



1. SEE PLANT LIST AND NOTES FOR ALL PLANT SPECIFICATIONS.
2. THE MINIMUM PLANTING AREA FOR NEWLY PLANTED STREET TREES SHALL BE A MIN. ROOTZONE VOLUME OF 700 CUBIC FEET, 550 CUBIC FEET FOR TREES THAT SHARE A ROOTZONE. ALL OTHER SHADE TREES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A MIN. ROOTZONE OF 420 CUBIC FEET.
3. SHADE TREES SHALL BE LOCATED SO THAT THE TRUNK IS LOCATED A MIN. OF 10'-0" FROM A BUILDING FACE OR ANY MAJOR ARCH. BUILDING FEATURE.
4. A MIN. SEPARATION OF 7'-6" IS REQUIRED BETWEEN ALL TREES AND EXISTING OR PROPOSED UTILITIES, EXCEPT WASTEWATER MAINS & LATERALS, A 10'-0" SEPARATION IS REQUIRED.
5. ALL REQUIRED TREES ARE PROVIDED FROM THE GAINESVILLE TREE LIST.
6. TREES LOCATED NEAR ANY STREETS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL CLEAR ZONE REQUIREMENTS, REFER THE CIVIL ENGR'S. DWGS. FOR ALL SIGHT LINE INFORMATION.
7. ALL TREE REMOVAL & PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 300-254 OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE LOC.
8. TREES SHALL HAVE A MIN. HEIGHT OF 7'-0" & A MIN. CALIPER OF 2", MEASURED 4'-6" ABOVE ADJACENT GRADE.
9. AT LEAST 75% OF THE TREES REQUIRED SHALL BE OF A NATIVE SPECIES.
10. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THE LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.
11. PLANT QUANTITIES ARE A GUIDE ONLY. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL QUANTITIES AND PROVIDE AN EVEN SHRUB COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SPECIFICATIONS.
12. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPLACE ANY EXISTING PLANT MATERIAL DESIGNATED TO BE PRESERVED THAT IS DAMAGED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.
13. ALL PALMS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSPLANTED SHALL BE RELOCATED TO PROPOSED LOCATIONS AS SHOWN ON THE LANDSCAPE PLAN. ALL TRANSPLANTED PALMS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH AN AUTOMATIC WATER SURGE DURING CONSTRUCTION. ALL TREES TO BE TRANSPLANTED SHALL BE MARKED ON THEIR NORTH SIDE PRIOR TO RELOCATION FROM ORIGINAL ON-SITE LOCATIONS FOR FUTURE ORIENTATION & PLACEMENT REFERENCE.

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# PLANT LIST


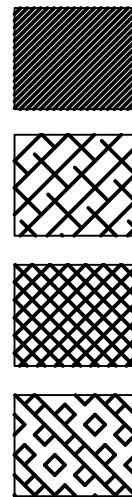
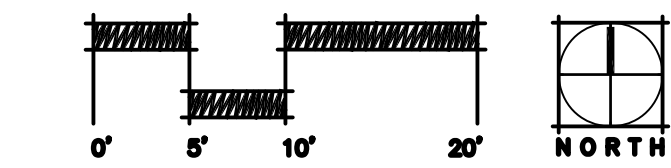
<div>  </div>	<u>TREES</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
		COD	2	COCCOLOBA DIVERSIFOLIA	PIGEON PLUM	65 GAL., 8'-9' HT. X 5'-6' SPRD., MULTI.
		PDT	2	PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA	TRANSPLANTED DATE PALM	TRANSPLANTED FROM PARK LOCATIONS
		PIP	8	PISCIDIA PISCIPULA	JAMAICAN DOGWOOD	65 GAL., 8'-9' HT. X 5'-6' SPRD., MULTI.
		RYR	11	ROYSTONEA REGIA	ROYAL PALM	F.G., 18' C.T., SPECIMEN, MATCHED
		THR	4	THRINAX RADIATA	FLORIDA THATCH PALM	65 GAL., 8'-9' C.T., 3.5" MIN CAL
<div>  </div>	<u>SHRUB AREAS</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
		CRI	554	CHRYSOBALANUS ICACO 'RED TIP'	RED TIP COCOPLUM	3 GAL., 15"-18" HT. X 15" -18" SPRD., 30" O.C.
		HLD	287	HELIANTHUS DEBILIS	CUCUMBERLEAF SUNFLOWER	1 GAL., FULL IN POT, 24" O.C.
		STJ	74	STACHYTARPHETA JAMAICENSIS	NATIVE PORTER	1 GAL., FULL IN POT, 24" O.C.
		URL	72	URECHITES LUTEA	WILD ALLAMANDA	1 GAL., FULL IN POT, 24" O.C.
		ST. AUGUSTINE- PALMETTO				



