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Greetings to our members and supporters,

It's that time of year when we ask you to renew your Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration, (W. A. R. Inc) membership. This year we are asking you to consider an additional special contribution to help fund our Lower Withlacoochee River Study. It has been an exciting past 12 months with major accomplishments under our belt. Consider the following:

- ⤴ Phase I of the study and restoration program led by Dr. Robert Knight has been completed thanks to a generous grant from the Felburn Foundation and your contributions.
- ⤴ Phase II, the actual collection and analysis of samples has been formulated and proposed. This is a major two year study estimated to cost approximately \$234,000.
- ⤴ We have two new partners, Florida DEP and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Through their contributions of manpower and expensive analytical procedures we have reduced our share of Phase II to approximately \$51,000.
- ⤴ W.A.R. Inc. has applied for a substantial grant for Phase II to be funded by the BP Oil settlement awarded to Levy County. We are confident that we will be successful however the timing of awards is unknown at this time.
- ⤴ W.A.R., Inc. is successfully educating government and the public as to just how serious the problem of our impaired river is. Our new partners, Florida DEP and SWFWMD demonstrate our progress. Media coverage in our local newspapers and Tampa television news is effectively carrying the message to the Nature Coast.

We urgently need your help! To take advantage of the generous offers from our partners we need to initiate Phase II within the next two months. It is not likely that the BP Oil money will be available in that time frame. Our goal is to raise \$ 15,000 to pay for the first quarter of the study. This is a home town project that you can have a direct impact on. Please submit your annual dues and whatever additional contribution you can provide. Remember your contributions to W.A.R. Inc. are tax deductible. No compensation is provided to any member. Every penny goes to support the projects.

Please place your dues and donation along with the distribution form into the stamped addressed envelope.

The Board of W.A.R. Inc thanks you for your support and encourages you to get directly involved. We need member help and a number of key areas.

Sincerely,

Dan Hilliard, President  
Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration