



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Pinecrest works to protect Pineland Rock Preserve and an endangered plant population which is one of three growing in the wild in Florida

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest is restoring a three acre Pineland Rock Preserve in the northeast corner of Coral Pine Park, which is home to the extremely rare Crenulated Lead Plant. The Crenulated Lead Plant population in Coral Pine Park is one of three growing in the wild in Florida. The other two populations exist in A.D. Barnes Park and Tropical Park in Miami-Dade County.

In 1995, there were 19 Crenulated Lead Plants left in the Pineland Rock Preserve. Today there are five.

Using the knowledge of the Village staff, a local native plant expert, and input from Fairchild Tropical Garden biologists, unwanted and exotic weed species in the Pineland Rock Preserve are being removed to allow much needed sunlight to get to the Crenulated Lead Plant.

The first phase of the project has begun with a restoration expert carefully marking the remaining few plants and staff removing unwanted and exotic weed species. Then replant and management phases will take place and are estimated to bridge the next two years. The goal is to restore the ecology of the Pineland Rock Preserve and to allow the rare plant species to regain a foothold.

To download a picture of the Crenulated Lead Plant, go to: <http://ge.tt/5L1XjZp1/v/0?c>.

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