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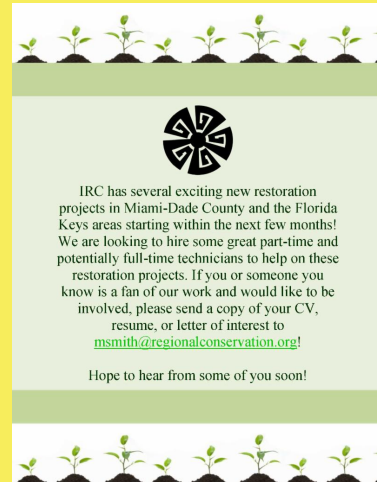
July 2018 Newsletter



IRC Job Announcement

IRC has several exciting new restoration projects in Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys areas starting within the next few months! We are looking to hire some great part-time and potentially full-time technicians to help on these restoration projects. If you or someone you know is a fan of our work and would like to be involved, please send a copy of your CV, resume, or letter of interest to our Field Biologist, [Michelle Smith](#).

We hope to hear from some of you soon!



IRC Presented at the 2018 FNPS Conference



IRC's Field Biologist, Michelle Smith, presented a poster at the 2018 FNPS Conference titled 'Restoring Pine Rocklands' on Friday, May 18th. Michelle discussed with attendees about IRC's work with other agencies to restore and manage Pine Rockland habitats in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

To view the poster, [click here](#).



IRC's Chief Conservation Strategist, George Gann, presented a talk as a featured speaker during the 2018 FNPS Conference titled 'The Promise (and some perils) of Ecological Restoration' on Friday, May 18th. The talk was well attended and resulted in a great discussion with the attendees about ecological restoration, global restoration initiatives, and more.

To view the presentation, [click here](#).



IRC's Field Biologist, Alexander Blochel, presented a poster at the 2018 FNPS Conference titled 'Pineland Croton, Croton linearis' on Friday, May 18th. Alex discussed with attendees about IRC's work with the USFWS Cooperative Recovery Initiative to prevent the extinction of Bartram's scrub-hairstreak (*Strymon acis bartramii*) and Florida leafwing (*Anaea*

trogodyta floridaalis)
butterflies in the lower
Florida Keys.
To view the poster, [click
here.](#)



IRC Welcomes New Board Member



Allison Turner, owner and CEO of BCoSF Media and Business Consultants of South Florida (BCoSF), is a resident of Delray Beach, Florida and brings over 25 years of experience in a variety of industries where she honed her skills in management, customer service, event planning, marketing, and communications. At BCoSF, she brings her passion for creativity, finance and management to the company. Using her drive for perfection and time management skills that she learned as a Division I College Athlete, she brings consistency, focus and passion to her work with businesses. She oversees two divisions of BCoSF, Business Consultants of South Florida and BCoSF Media, which houses the branding, website design, online marketing services and video production.

Allison stated, “I’m excited to be joining the board for The Institute for Regional Conservation. Their research and work is definitely something I am passionate about and I look forward to helping the organization grow and build its resources and name.” Welcome to IRC, Allison!



Recent IRC News



In this time of global change, IRC is changing too! Our Field Biologist, Alexander Blochel (Left), has moved on to a new opportunity with Audubon in the Florida Keys and our Senior Biologist, Mike Barry (Right), is now off to greener pastures.



On May 31st, IRC and members of Miami-Dade County worked together on Florida City Pineland Preserve to enhance the habitat.

Everyone at IRC is grateful for their hard

work and dedication and wish them both the best in all future endeavors.



On June 29th, IRC's Field Biologist, Michelle Smith, and Field Crew Leader, Ruben Sola, led a volunteer day at Key Deer Refuge. Key Deer Refuge staff and volunteers helped IRC plant Pineland croton (*Croton linearis*) to aid in bringing back the Bartram's scrub-hairstreak butterfly (federally endangered). Thank you to the staff at Key Deer refuge and everyone who came out to help!

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Upcoming Events

- **August 24 - Lummus Park Volunteer Day.** IRC will be hosting our second volunteer day at Lummus Park in South Beach. Help IRC through invasive plant removal, native planting, and trash pick up. More information coming soon!
- **September 8 - Camp Choee Girl Scouts Volunteer Day.** IRC's Field Biologist, Michelle Smith, will be leading a volunteer day with the Girl Scouts at Camp Choee. They will learn about invasive and native plants in the area, remove some of those invasive plants, and participate in a fun scavenger hunt!
- **September 15 - Lake Ida Parcel Volunteer Day #4.** IRC will be back at Lake Ida Park in Delray Beach for our 4th volunteer day with more native planting and invasive plant removal. More information coming soon!