

Restoring the Gold Coast Event

November 16, 2019

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Hosted by the Institute for Regional Conservation and Town of Ocean Ridge

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:15 Reception and Coffee
- 9:15 - 9:20 Welcome Remarks by Mary Ann Cody, President, Ocean Ridge Garden Club
- 9:20 - 9:45 George Gann, IRC Chief Conservation Strategist, will discuss Restoring the Gold Coast, including the program background and relevance to Ocean Ridge
- 9:45 - 10:00 Cara Abbott, IRC Education and Outreach Coordinator, will discuss our education program and events to date
- 10:00 - 10:15 George Gann will discuss examples of native plants to use on the dune, and introduce the "biodiversity starter kit" concept.
- 10:15 - 10:30 Open Forum and Discussion
- 10:30 - 11:30 Field trip to the Ocean Ridge Dune and Ceremonial Bio-diversity Planting
- 11:30 - Noon Refreshments

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 Miami-Dade to Palm Beach 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.

About The Institute for Regional Conservation

A private non-profit organization, The Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) is dedicated to the protection, restoration, and long-term management of biodiversity on a regional basis, and to the prevention of regional extinctions of rare plants, animals and ecosystems. Based in Florida, USA, IRC works on conservation research and action throughout South Florida, the Caribbean and beyond. Their work is premised on an innovative idea of conservation that seeks to protect and restore viable populations of all plant and animal species within a region, rather than simply focusing on charismatic animals or plants with narrow global ranges. For more information visit www.regionalconservation.org.

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