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***COME CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!  
DUNE PLANTING ON HOLLYWOOD BEACH  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

**Hollywood, FL** – The City of Hollywood is partnering with the Youth Environmental Alliance (YEA) to rehabilitate the sand dune at Eucalyptus Terrace on Hollywood Beach. YEA will lead more than 75 workers and volunteers from Wells Fargo for their “Day of Service” project, in honor of Earth Day, on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**





The City was awarded \$5,000 from Broward County’s Coastal Dune Restoration Grant Program for the restoration of this degraded dune. As part of the overall restoration project, crews have already removed non-native plants and other woody species. Volunteers will now fill in the open spaces by planting close to 5,000 sea oats, grasses and other low-growing native species in an effort to restore the dune.

Media is invited to attend the dune restoration on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. City of Hollywood Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, Elaine Franklin, will be on-hand and available for interviews. Paid on-street parking and paid parking in the City-operated surface lots at Azalea Terrace is available on a first come, first served basis. For those parking at Azalea Terrace, walk 4 blocks south along S Surf Road to the Eucalyptus Terrace dune.

Dune restoration projects such as this have been taking place along Hollywood Beach for many years now. Contractors and volunteers have removed exotic species, replanted native vegetation and have conducted select pruning in an effort to restore the dunes to full health. Signage has also been added to the beach to help educate the public on the importance of coastal dunes. Dunes help protect inland areas from storm events, prevent erosion, retain sand, preserve threatened plant species, and provide a vibrant habitat for wildlife. In addition

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to general maintenance, future restoration projects are planned at multiple dunes along Hollywood Beach as part of the City's overall Dune Master Plan Process.

For media inquiries, please contact City of Hollywood Communications Manager Joann Hussey at 954.921.3328.

**Event Schedule:**

**Dune Planting Day**

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Event Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Eucalyptus Terrace and S Surf Road on Hollywood Beach

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