Program Name: Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
Project Name: Environmentally Endangered Lands Volunteer Workdays
Project ID: **4200**
Lead Agency: Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: Foster Compatibility of the Built and Natural Systems

Measurable Output(s): Number of Events, Number of Volunteers – (The EEL Program hosted 4,478 citizen volunteers from July 2012 to May 2016 at 69 Volunteer Workday Events)

Project Synopsis: The Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program was established in 1990, to acquire, protect and manage environmentally endangered lands for this and future generations. Among the EEL Program purposes is to use acquired lands, where feasible within financial constraints and with minimal risk to the environmental integrity of the preserves, to educate Miami-Dade County's school-age population and the general public about the unique importance of Miami-Dade County's subtropical ecosystems and natural communities. The EEL Program accomplishes that objective by engaging volunteers in land management within its Preserves. While EEL Funds have adequately supported the program since its inception, EEL Funds will be depleted by 2024, possibly sooner. ***Recurring revenue sources need to be identified and secured to assure that acquisition and management can continue. The Volunteer Workday Program is funding dependent.***

Current Status: The EEL Program's Volunteer Workdays and other volunteer events run from September through June of each year, with occasional summer projects, within EEL Preserves. The EEL Program hosts at least 15 events annually, attracting over 1,000 volunteers per year who plant trees, maintain trails, remove refuse and debris, eradicate invasive exotic species, and conduct other restoration tasks. ***In exchange for their service, volunteers are provided an opportunity to visit natural areas that are typically not accessible to the public, to learn to identify native species, to learn how to identify and eradicate invasive exotic species and to receive guided tours by naturalists and land managers.***

Project Schedule:
Start Date: May 18, 1990
Finish Date: N/A – these lands are meant to be appreciated by this and future generations

Detailed Project Budget Information

	1990 - 2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Balance to Complete	Total
Local	700,000	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000*	~$50,000* annually	
Total	**700,000**	**45,000**	**50,000**	**50,000**	**50,000***		**TBD**

*** Dependent on availability of funds**

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Hyperlink: **www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands.asp**

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