Diagram illustrating the components of a tree symbol:

- PLANT SYMBOL (XX)
- PLANT QUANTITY (00)
- ESTIMATED DRIP-LINE (dashed circle)
- EXISTING CANOPY TREE TO REMAIN (solid circle)
- 3" CRUSHED GRAVEL (rectangular area)
- ST. AUGUSTINE-PALMETTO (rectangular area)

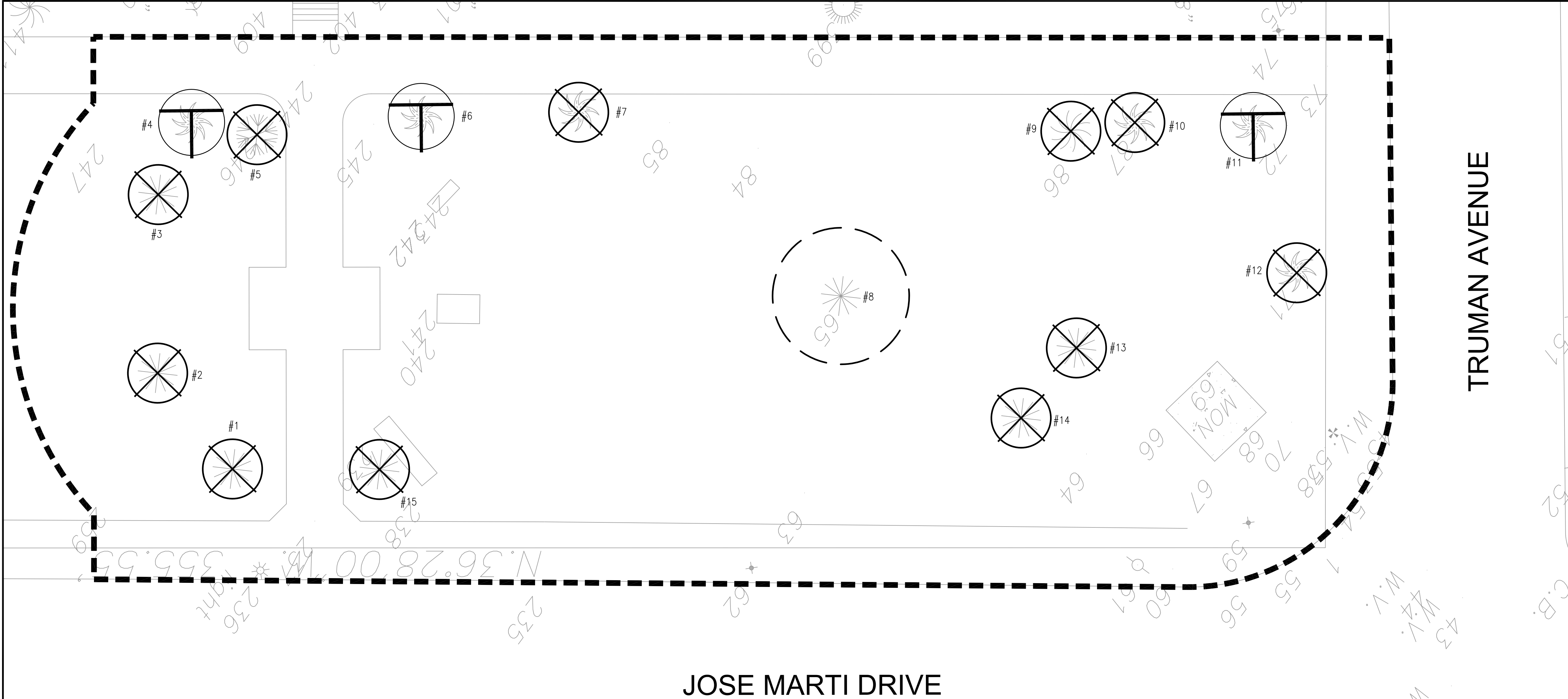
The floor plan shows a rectangular building with a central corridor. On the left side, there are several classrooms, each containing a desk and chair. A large open area, possibly a gymnasium or cafeteria, occupies the right side of the building. The plan also shows a main entrance and various smaller rooms and storage areas.



