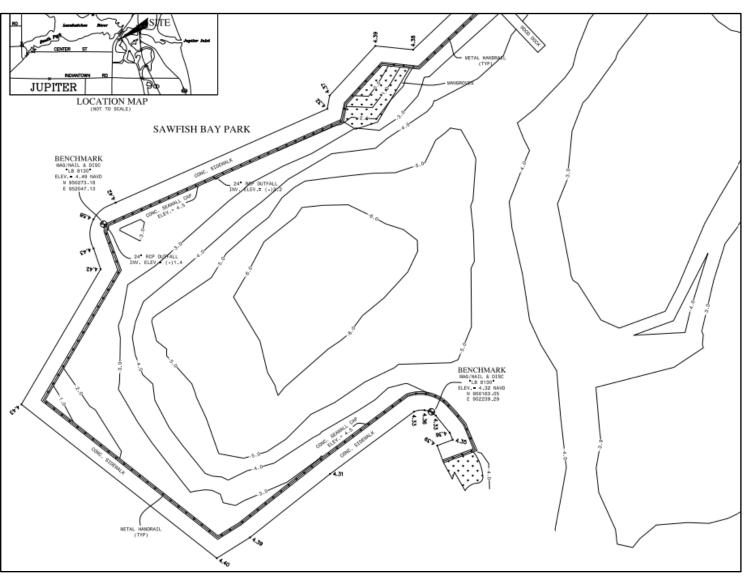
Bathymetric Survey

• 1 − 6 ft. NAVD

Engineering Conditions Assessment

 983 LF of Vinyl Sheet Pile Seawall

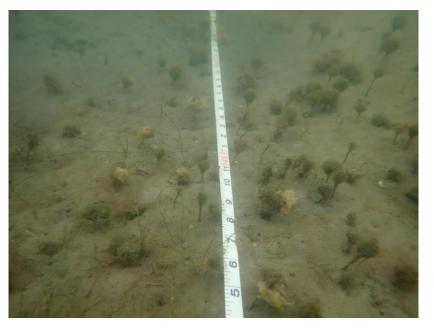




Field Work

Marine Resources Survey

- September 2021 & September 2022
- Paddle grass (H. decipiens), Johnson's seagrass (H. johnsonii), shoal grass (H. wrightii)
- BB Score 0 (absent) 3 (>5 shoots, 25-50% cover)







Flushing Analysis

Purpose

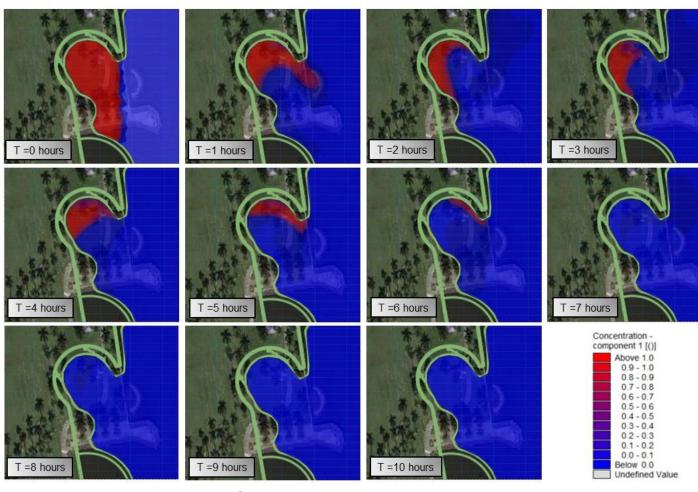
- Existing and proposed flushing times vs. existing and proposed conditions.
- Verify project will not have an adverse effect on flushing time.

Methods

- Inputs: basin depth at low and high tide, surface area, tidal cycle and non-tidal freshwater inflow.
- ERP Applicant's Handbook Volume I Section 10.2.4.3

Results

- Proposed project will have a slight improvement on flushing time.
- Analysis did not include numerical modeling.



