

HELP KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING ON BOCA GRANDE



THEY GAVE US A GIFT...

In August, 2013, the Government agreed to transfer 7.4 acres of prime Gulf property housing our Rear Range Light* for the past 89 years to Gasparilla Island, a gift of land worth over \$20 million... now to be forever part of nature and spared from commercial development of any kind.



• Now officially renamed
GASPARILLA ISLAND LIGHT

Light Keeper Osmund McKinney with his two daughters, est. 1933



History of
Gasparilla Island Light

- Built in 1881 in Delaware and moved to Gasparilla Island in 1927
- First lit in 1932 and still an active aid to navigation, flashing every 6 seconds in the evening
- April, 2010, the light was declared an historic light-house, with a preservation mandate
- August, 2013, Department of the Army, relinquished historical claims to the property
- 2016, United States Coast Guard will license BIPS to restore and maintain the property

... AND WE MADE A PROMISE.

The condition: License the land and structure to Barrier Island Parks Society (BIPS) and they will fund, restore and maintain the property and light house for perpetuity.

Currently this island icon is in a state of *rapid deterioration*...



Structural advanced rust



Entry door impassible



Support joints weakening



Light tower unsafe
Windows boarded up



Hundreds of rivets dissolving



Access stairs high risk

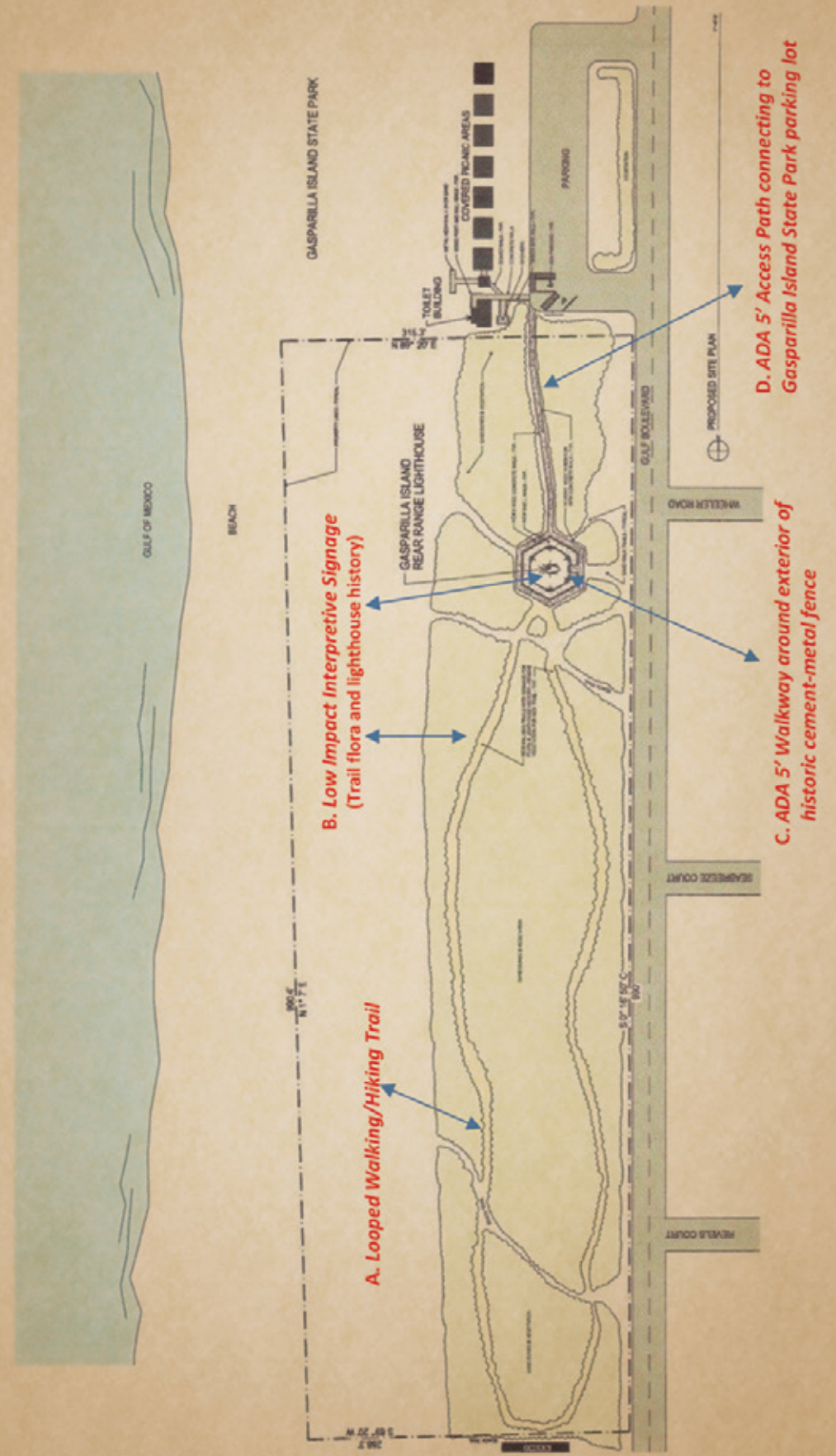
OUR VISION AND GOAL...
COMPLETE RESTORATION TO ITS 1927 SPLENDOR



The Gasparilla Island Rear Range Light was declared an historic lighthouse in 2010, and as such will be repaired and restored consistent with Federal and state standards for historical structure preservation. Planning therefore must and will encompass historical research and identification and replication of character-defining features.

Painting by Lise Yust

OVERVIEW...LAND, LIGHT & ADJACENT STATE PARK



RESTORATION OVERSITE & FUNDING NEEDS