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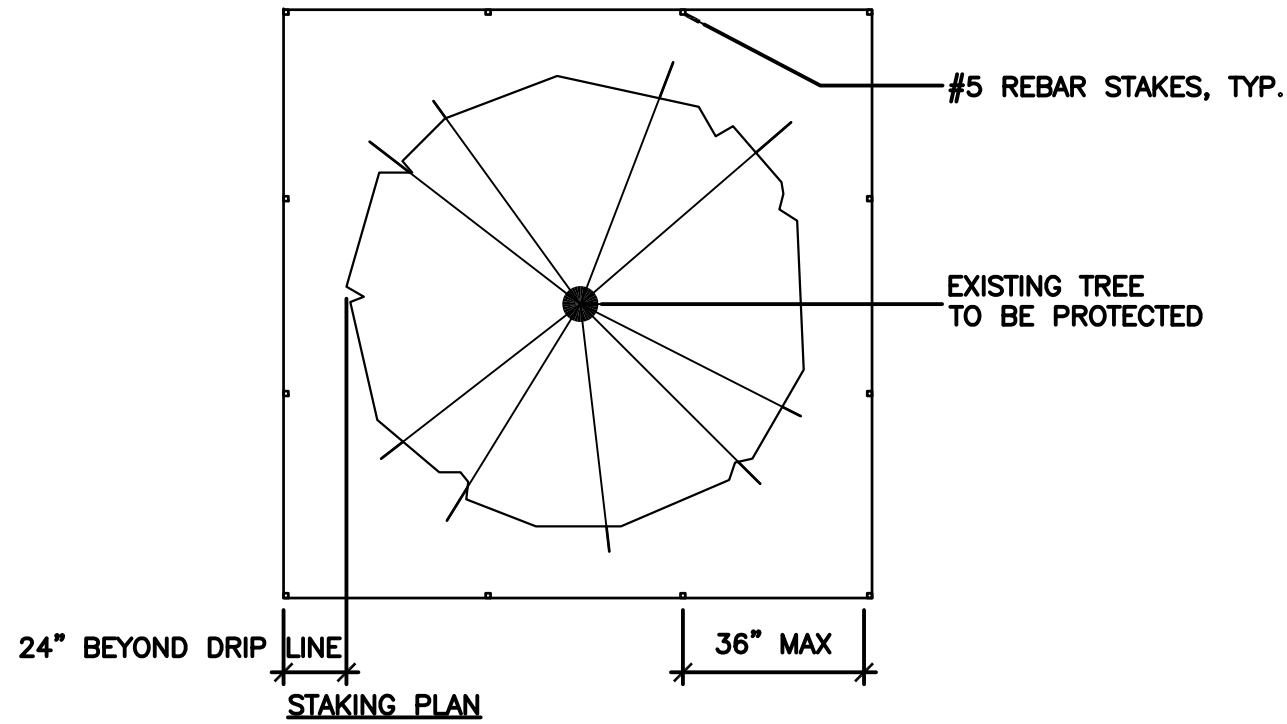
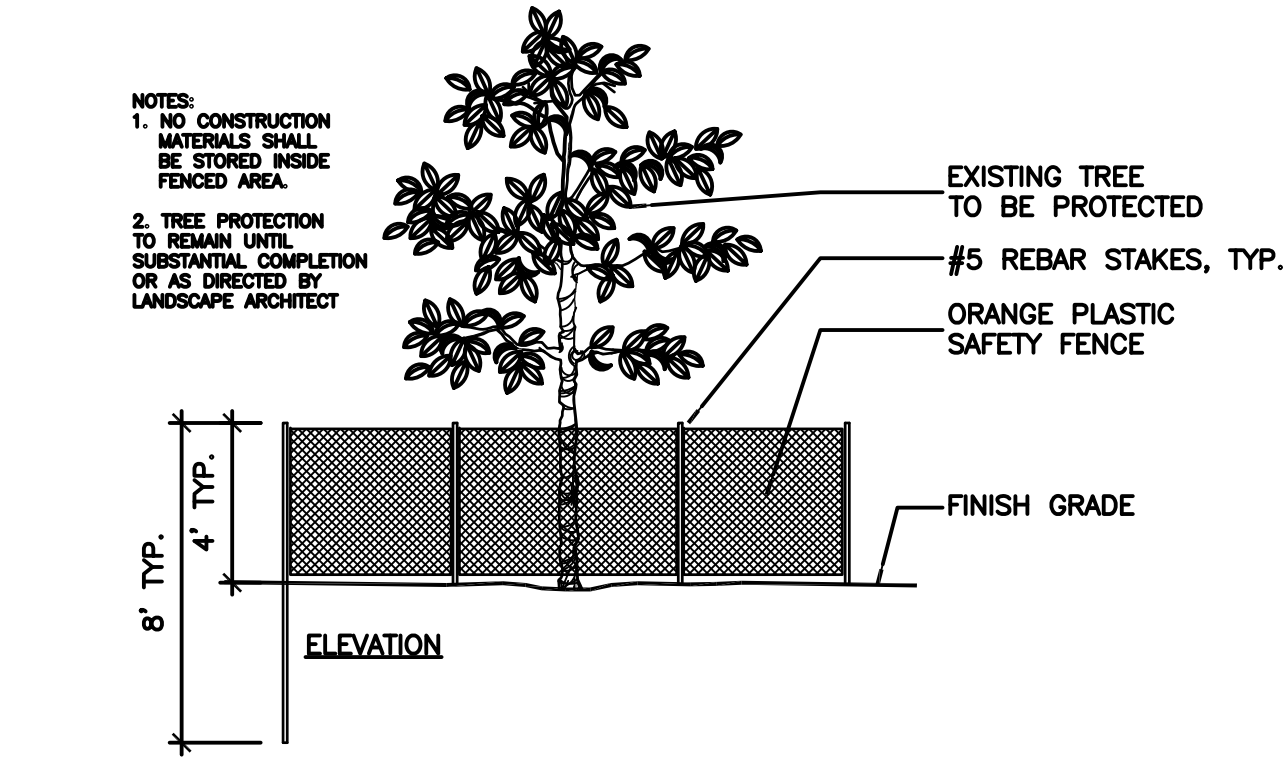


