



2007 Emerald Award Winner For Environmental Excellence

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NatureScape Broward Special Achievement



Located on 24 acres in the city of Parkland, Florida, Mary Help of Christians serves the residents of Parkland and Coral Springs. The Land Stewardship Committee of this church began in 1994 shortly after the Archdiocese of Miami acquired the present grounds. The Committee is composed of members of the parish who share both the faith and a deep love of the land as well as the creatures and plants upon it. Working from the central theme of their faith, this group has assisted the pastor in many phases of development. This would include planning the layout of the infrastructure, designing the landscape palette and plan, and maintaining the property in a manner consistent with good land stewardship techniques.

Mary Help of Christians landscaping achievements include:

- Developing a 24-acre campus of native landscaping.
- Planting and cultivating 192 species of plants, mostly native.
- Creating a habitat for foxes, raccoons, rare butterflies, and songbirds.
- Providing teaching gardens for elementary school students as well as areas for spiritual reflection.
- Calling forth a group of volunteers and educating them in aspects of land stewardship to guarantee the concept would be continued.



The Hammock has restored wildlife habitat for many native species. Pictured here is a foxes den.



Signage reflecting the care and pride in the restoration and protection of nature.



Paul Gore receives NatureScape Certified Yard Sign from Diana Guidry.



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