Currie Park, West Palm Beach

Flushing Analysis

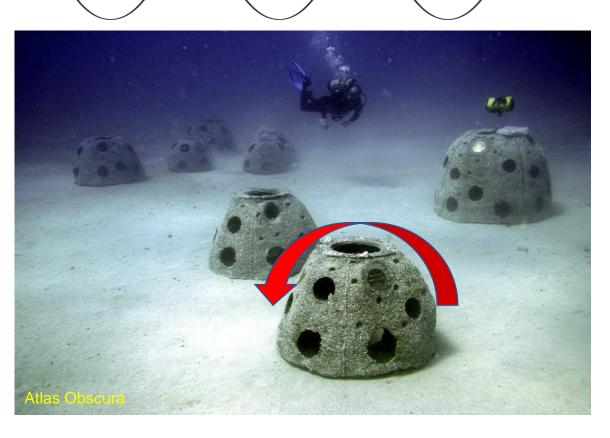
Other recommendations to improve water quality and habitat.

- Curve living shoreline elements.
- Maintain existing stormwater outfalls.
- Install bubblers.
- Add baffle boxes to stormwater system.
- Remove detritus from the seabed.
- Dredge between Intracoastal Waterway and deeper areas within the basin.
- Add a culvert in the southeastern corner of the basin.