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TRUMAN AVENUE

Tree Survey Inventory

Number	Common Name	Size ("DBH)	Condition	Remain / Transplant / Remove
1	Royal Poinciana	12.7	Poor	Remove
2	Royal Poinciana	11	Very Poor	Remove
3	Royal Poinciana	11.7	Fair / Poor	Remove
4	Date Palm		Fair	Transplant
5	Yellow Poinciana	12.7	Fair	Remove
6	Date Palm			Transplant
7	Date Palm		Poor	Remove
8	Royal Poinciana			Remain
9	Coconut Palm			Remove
10	Washingtonia Palm			Remove
11	Date Palm			Transplant
12	Washingtonia Palm			Remove
13	Royal Poinciana	12.7	Poor	Remove
14	Royal Poinciana	10.5	Fair	Remove
15	Royal Poinciana	18.8	Fair	Remove



TREE PROTECTION DETAIL  
SCALE: 1/2"=1'-0"

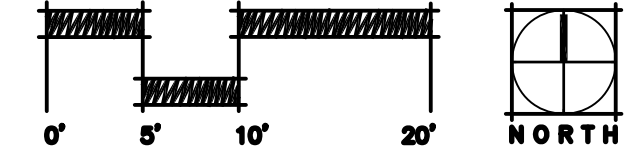
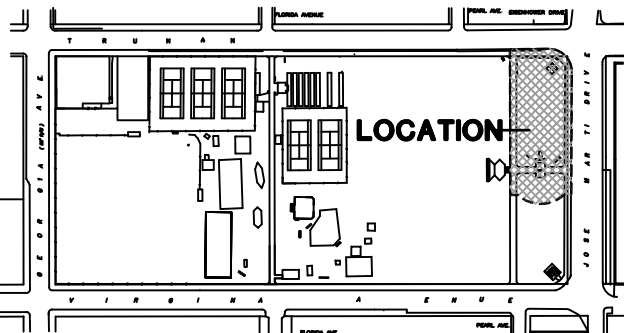
LEGEND ? SYMBOLS

- LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
- + EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN
- ⊗ EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED
- ⊕ RELOCATED CANOPY TREE

