



The Institute for Regional Conservation

Pine Rockland Initiative



The Pine Rockland Initiative is a key program of the Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, Florida. The goal of the IRC Pine Rockland Initiative program is to help protect, restore, and manage the remaining pine rockland fragments and the species that occur within them. We also advocate for “Expanding the Footprint”, to increase the total pine rockland area. The program is especially designed to assist landowners and land managers through applied conservation science and research, education and outreach, volunteer opportunities, and on-the-ground activities such as invasive plant control, hardwood reduction, and the protection and recovery of rare species. This is a collaborative program with significant funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and in partnership with Miami-Dade County, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, and many others.

What is a Pine Rockland?

Pine Rocklands are a globally imperiled ecosystem that exists only in southern Florida and parts of the Bahamas. They are home to many rare plant and animal species, including more than a dozen Federally endangered plants and animals. A typical pine rockland is characterized by limestone outcroppings, a canopy of Florida Slash Pine, and a diverse, shrub and herbaceous understory. In South Florida, pine rocklands have all but disappeared outside of Everglades National Park.

Perhaps 2% of the original pine rocklands within Miami-Dade County’s urban corridor and in the lower Florida Keys remain. Existing fragments are threatened by habitat destruction, invasive species, fire suppression, and sea level rise.

Pine Rockland Initiative Activities:



*Reintroduction of the
Natural Fire Cycle*



*Removal of
Invasive Species*



*Planting of
Native Species*



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Why Get Involved?

You can help conserve and restore a critically imperiled ecosystem unique to South Florida and the Bahamas that is home to many rare and endangered species.



How Can I Get Involved?

Private landowners, public land managers, students, educators, scientists, nature enthusiasts, and other conservation stewards can get involved in a variety of ways. Contact us for more information about conservation and restoration activities, workshops, and volunteer opportunities.

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Can I Donate to the Pine Rockland Initiative?

Tax deductible donations can be made specifically to the Pine Rockland Initiative on the IRC website at:

www.regionalconservation.org or mailed to:

100 E. Linton Blvd. Suite 302B, Delray Beach, FL 33483.

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