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Samuel R. Metott, C.P.R.E.
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City of Delray Beach
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Dear Mr. Metott,

The Institute for Regional Conservation hereby requests permission to collect seeds, cuttings and divisions of native plants growing on City property at the Municipal Beach and at Atlantic Dunes Park, in support of our Restoring the Gold Coast program in southern Palm Beach County. These propagules would be used to restore and expand depleted populations of native plants when local origin is preferred, and/or plants are not available on the open market. We would work directly with local native plant nurseries to grow and distribute plants within the project. Best practices will be followed to ensure that native plant populations on City property are not harmed.

IRC would be responsible for obtaining any permits required by the State of Florida Division of Plant Industry. Only two species we propose to collect, beach-peanut (*Okenia hypogaea*) and beachstar (*Remirea maritima*), are Endangered and require state permits; none require a federal permit. Threatened species require only the written permission by the City.

We request this permission be granted for one year beginning September 1, 2019. Records of all collections will be kept and forwarded to the City on a quarterly basis. Collection date, GIS coordinates, species collected, propagule type (seeds, cuttings, divisions), and number of propagules collected will be reported. If you agree with this proposal, please respond by letter or email acknowledging your agreement with the contents of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

George Gann
Executive Director & Chief Conservation Strategist
The Institute for Regional Conservation