NOTES

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VICINITY MAP



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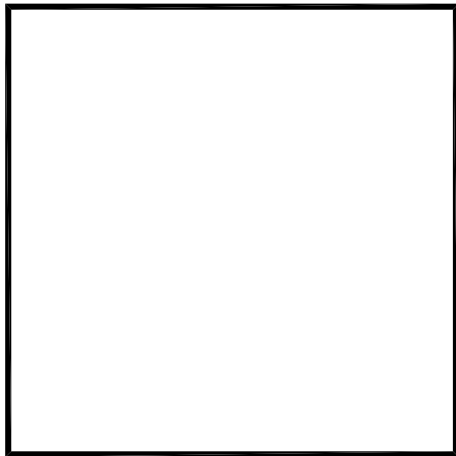
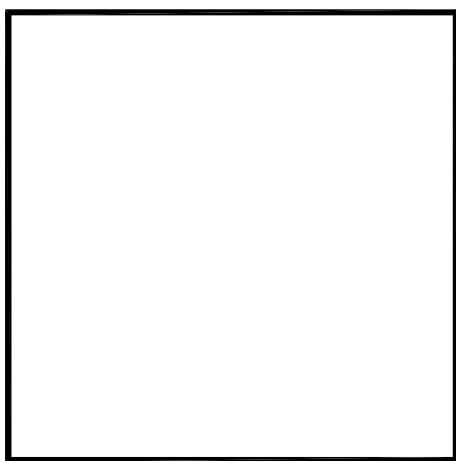


