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IRC Kicks Off 2017-2018 Pine Rocklands Initiative Program

In the midst of all that is currently happening with [Coral Reef Commons](#), we are happy to report that we've just begun work on our current Coastal Pine Rocklands Restoration Project thanks to funding from the USFWS. We are working to restore nearly 90 acres of pine rockland habitat in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.



If you have a pine rockland site that you would like us to consider restoring through invasive species removal, send us an email at admin@regionalconservation.org.

Stay tuned after the holidays for a variety of pine rockland volunteer days and workshops we will be holding!



Meet Our New Employees

IRC has recently hired Alexander Blochel (top left) as our new Field Biologist. Stationed in Key Largo, Alex will be working on our Coastal Pine Rockland Restoration Project, Croton linearis Propagation Project, and others in south Miami-Dade County and Monroe County. To read about his background, visit our [staff page](#).



IRC has also recently hired Samantha Gabriel (bottom left) as our new Administrative Assistant. Samantha works out of our Delray Beach office where she is responsible for office administration, website updates, and database work. To read about her background, visit our [staff page](#).



IRC End of Year Fundraiser Underway

As 2017 comes to a close, we begin preparing for the upcoming year and all we want to accomplish as we fulfill our mission of conserving rare plants, animals and ecosystems. **We believe this mission is important now more than ever.** We are thankful for those who support us throughout the year and during special fundraising events like Give Miami Day.

Your donations directly help us continue providing free online resources and carry out our conservation projects. If you have not yet made your tax-deductible donation, click the donate button below or mail a check to 100 E. Linton Blvd. Ste. 302B Delray Beach, FL 33483.

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Upcoming Events

- **[33rd Annual Everglades Coalition Conference, January 11-14, 2018](#)** - George Gann will be moderating a Breakout Session on January 12 titled, "Pine Rocklands: Lifeboats in Peril". For more information on the conference, [click here](#).
- **[Lake Ida Parcel Restoration Volunteer Days](#)** - After several unavoidable delays including the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, we are happy to report that our planned restoration of the Lake Ida Parcel is back on for 2018! We have volunteer days scheduled for February 24, March 31 and May 5. [Click here](#) for more information on these exciting volunteer opportunities!

Volunteers needed for Lake Ida Parcel Restoration Event!

**When: Saturday, February 24th
9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Future dates also include Saturday, March 31st and
Saturday, May 5th**

**Volunteers of all ages needed to help hand-pull
invasive plants and clean up debris/trash from the
site.**

Participants Will:

- Be **REQUIRED** to wear close-toed shoes and long pants.
- Receive a free t-shirt.
- Be provided with gloves and all necessary tools.
- Be given water and light refreshments.

**Meet at the Lake Ida boat ramp and check in before
being taken to the site via boat.**

**Send RSVPs to admin@regionalconservation.org or
305-247-6547**



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