SANDOWAY®
DISCOVERY CENTER

A Partnership That Delivers: Sandoway Discovery Center's Impact on the Delray Beach Community

Building a Stronger Delray Beach Through Education, Conservation, and Partnership.

Community Impact

- 7,676 Students Educated
- 6,062 Title 1 students served
- 21,000+ visitors
- Hundreds of Pounds of Trash Removed
- Dozens of Community Partnerships

Creating an Environment for Learning

- Provided environmental education to 7,676 students
- 6,062 were from Title 1 schools/aftercares
- Hands-on STEM education
- Live Animal Experiences
- Programs aligned with Florida standards

Every child leaves with a greater appreciation for Delray Beach's coastal environment.

Facility Improvements

Your investment Help Improve Our Historic Facility

New Porch and Gift Shop

WE RENOVATED THE ENTRANCE / PORCH INTO A STRUCTURALLY SOUND SPACE WITH HURRICANE WINDOWS AND DOORS, PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED PROTECTION FROM DEBRIS AND STORMS ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR VISITORS, STAFF, AND EXHIBITS.

SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE USEABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE CENTER

ESTABLISHED A DESIGNATED WELCOME AREA

RELOCATED THE GIFT SHOP TO CREATE VITAL INVENTORY STORAGE SPACE

ADDED MUCH-NEEDED OFFICE SPACE

DEVELOPED A NEW EXHIBIT SPACE WHERE THE PREVIOUS GIFT SHOP WAS LOCATED

Before

After

Every SEASHELL Has A Story
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Mermaid
LIVE by the Sunshine SWIM in the Sea

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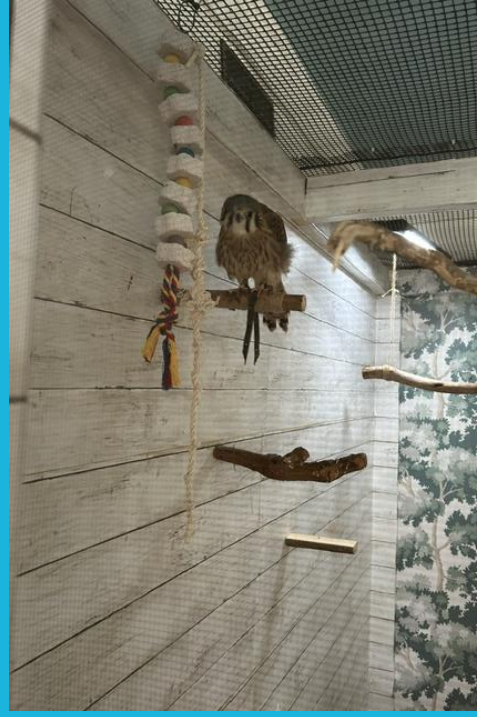
New Exhibits

New Exhibits create new reasons to visit Delray Beach.



New! Insect Exhibit, Nocturnal Room, Kestrel, Lionfish, Shark Teeth and Educational Gardens

Community Partnerships

- City of Delray
- EJS
- Spady Museum
- Historical Society
- EAI
- Reef Institute

EAI
ECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES, INC.

SPADY
CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

First Annual Pubcrawl

One Event. Thousands of Vistors.

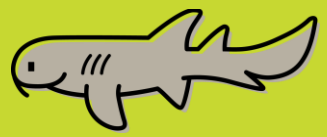
4th Annual Muscle on The Beach Car Show Fundraiser

- Over 170 classic cars
- Thousands of attendees
- Supports local restaurants
- Supports local shops
- Supports Sandoway
- Raised $81,000

A community event that benefits both Sandoway and downtown Delray Beach.

Conservation in Action

Together we removed hundreds of pounds of trash from Delray's beaches.



Investing in People

- New educators
- Internships
- Volunteers

Continuing Our Partnership

Request for FY 2026-2027
Current City Grant
$31,200
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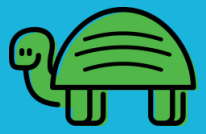
Requested Grant
$35,000

Why the Increase?

✓ Rising operational costs and inflation
✓ Higher costs for animal care, educational supplies, utilities, and insurance
✓ Allows Sandoway to continue providing affordable environmental education to thousands of Delray Beach residents and students
✓ Helps maintain and improve a beloved City cultural and educational asset

A modest investment today ensures Sandoway can continue delivering exceptional educational experiences, conservation programming, and economic benefits to the City of Delray Beach for years to come.

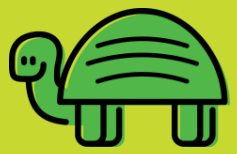
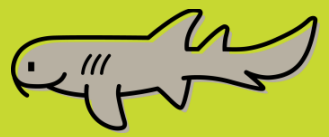


Your Investment Made This Possible!

EDUCATION

CONSERVATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY

Thank you for your continued partnership.