

# January - June 2009 Volunteer Program Results



**Volunteer Projects: 39**

**Volunteers Participating in Projects: 789**

**Volunteer Hours Donated to County: 2,687**

**Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours: \$30,364\***

\*Using May 2008 Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for West Palm Beach / Boca Raton / Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division - United States Department of Labor website (www.bls.gov)



## Trash and Invasive Plant Removal

Amount of trash and invasive plants removed from natural areas: **16,672 pounds – that is more than 8 tons!**

Unusual items found in the natural areas: car door, stamp album, toilet, electric fan, old telephone, mattress, cast iron tub, truck topper, metal tank, inline skate, refrigerators, bicycles, shopping cart, port-a-let door, suitcase, patio table



## Planting Native Trees, Shrubs, Grasses

Total number of native plants installed during habitat restoration projects on County natural areas: **10,191**

Sawgrass: 7,000 seedlings  
 Cordgrass: 2,050 seedlings  
 Other wetland plants (including mangroves): 800  
 Groundcover (gopher apple and coontie): 105  
 Trees and Shrubs (scrub oaks, saw palmettos, pond apples, cypress): 236



## Miscellaneous

Hiking trail cut along the Ocean to Lake Trail: **425 ft.**

Wire mesh fencing installed to protect wildlife: **300 ft.**

Seedlings potted and placed in the Department's nursery for use in future restoration projects: **1,876**

Distributed native seedlings at two special events (South Florida Fair / Everglades Day)



## Natural Area Stewards

This special group of volunteers monitor the Department's natural areas and report on maintenance issues, wildlife sightings, and illegal activities. They interact with the public, providing information on the plants and animals that live in the County's natural areas. The stewards participate in group work projects (see above) and also do individual clean ups, exotic plant removal, and trail maintenance.

