STREET TREE PROGRAM

**Purpose:** The City of Plantation initiated the Street Tree Program in 1976 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 in 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, and provide day-to-day care of the trees, which includes regular watering, fertilizing & keeping the tree(s) free from injury by equipment (weed whackers, lawn mowers, cars, etc.). The property owner is also asked to notify the Public Works Department -Landscape Division of any problems or unusual changes to the trees.

**Costs:** the City of Plantation through the Tree Beautification Fund will cover all of the expenses. There is no cost to the residents. The number of trees planted each year will be determined by the budget.

**The Process:** City staff schedules plantings by requests only on a case by case basis, which allows for site visits to take place, materials to be procured, and installation schedules to be coordinated. Every homeowner(s) who requests a street tree(s) is placed on a Street Tree Request List. Requests are entered, dated and categorized by address/zone. The Public Works – Landscape Division staff will conduct a site visit to the property to determine if the site meets requirements, appropriate tree species, quantity and placement of a tree(s) in accordance to swale size and location. Once the quantity, species and location have been confirmed with the property/home owner(s), the trees are purchased and the planting is coordinated and scheduled.

If you would like to participate in the Street Tree Program, please complete a **Street Tree Program Request Form** and return it by email to: srodgers@plantation.org; via fax: 954-452-2548; or by regular mail to: City of Plantation, Public Works Department, 750 NW 91st Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324 – Attn: Street Tree Program.

If you would like more information, please contact Steve Rodgers, at 954-452-2535 or via email at srodgers@plantation.org.