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# STAFF REPORT

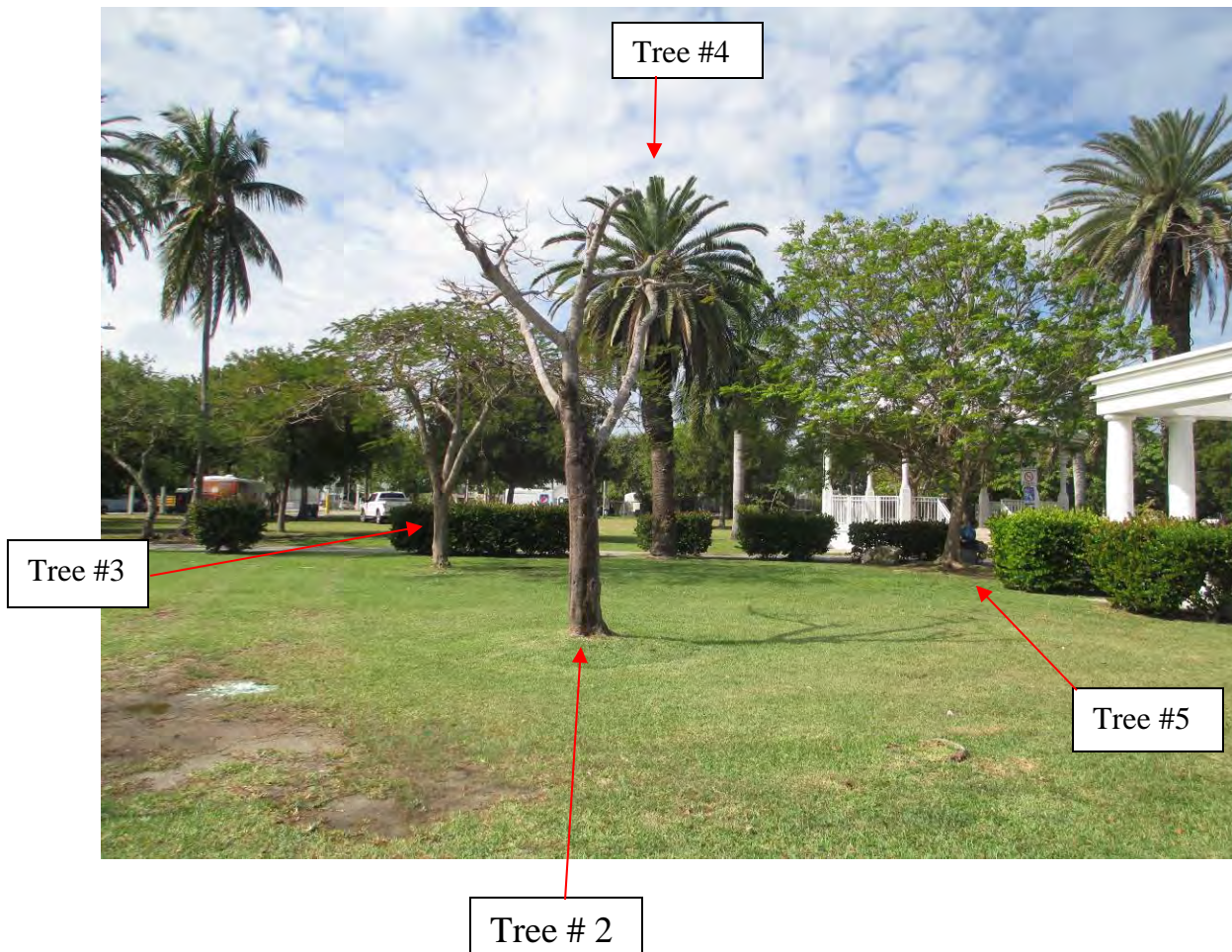
DATE: December 23, 2014

**RE: 1400 Truman Avenue-Bayview Park, Vietnam Living Memorial  
(permit application # 7206)**

FROM: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager,  
City of Key West

An application was received for the removal and transplanting of trees for the creation of the Vietnam Memorial at Bayview Park. The development of the project will result in the removal of **(6) Royal Poinciana trees, (1) Yellow Poinciana tree, (2) Washingtonian Palms, (1) Coconut Palm, and (1) Date Palm and the transplanting of (3) Date Palms**. A site inspection was done on December 23, 2014. Photos were also taken in February 2014.

Photos of project area taken from Jose Marti Drive (left to right).