BIPS will contract with two globally recognized historical lighthouse experts to oversee and undertake the restoration effort, with local committee oversight of fund raising, design, restoration, and management of the property:

Alex Klahm Architectural Metal and Design, Inc., of St. Petersburg, Florida—Alex Klahm is a metalsmith designer who has been creatively active in the ornamental metals industry for 25 years, as a craftsman whose work has been nationally awarded throughout his career. He has designed and produced architectural metalwork of exceptional quality for private and public commissions nationally and internationally. He is active in the historic preservation community, having restored the original metalwork on 21 national lighthouses, including 9 in the state of Florida. Alex will be working closely with Anthony Houllis from Razorback, LLC. Anthony’s company will be executing the sand and paint process. Anthony has worked on several lighthouses in the State of Florida with Alex including St. Augustine, Sanibel and most recently Key West.

Kenneth Smith Architects, of Jacksonville, Florida—Founded in 1984, Kenneth Smith Architects enjoys a state and regional reputation for historic restoration design work. Their work has been honored with more than 60 restoration design honor awards. His lighthouse restoration projects include Amelia Island Lighthouse, St. Augustine Lighthouse, Fowley Rocks Lighthouse, Tybee Island Lighthouse, Sapelo Island Lighthouse, Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse, Anclote Key Lighthouse, Crooked River Lighthouse, St. Simons Island Lighthouse, St. Marks Lighthouse, and Cape St. George Lighthouse.

Committee to Oversee Fund Raising Campaign

A Rear Range Light Committee of local citizens will spearhead fund raising. Committee membership is comprised of Larry Hannah (Chair), Jim Grant, Sharon McKenzie, Mike Giobbe, John Cleghorn, and Bob Sommerville.

Committee to Oversee Historic Oversight and Restoration

A second Committee will oversee renovation and construction. Committee membership is comprised of Pete Roberts, (Chair), Jim Grant, Sharon McKenzie, Bill Caldwell, Steve Kieffer, and Dan Headington.

