



# VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

A guide for the maintenance, improvement and preservation of tree canopy in  
the Village of PALMETTO BAY

Adopted by the Tree Advisory Board, October 2015



## Tree Management Plan Summary

- method of implementing our program to maintain and improve our tree canopy.
- provide guidance for tree management within the Village and strategies for implementing the goals and objectives of the plan.
- guide the implementation of the Village's planting, removal, pruning, trimming and other tree work.
- the basis for prioritization, scheduling and budgeting for the management of the Village's community forest, to assure tree health and survival.
- provide long term benefits through the elimination of hazardous conditions and the creation of a more diverse canopy with increased resistance to disease and storm events.
- the Tree Advisory Board endeavors to review and amend the Tree Management Plan as necessary.



The Tree Management Plan is divided into 5 sections:

- 1) Tree Inventory Action Plan
- 2) Significant Natural Forested Areas
- 3) Funding and Budgeting Action Plan
- 4) Five Year Action Plan
- 5) References List





Action Item 1B: The Tree Advisory Board will provide an Annual Summary Report and Work Plan to the Village of PALMETTO BAY, with respect to species composition, diversity, health factors, and prioritization, relating to the most current Tree Inventory.

Health Assessment: The tree inventory rates the overall condition of the trees as (1) excellent, (2) average, (3) poor, (4) insect damaged, (5) physically damaged, or (6) under stress.

Priorities List: Because there are many needs throughout the Village, a priority list will be established in the Annual Summary Report and Work Plan. Examples of general priorities include:

1. Trees that are dead, dying or diseased will be removed.
2. Trees that are prohibited under Village Code Section 30.100.3(d)(1) or County Code will be removed.
3. Trees that obstruct visibility on streets and at intersections (motorist/pedestrian safety) will be pruned or removed.
4. Trees that interfere with pedestrian safety on sidewalks will be pruned or removed.





## 2. Significant Natural Forested Areas

In addition to the substantial street tree canopy of the Village, significant natural forested areas exist within the Village. These forested areas were beyond the scope of the initial Tree Inventory.

Some of the largest and most environmentally sensitive forests within the Village are located on public lands such as the pine rockland / hardwood hammock at the Deering Estate and the pine rockland at Coral Reef Park. Other significant forested areas are located on privately owned lands, which may have little or no regulatory protections under applicable laws and may not be properly managed or maintained. Because of the intrinsic aesthetic and environmental values provided to the Village and its residents, this Tree Management plan includes management considerations and action items for these significant forested areas.



### 3. Funding and Budgeting Action Plan

Funding for the tree program comes from a variety of sources, such as General Fund, Tree Program Departments, Donations, and Grants (Community Forestry, Arbor Day, Tree City, etc.)

Action Item 3: The Tree Advisory Board will review budgets annually (est. May or June) to make tree/landscape related funding and budget recommendations to the Village Council for incorporation into the PALMETTO BAY Village Annual Budget.

The following table is a guideline for funding allocation for annual tree related activities:

#### ACTIVITY - % OF ANNUAL BUDGET

Removal of hazardous, prohibited, dead, and declining trees: 20%

Tree maintenance activities (trimming, pruning, etc.): 40%

Tree Planting: 35%

Administrative Activities: 5%



## 4. Five Year Action Plan

Action Item 4: The Tree Advisory Board will establish a “Five Year Action Plan” to serve as a guide for the Board’s goals and objectives for a five (5) year period to help ensure implementation of the Tree Management Plan.

## 5. Reference List

A reference list is established for use by the Village and the Tree Advisory Board as a tool in implementing the goals and objectives of the Tree Management Plan and Five Year Work Plan.