Tree #6

Tree #5



Tree #15

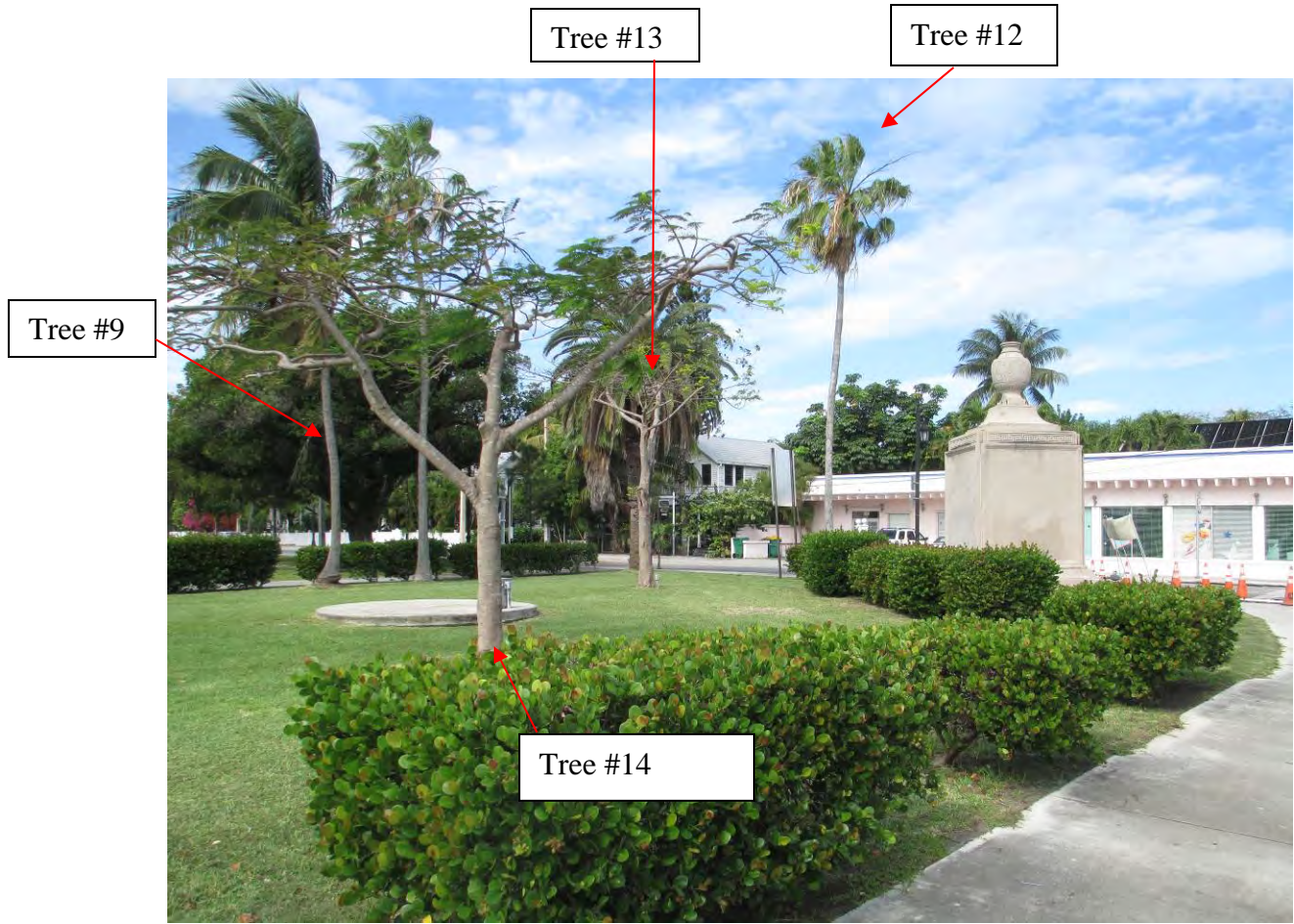
Tree # 1



Tree # 1 and #15









**Tree #1. Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)**



Diameter: 12.7"

Location: 60% (roots of tree impacted by full moon high tides/salt water)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30% (poor)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = **8 replacement caliper inches**



**Tree #2. Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)**



Diameter: 11"  
Location: 70%  
Species: 100% (on protected tree list)  
Condition: 20% (very poor)  
Total Average Value = 63%  
Value x Diameter = **6.9**  
**replacement caliper inches**





**Tree #3. Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)**





Diameter: 11.7"

Location: 80%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor)

Total Average Value = 76%

Value x Diameter = **8.8 replacement caliper inches**

Tree #4. Canary Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)





Tree #5. Yellow Poinciana (*Peltophorum pterocarpum*)







Diameter: 12.7"

Location: 80%

Species: 50% (not on protected or not protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = **8 replacement caliper inches**



Tree #6. Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)





Tree #7. Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)





Tree #8. Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) TREE TO REMAIN



Tree #9. Coconut Palm (*Cocos nucifera*)





Tree #10. Washingtonian Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)



Tree #11. Canary Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)





Tree #12. Washingtonian Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)



Tree #13. Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)







Diameter: 12.7"

Location: 80%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = **9.2 replacement caliper inches**



Tree #14. Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)







Diameter: 10.5"

Location: 70%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair)

Total Average Value = 76%

Value x Diameter = **7.9 replacement caliper inches**



Tree #15. Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)











Diameter: 18.8"

Location: 60% (roots of tree impacted by full moon high tides/salt water)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = **13.7 replacement caliper inches**

NOTE: The Royal Poinciana trees in this area are all stressed. Tidal salt water from the Jose Marti pond area comes up through the drainage grates. Salt water has been observed at the base of Royal Poinciana trees #1 and #15. Royal Poinciana trees do not like salt water in their roots for periods of time nor lots of direct salt spray.

Plants in this area of Bayview Park should be salt tolerant due to excess amounts of direct salt spray and salt water intrusion into the root systems.



