



Invitation to Join the Connect to Protect Network

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden invites you to join the **Connect to Protect Network (CTPN)**. The network is designed to ensure the health and sustainability of the globally endangered pine rocklands in Miami-Dade County – an ecosystem with great biodiversity, including nearly 400 rare and common plant species. By planting native plant corridors or stepping stone gardens between pine rockland areas, we can help ensure that birds, butterflies, and bees can find and disperse the pollen and seeds necessary for sustaining and improving the health of remaining pine rockland fragments. At the same time we'll be beautifying public spaces and our own gardens, while reducing water and fertilizer use.

In joining the **Network**, please check all that apply:

Yes, I am willing to maintain the existing pine rocklands on my property for at least 5 years.

Yes, I would like to create or restore a pine rockland stepping stone garden and maintain it for at least 3 years.

Yes, I am willing to provide or allow Fairchild to record a GPS point of my property so that they can create a map displaying the entire CTPN.

Yes, I would be willing to contribute seeds to Fairchild or allow Fairchild to collect seeds from my property for school gardens or other pine rockland restoration projects in Miami-Dade County.

Yes, I would like to have my name posted on the Fairchild web page as a CTPN partner and receive contact information about other CTPN members.

Yes, I would like to be notified about any courses that may be offered related to pine rocklands.

Yes, I would like to be notified when group volunteer restoration projects are planned.

Yes, I would like to become a Rare Plant Foster Gardener. I am willing to plant 10-20 plants, keep records, and report about the health and condition of the plants to Fairchild semi-annually.

From Fairchild, I would like:

Advice about how to maintain my pine rockland plants

One pine rockland plant starter kit for my pine rockland garden

Help organizing and training volunteers to remove invasive plants from my pine rockland

To schedule a presentation on the Corridors Project for my civic group, business or school

To receive the Connect to Protect Newsletter

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Affiliation _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please return form to Dr. Joyce Maschinski, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 11935 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, FL 33156. jmaschinski@fairchildgarden.org

We appreciate your help with this environmental effort!