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Support IRC's Green Delray Project!

IRC's **Green Delray Project** is a volunteer-driven initiative that aims to restore native biodiversity in Delray Beach, Florida through ecological restoration events and education. Over the past several years, IRC has utilized funds from the [Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties](#), [Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc.](#), Waste Management, [The New York Life Foundation](#), [The Conduent Foundation](#), and [Pugliese Public Relations](#) to help restore portions of the Delray Beach municipal beach, the Lake Ida Parcel, and Atlantic Dunes Park. We have had hundreds of volunteers – ranging from local residents to high school students to local businesses – get involved and make a positive difference on the environment through this project.

In order to keep the restoration efforts of **Green Delray** moving forward, we are looking for community sponsors to support this project. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring/co-sponsoring an event (it costs \$1k-\$2k to organize and run an event), email admin@regionalconservation.org for more information.



Support IRC Through Give Miami Day!

We are excited to participate in **#GiveMiamiDay** next month on Thursday, November 15th! Donations through Give Miami Day can only be made on November 15th. We will post reminders until the day!

To donate, simply go to our homepage and click on the "**Give Miami Day**" icon. You can also search for IRC on the Give Miami Day website. By supporting IRC on Give Miami Day, you will help us restore more acres of critically imperiled pine rockland habitat while conserving the endangered organisms that call this habitat home.

Why donate on **Give Miami Day**? IRC will receive a bonus gift from the Miami Foundation for each donation of \$25 - \$10,000 received during the 24 hour period. There are also additional prizes throughout the day, which you can read about [here](#).



Recent IRC Events

Lummus Park Volunteer Day #2

Thank you to everyone involved in the restoration volunteer day at Lummus Park on October 5th! Volunteers helped IRC plant 700 native plants in the dunes of Lummus Park in areas where we removed invasive Beach naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*).

We would like to give a huge shout out to our sponsors, the [Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society](#) and [TreeMendous Miami](#).

We would also like to thank the [City of Miami Beach](#) for their help in organizing and funding this event. For more pictures, go to our Facebook [here!](#)



Dade Chapter



Atlantic Dunes Volunteer Day!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray on October 6th to help IRC continue our restoration efforts at this beautiful park! Volunteers removed a large patch of Beach naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*), some Brazilian-pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) and some Bowstring-hemp (*Sansevieria hyacinthoides*). In the area where *Scaevola taccada* was removed, volunteers planted 200 Sea-oats (*Uniola paniculata*), a few Tropical sage (*Salvia coccinea*) and Beach clustervine (*Jacquemontia reclinata*).

We would like to thank the [Conduent Foundation](#) for awarding IRC a mini-grant which allowed us to organize this restoration event! For more pictures, check out our



Lake Ida Volunteer Day #5!

Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday to continue our work for the 5th volunteer day on Lake Ida Parcel! We planted about 80 native plants, removed some invasive Earleaf acacia, Brazilian pepper, and Snake plant, and picked up some trash on the site. For more pictures, check out our [Facebook!](#) A special thanks to [Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties](#) for funding this project, [Delray Beach Parks & Recreation](#) for coming out to work with us, [Indian Trails Nursery](#) for providing the beautiful native plants, and to our boating chauffeurs Iain Patterson, John Miller, & the boys.



Upcoming IRC Events

- **Lake Ida Volunteer Day #6:** On Saturday, November 10th, we will have our final volunteer day at Lake Ida Parcel for the year! It will be from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers will help IRC continue to restore this important greenspace by planting natives and hauling invasives. Volunteers of all ages welcome! For more information, [click here](#).
- **Give Miami Day 2018:** As we mentioned above, IRC will be participating in Give Miami Day again this year! It will be on Thursday, November 5th for the whole day. Support IRC's work by donating on Give Miami Day! More information will come as the day gets closer.



Attention!

IRC is still looking for a volunteer intern to help us improve the FISF by downloading/uploading images from our Delray Beach office! Email admin@regionalconservation.org for additional information if you or someone you know may be interested. You can also donate to help us with other improvement costs associated with this free resource by clicking the button below or going through our [website!](#)

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