Projected Funding Requirements

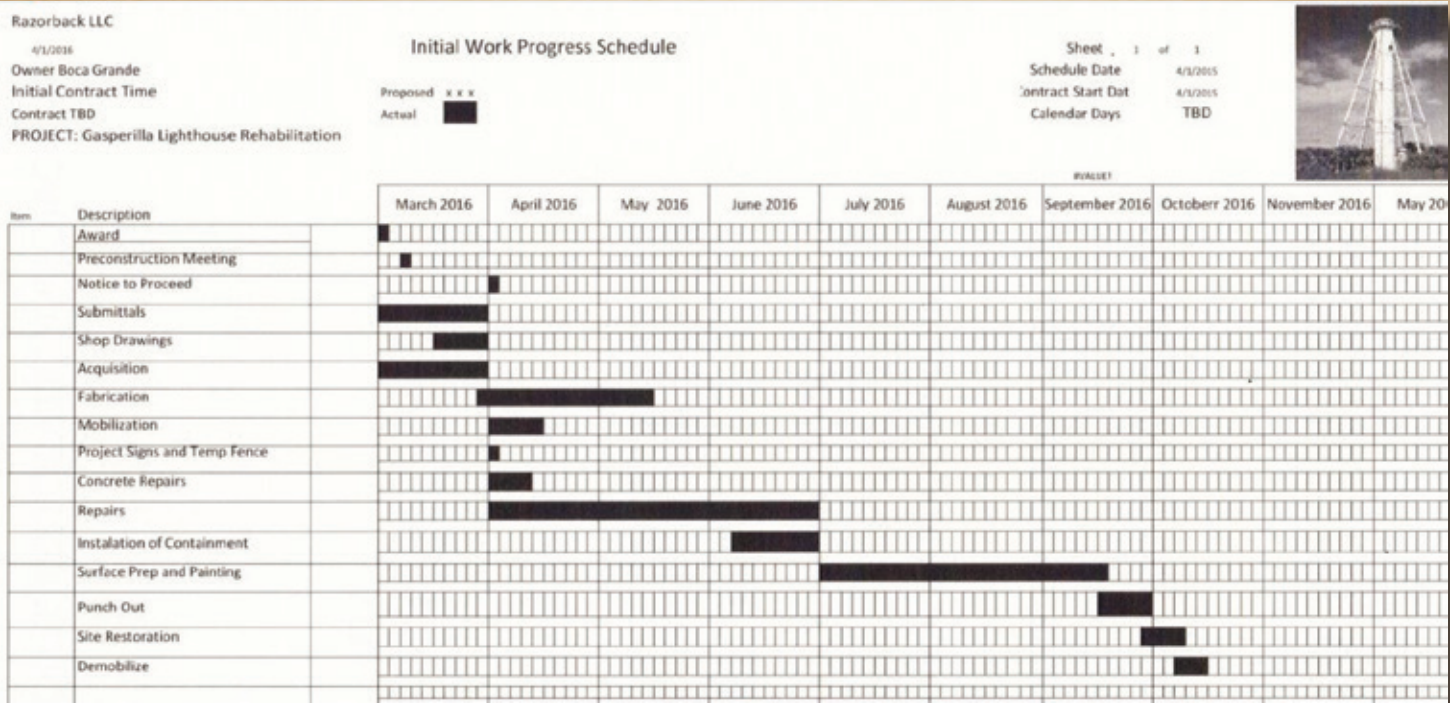
Metal Work Reproduction & Repair/Replacement	\$695,000.00
Sanding & Painting, Interior and Exterior	\$460,000.00
Perpetual Care Endowment Fund (both island lighthouses)	\$250,000.00
Port Boca Grande Structural Repairs	\$185,000.00
Landscaping, Pathways, Invasive Species Removal	\$66,000.00
Architectural Design & Project Oversight	\$65,000.00
Other Project Expenses (Staff, insurance, permits, etc.)	\$62,000.00
 TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	 \$1,783,000.00

RESTORATION TIMING, CONTRIBUTING & RECOGNITION

Restoration Timing & Schedule

We expect final licensing between the United States Coast Guard and BIPS in March, 2016, enabling restoration work to commence as early as the second quarter of the year. Architectural work is well underway and has already been approved by the State of Florida Historic Preservation office, the first important step to realization of the project.

Our goal is to raise a minimum of 75% projected funding needs by April of this year. If we can achieve this, it is anticipated that the range light can be refurbished and restored over a 8 to 10 month or so period of time. Key phases of work would proceed as illustrated (actual start date will be a function of final clearances, permits and funding success).



Contributing & Recognition... How to Donate

We are a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions to Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc. are tax deductible to the extent provided by law and within IRS guidelines. I.R.S. Exempt Status #65-0327-405. Checks made out to *The Light Keeper’s Fund may be sent directly to BIPS at P.O. Box 654, Boca Grande Florida 33921. Stock shares may also be transferred; contact Sharon McKenzie for details at (941) 964-0060.

Memorial contributions, bequests and all donations will be acknowledged. It is planned to recognize all donors in alphabetical order with no dollar amounts at the site of Gasparilla Island light.

ABOUT THE BARRIER ISLAND PARKS SOCIETY

Barrier Island Parks Society was created in 1989 as a citizen support organization. This membership organization, composed and managed by local area citizens, was instrumental in saving the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse from a perilous, impending deep sea plunge 20 years ago. Since that time BIPS has renovated, operated and maintained the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse Museum and Amory Memorial Chapel, built a Chiki hut at Cayo Costa, and provided vehicles and other equipment and support for the barrier island state parks we support—Gasparilla, Cayo Costa, Stump Pass and Don Pedro (including the land based park parcel). We are able to do this through membership dues, grants, and special events. Since our creation 25 years ago BIPS has donated over \$500,000 in funds and thousands of volunteer hours to our area parks.



BIPS mission focus is:

Preservation • Conservation • Education • History

BIPS management oversight is provided by a locally elected board of directors

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