



# The Institute for Regional Conservation

## Restoring the Gold Coast Program

*Healthy dunes for a sustainable future.*



### *What is Restoring the Gold Coast?*

**Restoring the Gold Coast is a collaborative initiative to restore the incredible diversity of native plants and animals native to coastal beaches and dunes in southeastern Florida, along the historic Gold Coast from Palm Beach to Miami-Dade County. This two-pronged project mobilizes partnerships within the community to teach children and adults about environmental advocacy as they also learn about the importance of protecting our coastal dunes and work toward restoring damage done. Participants will be provided with rich opportunities to learn how biodiversity keeps our Earth healthy and ultimately keeps us healthy too. In its first phase, participants will enjoy hands-on restoration activities as we help restore native coastal ecosystems in southern Palm Beach County from Boca Raton to Lake Worth.**

**Restoring the Gold Coast is the culmination of years of research and planning, and builds upon small volunteer-driven restoration projects in Delray Beach and Miami Beach. In May 2019, IRC was awarded a \$100,000 Impact 100 Palm Beach County grant to jumpstart this program in southern Palm Beach County. With this grant, IRC will conduct biodiversity assessments along the coast, hold restoration events, and host workshops from May 2019 to December 2020. While the critical funding from Impact 100 will help get the project off the ground, it depends on a large group of partners and supporters. Please consider making a donation to help restore native species along our coastline.**

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### *Restoring the Gold Coast Program Activities:*



***Planting of  
Native Species***



***Removal of  
Invasive Species***



***Education  
Workshops***



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### *Why restore coastal dunes?*

Diverse dunes are healthy, strong dunes, and our first line of defense against sea level rise and catastrophic storms. They contain hundreds of species, not just sea oats, sea-grapes, and sea turtles, as important as those species are. They comprise an economic engine, protecting the beaches essential to tourism and property values. And they are charismatic; nearly everyone likes to go to the beach.



### *Who should participate?*

We will use coastal dunes to educate children and teachers, coastal residents, government officials and the public about both the negative forces of fragmentation and habitat loss in the urban environment, and the wonderful fact that we can heal both nature and ourselves through ecological restoration. In particular, we will partner with coastal municipalities and private landowners along the coast to demonstrate that diverse dunes are beautiful, resilient and sustainable. Our goal is to work with a range of individuals including: children, college students, local residents, tourists, and public officials engaged in managing coastal beaches and dunes.

### *Can I donate to the Restoring the Gold Coast?*

Tax deductible donations can be made specifically to the Restoring the Gold Coast Program on the IRC website at: [www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org) or mailed to:  
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