



Institute for Regional Conservation

January 2020 Newsletter

Restoring the Gold Coast Event at Atlantic Dunes Park



Thank you to everyone who volunteered with us on Saturday, January 18th at Atlantic Dunes Park. You helped us restore native coastal biodiversity through this Restoring the Gold Coast Event. We would like to give a HUGE thank you to [Erin Deady Law](#) for sponsoring this event! And as always, thank you to [Impact 100 Palm Beach County](#) and [Delray Beach Parks & Recreation](#) for their support for Restoring the Gold Coast. We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteer crew leaders, John Miller, Ian Wilkinson, and Yelka Mikolji, for their help with running work stations throughout the morning. For more photos, [click here](#).

At this particular event, volunteers:

- planted the following native species: 26 *Serenoa repens* (saw palmetto), 3 *Flaveria linearis* (narrowleaf yellowtop), 2 *Tournefortia gnaphalodes* (sea-lavender), 1 *Dodonaea viscosa var. viscosa* (varnishleaf) and 1 *Chamaecrista fasciculata* (partridge pea).
- helped us remove invasive species like *Scaevola taccada* (beach naupaka), *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian-pepper), *Asystasia gangetica* (Chinese-violet), and *Sansevieria hyacinthoides* (Bowstring-hemp).
- picked up 16.73 kg of trash and microplastics and 11.81 kg of recyclables off of the beach.





Thank you to our recent donors for supporting IRC's programs.

Gwen Burzycki, Katherine Villano, Joyce Maschinski, Michael Barry, John Bradford, Jimmy Lange, Linda Eastman, Native Plant Horticulture Foundation, Sonali Saha, Anne Cox, Melanie Mena, and Peter Grannis.

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IRC has an E-Trade account, so please contact us about giving gifts of stock.

Donations allow us to provide important free resources to the public, land managers, scientists, landscape designers, and enthusiasts of native plants and native plant gardening.

To check out our Natives For Your Neighborhood website, [click here](#).

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## Recent IRC Events



### **Atlantic High School Field Trip for Restoring the Gold Coast Program**

IRC took students from Atlantic Community High School on a coastal restoration field trip to Delray Beach! Students learned about restoring coastal biodiversity first hand by helping IRC add 25 Saw palmetto, 2 Myrsine, 2 Florida privet and 1 Spanish stopper into the dunes. Students also worked hard to remove asparagus fern and picked up trash off of the beach.

Thank you to Chelsea Cantwell for letting us work with your students and for all you did to make this field trip happen! Thank



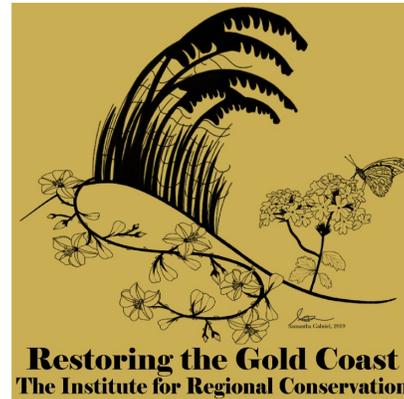
### Talk at the Delray Beach Green Implementation Board

George Gann presented at the Delray Beach Green Implementation Board on *Restoring the Gold Coast: Biodiversity, Healthy Dunes and Community Engagement in Southern Palm Beach County*. The talk was followed by a great discussion period from the Board Members, City staff and the public.

you to Chris Lockhart, Egdornilia Gann, and Chris Quadrel for being a terrific help leading students through the field trip.

And thank you to [New York Life Insurance Company](#), the primary sponsor for this event! We are grateful for the opportunity to offer this field trip to such deserving students in our community!

For more photos, [click here](#).



### Talk at The Milagro Teen Center

IRC's Education & Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, presented at [The Milagro Center](#) in Delray Beach as part of our Restoring the Gold Coast Program.

Cara spoke with 10 middle/high school students about coastal conservation efforts happening in their area and discussed ways they could each get involved with the program.

### Talk at Martin County Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society

IRC's Chief Conservation Strategist, George Gann, presented at the [Martin County Chapter for the Florida Native Plant Society](#) on *Natives For Your Neighborhood and The Institute for Regional Conservation*. George discussed our [Natives For Your Neighborhood](#) and [Floristic Inventory of South Florida](#) free web resources as well as IRC's mission.



## IRC News & Upcoming Events

- **Pine Rockland Initiative Volunteer Event at Pine Shore Pineland Preserve, Tomorrow, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** IRC and [Miami-Dade EEL](#) will be hosting a pine rockland restoration event as part of our Pine Rockland Initiative program. [Click here](#) for more details.
- **Nonprofit Council Monthly Meeting, February 4th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.** Join us at the February Nonprofit luncheon to hear our very own George Gann talk about IRC and what we learned through winning an Impact 100 PBC Grant in 2019!
- **21st Annual Everglades Day, February 8th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** IRC will have a booth at Everglades Day in Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Join us as we share our Restoring the Gold Coast and Pine Rockland Initiative Programs. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **Pine Rockland Initiative Volunteer Event at Florida City Pineland Preserve, March 7th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** Join IRC and [Miami-Dade EEL](#) for a pine rockland restoration event as part of our Pine Rockland Initiative program. [Click here](#) for more details. [Click here](#) for EEL's 2019-2020 Calendar to register!
- **15th Annual Lake Worth Festival of Trees, March 14th, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** IRC will have a booth at the Lake Worth Festival of Trees at the Lake Worth Cultural Plaza. Join us as we share our Restoring the Gold Coast and Pine Rockland Initiative Programs.

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