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## February 2018 Newsletter



### Lake Ida Parcel Volunteer Day #1 Was a Success!

IRC would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who made our first restoration event at the Lake Ida Parcel such a success on Saturday morning! Participants helped remove invasive plants like *Acacia auriculiformis* (Ear-leaf acacia), *Catharanthus roseus* (Madagascar-periwinkle), *Melinis repens* (Natalgrass), *Panicum repens* (Torpedo grass), *Richardia grandiflora* (Largeflower Mexican clover), *Sansevieria hyacinthoides*



(Snake plant), *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian-pepper), *Sida cordifolia* (Lima), and *Urena lobata* (Caesarweed) from throughout this important passive greenspace. It's amazing to see how much can be accomplished when the community works together! Future events are scheduled for March 31 and May 5.

Thank you to the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties for funding this project and to Suzanne Fisher, Gerard Smith and Matt Reynolds from the Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department for all of their help in organizing and coordinating these events. We would also like to thank Jim Chard for all of his support in bringing this project to life. Special thanks also go out to John Miller, Bill Bathurst and Ian Paterson for the use of their boats for shuttling supplies and volunteers at the event.

For more pictures from the event, [click here](#).



### IRC Meets Citizen's Climate Lobby

IRC recently had the pleasure of meeting Uli Nagel with Citizens' Climate Lobby, who is peddling a Pebl tricycle for 'Pebling for a Carbon Free Future' along the coast of Florida and Judy Fox who is attending and documenting all events with her!



For more information about what Uli is up to and how you can get involved, [click here](#).



## Recent IRC News



IRC's Program Manager/ Education and Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, was the featured speaker at The Boca Garden Club's monthly meeting today. She gave a presentation on IRC's current projects. Thank you to Nancy Richards (pictured) for the invitation!



IRC is working to restore Ned Glenn Nature Preserve thanks to funding from USFWS and Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Pictured from left to right: George Gann, Hans van der Heiden, Daniel Bomback, Alex Blochel and Michelle Smith.



IRC participated in the 31st Annual Everglades Day at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Samantha Gabriel, Michelle Smith, and Cara Abbott promoted Everglades conservation and biodiversity while handing out native wildflower seeds.



IRC participated in the 13th Annual Lake Worth Festival of Trees. Samantha Gabriel and Michelle Smith promoted conservation, biodiversity and native plants while handing out native wildflower seeds to guests.



## Upcoming Events

- March 3 - Ned Glenn Nature Preserve Volunteer Day. Join IRC at EEL's scheduled volunteer day at Ned Glenn Nature Preserve and learn about the restoration work IRC has been completing at the site. For more information, [click here](#).
  - March 24 - [Miami Native Plant Day](#).
  - March 31 - Lake Ida Parcel Volunteer Day #2. Help IRC restore the Lake Ida Parcel in Delray beach through invasive plant removal, native planting, and trash pick up. For more information, [click here](#).
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