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Dear Crystal River Resident,

Save Crystal River (SCR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit of dedicated local citizens that have received legislative funding to restore Kings Bay to the beautiful white sandy bottom and acres of eelgrass that it used to be. We are beginning our fifth season of cleaning the bay and restoring this vital habitat. Visit <u>KingsBayRestorationProject.com</u> to learn all about our amazing success or visit <u>www.savecrystalriver.com</u> to learn more about our organization. Below is some information on what to expect during the process.

What's Going on in Your Neighborhood?

Beginning this week, you can expect to see the workers starting to prepare the area for restoration. By the 2nd week of April they should be up and running and cleaning your canal! You can check:

<u>www.kingsbayrestorationproject.com</u> for the most up-to-date information on what is happening in your neighborhood.

You will see a vacuum system removing the *Lyngbya* and muck off the bottom. This material is then transported to a filtration system where the water will be cleaned and then returned. After the canal is cleaned, you will see Sea and Shoreline planting native eelgrasses. Much of the grass will be placed in



cages for 1 year to prevent manatees from eating the plants before the roots are established. These cages will be monitored and cleaned monthly for the next year. Please be careful with your boat anchors in this area.

What to expect: Sea & Shoreline and Adams Construction will be using the property behind SunTrust bank as their main worksite and the lot will be restored upon conclusion of this project. You may be asked to move your boat so we can clean under your dock but you will be contacted ahead of time. If you have questions or concerns you can call Howard Miller with Adams Construction (727-692-3957) or Dr. Sivilich with Save Crystal River (352-257-6359).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. A healthy ecosystem for all species and residents is on its way!

Sincerely, Dr. Michelle Sivilich Executive Director info@SaveCrystalRiver.com (352) 257-6359