



As a landowner on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) you are invited to take part in an effort to restore natural habitat on the privately owned shoreline along the river. The Marine Discovery Center (MDC) invites you to help us make a difference.

Why get involved:

1. Past restoration efforts within the IRL have concentrated on publicly owned lands. In order to increase the area of restoration, we are engaging private landowners to join in our restoration efforts.
2. Invasive species such as Brazilian pepper have invaded the shorelines of the IRL and displaced much of the native vegetation, including mangroves, which provide a natural defense against shoreline erosion and provide habitat for aquatic wildlife. Removing invasive plants and replanting with natives will increase wildlife utilization and reduce the spread of invasive species.
3. Help reduce water consumption and polluted runoff by planting a natural vegetative break between your home and the river. Native plants are better adapted to our local climate and require less irrigation, thereby reducing the amount of water and fertilizer/pesticides required to keep them healthy.

How to get involved:

1. If you are interested in being part of the restoration program or in hearing more about the IRL shoreline restoration project, please contact Stephanie Wolfe, at (386)428-4828 or email at stephanie@marinediscoverycenter.org.
2. Staff and volunteers at the MDC will meet with you to examine and discuss the various ways of enhancing and/or restoring your private shoreline.
3. MDC staff and volunteers will provide you with available plant nurseries and/or landscaping companies to utilize for restoration activities. MDC volunteers will also be available to assist with removal of invasive vegetation and replanting.

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