

January 2018 Newsletter



Institute for
Regional
Conservation

IRC Launches Search for New Chief Executive

The Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) seeks a Chief Executive (CE) to implement policies and programs and provide critical leadership to advance IRC's mission and long-term vision. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with the Board of Directors, staff members, volunteers and partners to design, implement and curate innovative science-based conservation programs in Florida, the Caribbean and beyond. Based at IRC's office in Delray Beach, FL, the CE will oversee a staff of 10-15 and an annual budget of more than \$500,000 derived from agency contracts, grants and other fundraising. A passion for biodiversity conservation, familiarity with technical aspects of ecological restoration, and the ability to develop collaborative relationships with government agencies, conservation groups and academia are desirable characteristics for the successful applicant.

To request a copy of the entire job description and application instructions, send an email to admin@regionalconservation.org.

Pine Rockland Restoration

Our restoration crew recently started treating invasives and completing hardwood reduction at John Kunkel Small Pineland (pictured here), owned by IRC. They have also been working at George Avery Pineland, Ned Glenn Nature Preserve, and other privately owned pinelands.

Stay tuned for volunteer days and workshops coming up in March!



After: Pineland opened up after hardwood



Before: IRC field crew completing hardwood reduction.

removal.



John Kunkel Small Pineland.

Upcoming Events with IRC

- **February 24 - Lake Ida Parcel Volunteer Day #1.** Help IRC restore the Lake Ida Parcel in Delray Beach through invasive plant removal and trash pick up. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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 17 - Pine Rockland Homeowner Workshop.** Information to come!
- **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](#).

Other Upcoming Events

- February 10 - [Everglades Day](#).
- February 17 - Lake Worth Festival of Trees.
- March 24 - [Miami Native Plant Day](#).

Meet Our New Employee

IRC has recently hired Michelle Smith has our newest field biologist. Michelle will be helping on our Coastal Pine Rockland Project, Greensweep Project, and others in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. To read about her background, visit our [staff page](#).



IRC Coauthors Recent Paper

IRC's Chief Conservation Strategist, George Gann, is a coauthor on a



Didymoglossum punctatum
subsp. *floridanum*

Trichomanes punctatum subsp. *floridanum*, was listed as federally Endangered in 2015 and is a species of high conservation concern. To read the paper, [click here](#).

paper recently published in the Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas by Alan S. Weakly et al. titled "New Combinations, Rank Changes, and Nomenclatural and Taxonomic Comments in the Vascular Flora of the Southeastern United States. II" In this paper, Gann and Weakley rename the Florida bristle fern *Didymoglossum punctatum* subsp. *floridanum*. This species, formerly known as