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Dear Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park:

This past year has been another reflection of the positive what we “Can Do” attitude of the Friends Board of Directors, and our many supporters. Significant projects have been accomplished which continue to make our Park a Gem in the Florida Park Service System for the future generations. Special public events sponsored by the Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park reflect the quality of interpretation and recreational opportunities our guests have learned to associate with the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. State budget concerns and economic uncertainty have not deterred our wonderful Park staff from striving to go the extra mile for our visitors, and our invaluable volunteers continue to be an inspiration to public service.

As you read this report, you will no doubt be pleased to see the strides that have been made, and the promise the future holds for one of Florida’s premier state parks. Improvement projects that have been completed include: the new \$100,000.00 Homosassa River Walk and Manatee Viewing and Interpretation Overlook project, a new boardwalk and dock for the divers, a new dock for the Manatee Watch group, a new weighing beam for weighing manatees in the in-ground pool, a new sound system for the Manatee Program, new puppets for the interpretive program, and new lighting for our Celebration of Lights. In addition, new interpretive tools for our Children’s Education Center.

Thank you for your continuing support. Florida’s award winning state park system would not be able to provide the level of service that it does without the generous contributions of time and money we receive from our Citizen’s Support Organization. Thank you for supporting the Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park; and thank you, Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park for supporting the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Sincerely,

Art Yerian
Park Manager