Stability Analysis

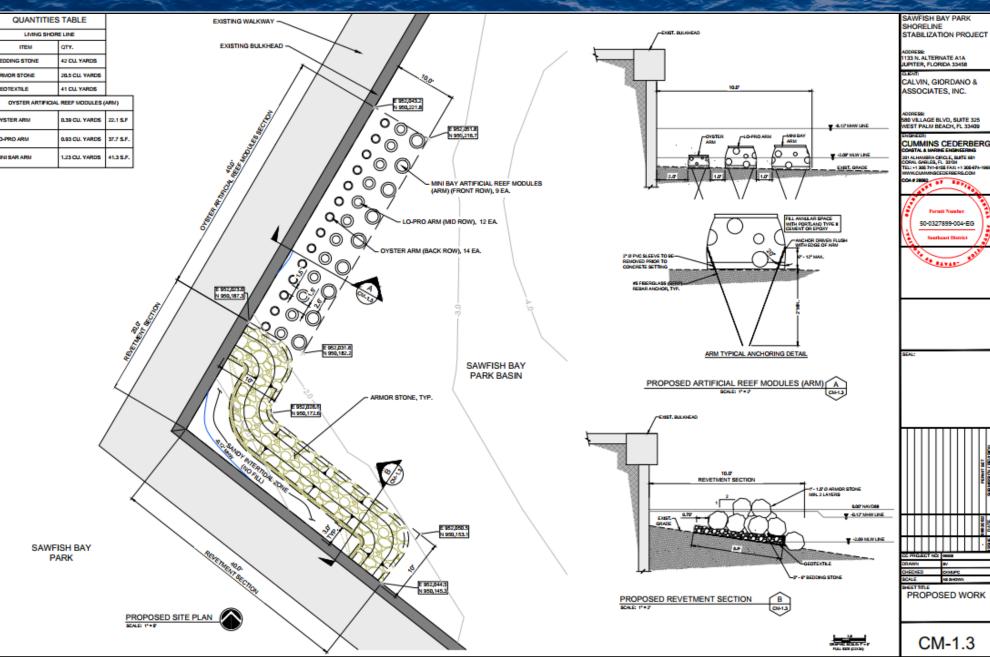




Sliding

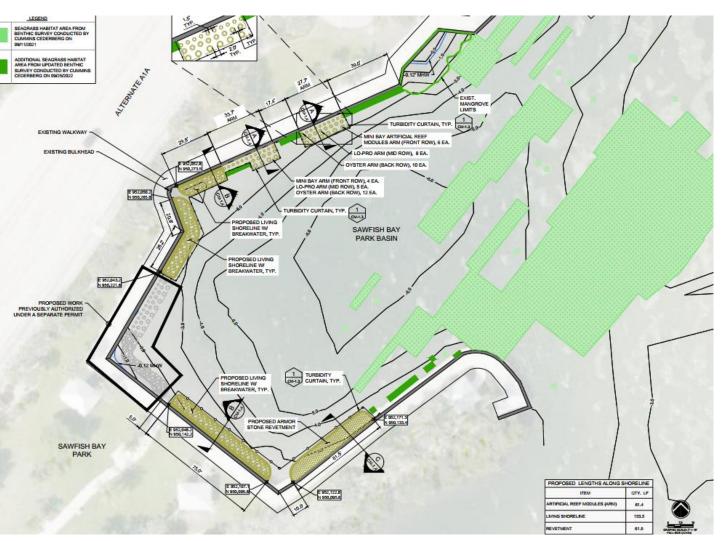
Rolling

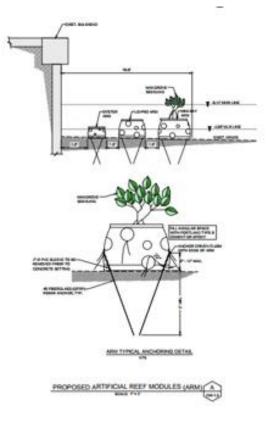
Engineering Design - Phase 1 "Pilot Project"

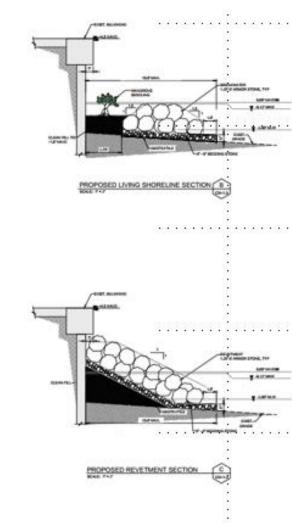


- Install 100 LF of shoreline stabilization
- 40 LF ARMs
- 60 LF rock revetment
- Mangrove plantings
- Short project schedule

Engineering Design - Phase 2







Environmental Permitting

Phase 1 – "Pilot Project"

- Project schedule October 2022
- General permit to install riprap (Chapter 62-330.431, FAC)
- Federal authorization granted via SPGP-VI
- Limitations
 - 100 LF
 - Maximum of 10 ft. waterward
 - No impacts to marine resources
 - 2(H):1(V) slope

Phase 2 – Expansion of the "Pilot Project"

- Permitting is ongoing applications submitted
- Anticipate an FDEP SWERP and a USACE IP via JaxBO





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Student Engagement - October 2022

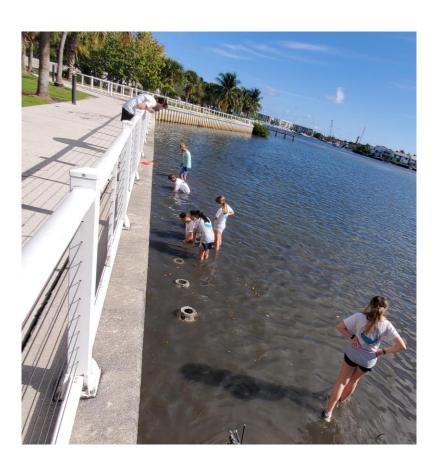




Student Engagement - November 2022







Monitoring and Maintenance

- Incorporate any necessary changes to ensure that the implemented naturebased solutions are self-sustaining.
- Evaluate success serve as a baseline.
- Annual exotic removal.
- Marine resource monitoring (seagrass, oysters, etc.).
- Mangrove planting areas will be checked and supplemented.
- Oyster growth will be checked and supplemented.
- Regular volunteer trash pickups.



Next Steps

Phase 3

 Fully funded: Fill barren basin to restore natural hydrologic features, matching adjacent shoal where seagrass grows; installation of riprap, reef balls, and mangrove planters.

Phase 4

• Installation of a wetland on the park to provide stormwater treatment of an existing FDOT outfall, breakwater structure, mangrove planters, improved fishing structure, and marine habitat abutting existing mangroves.

Phase 5

 Construct two new fishing platforms in Sawfish Bay Park, extend restoration throughout Sawfish Bay area, where necessary.

Questions



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