Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources · Environmentally Endangered Lands Program



**CALENDAR** 2021 - 2022

Earn Community Service Hours! • 9 a.m. - Noon • Space is limited To register or for questions regarding EEL's volunteer workdays please e-mail us at eel@miamidade.gov.



## Get Involved!





## ATTENTION Volunteers!

We need your help to restore environmentally sensitive lands in Miami-Dade County! The EEL Program manages over 27,000 acres all over the county, including critically imperiled pine rocklands. It's not easy - but together, we will help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing invasive plants, enhancing trails, restoring native vegetation, and conducting cleanup activities. You can get involved by joining one of our workdays scheduled from September through May. Volunteers are taught to identify various invasive non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of the local habitats and rare ecosystems unique to South Florida.

Environmentally sensitive lands are the hammocks, pinelands, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater wetlands and mangrove forests that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped or protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and are resources to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique environmentally sensitive lands. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as native seedling recruitment and natural fire cycles. The control of invasive plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all environmentally sensitive lands. Through these workdays, volunteers contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.

#### **Come join us!**



### Volunteers! ——Workday Guidelines

- Workdays start at 9 a.m.
- Registration starts 15 minutes before the workday begins.
- Closed-toe shoes and long pants are required and long-sleeved shirts are highly recommended.
- Be prepared to work outside. Please bring a refillable water bottle. Drink plenty of fluids during the day!
- A hat, sun block and insect repellent are recommended.
- Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions.
- Do not bring pets along on workdays.
- Inform staff about concerns, unusual findings, strange debris or occurrences.
- Children 15 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

# SAVE THE DATES! SEPTEMBER 2021 through MAY 2022





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To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate, contact Alain Donderiz, 305-372-6779 dondea@miamidade.gov five days in advance to initiate your request.