



City of Miami Gardens



Tree Activities



History

- * incorporated in 2003... the City was deficient in tree canopy due to the destruction from past storms
- * Landscaping and increasing canopy became a priority for the new City
- * incorporated minimum landscaping requirements in the Land Development Regulations

Purpose and Intent

- * to provide regulations for:
 - installation and maintenance of landscaping and landscaped open space
 - to utilize landscaping and landscaped open space as an effective means of conserving energy
 - to preserve open space, to maintain and improve the aesthetic quality of the city
 - promote the health and general welfare of, and increase the quality of life of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Land Development Regulations

- * trees to be planted not just in the private property but also on the City's Right of Way
- * Requiring sound landscaping practices, minimizing the loss of native trees and vegetation, and establishing a robust and uniform natural landscape in the City
- * Developments that are legally nonconforming can remain that way for a period of 5 years after which, they will be in violation of the code.

Landscape Permits

- * A landscape plan must be submitted with the permit application that details the specifics of the plant material and trees of both existing and proposed material.
- * Existing specimen trees and native vegetation must be preserved as much as possible.
- * The plan shall include use of native plant and drought tolerant species.
- * LDR details the number of trees and number of species required.

Protection and Enforcement

- * As protection for trees, penalties were added to the Land Development Regulation for illegal tree removal or damages to the canopy such as hat racking.
- * Everything should be done to relocate trees or replace the removals with same or extra canopy cover.
- * Where a landscape or buffering requirement set forth in the LDR cannot be complied with, a waiver to contribute funds in lieu of complying with the requirement can be obtained.
- * The funds collected would go towards the street tree planting efforts throughout the City; efforts are made to plant trees as close to that property as possible.

Before

After



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