

## STREET TREE PROGRAM

**Purpose:** In 1976, the City of Plantation initiated the Street Tree Program to increase the City's tree canopy, help stabilize the earth's environment, and enhance its residential and public streets. This program has afforded the City with some of the finest canopied streets within South Florida.

**Eligibility:** Single-family residences, neighborhoods and communities may qualify for the Street Tree Program. (*Planned Residential Developments (PRD) and some subdivisions governed by homeowners associations may not meet the criteria or be eligible for the Street Tree Program.*)

**The City's responsibilities include:** purchasing the trees, locating all utilities, planting and incorporating the trees as part of the City's inventory and maintenance program.

**The Property Owner's responsibilities include\*:** watering-in to help establish the trees, as well as, provide day-to-day care of the trees, which includes regular watering, fertilizing & mulching, keeping tree free from injury by equipment (weed whackers, lawn mowers, cars, etc.) and removing staking materials within six months of planting. The property owner is also asked to notify the Department of Landscape Architecture of any problems or unusual changes to the trees.

*\*Replacement Fee: If a tree dies due to lack of water or neglect by the home/property owner, a fee of \$50 per tree will be assessed for its replacement.*

**Costs:** the City of Plantation and the property owner(s) share the initial cost of the trees. Currently, property/home owners are billed \$100 per tree.

**The Process:** City staff schedule plantings 2-3 times throughout the year, which allows for site visits to take place, materials to be secured, and schedules to be coordinated.

Every homeowner(s) who request a street tree(s) is placed on a Street Tree Request List. Requests are entered, dated and categorized by address/zone. A staff member from the Department of Landscape Architecture will conduct a site visit to the property to determine the quantity, tree species, and placement of tree in accordance to swale size and location. Once the quantity, specie and location have been confirmed with the property/home owner(s), the trees will be purchased and the city's landscape crew and/or contractor will be advised to schedule and coordinate the planting(s).

If you would like to participate in the Street Tree Program, please complete a Street Tree Request form and return it by email to: [snewman@plantation.org](mailto:snewman@plantation.org); via fax: 954-797-2793; or by regular mail to: City of Plantation - Department of Landscape Architecture: 400 NW 73rd Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33317 - Attn: Street Tree Program.

If you would like more information, please contact Suzanne "Suzee" Newman, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator at 954-797-2652.