## TREE SYNOPSIS

### 1. Trees Being removed-Replacements

#### Dicot Trees:

#1 = 8 caliper inches

#2 = 6.9 caliper inches

#3 = 8.8 caliper inches

#5 = 8 caliper inches

#13 = 9.2 caliper inches

#14 = 7.9 caliper inches

#15 = 13.7 caliper inches

Palm Trees: #7, #9, #10, #12

Total: 62.5 caliper inches and 4-native palms

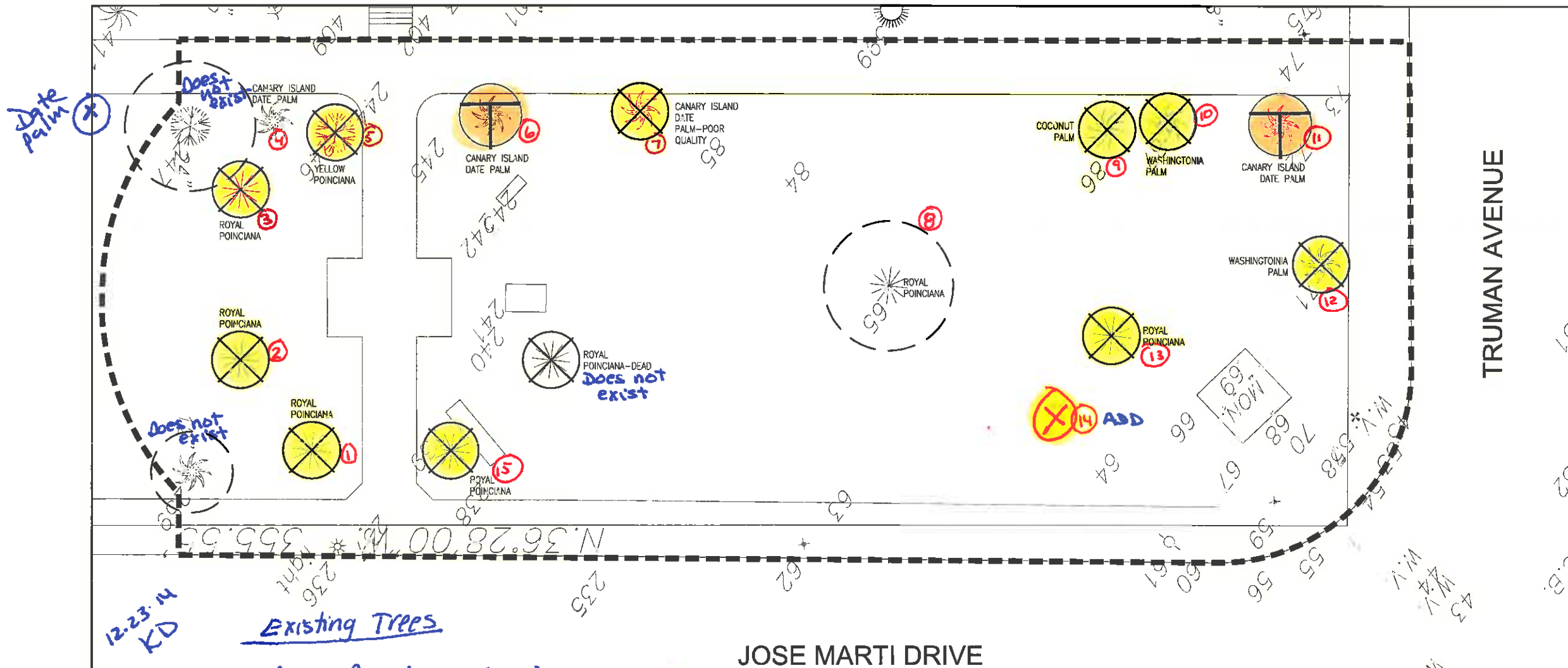
### 2. Trees to be Transplanted On Site: #4, #6, and #11 (Canary Date Palms)

### 3. Trees to Remain: #8 (Royal Poinciana)

Approval of the landscape plan is a Final Landscape Plan approval with Tree Removal. In consulting with the Interim Planning Director, the only other approval needed for this project is HARC and City Commission review and approval.

The group that is responsible for building the Vietnam Living Memorial is an approved 501C.3 organization.





- LEGEND & SYMBOLS**
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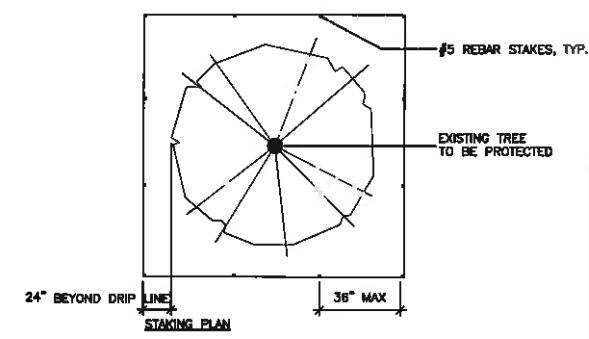
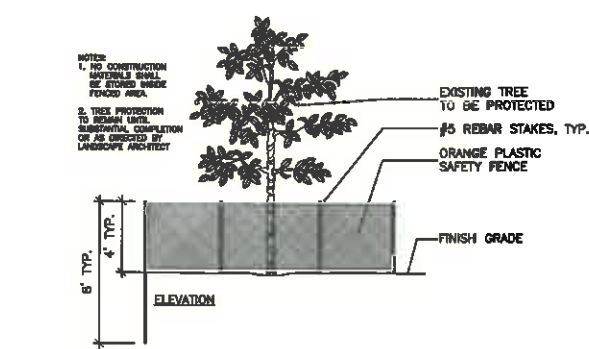
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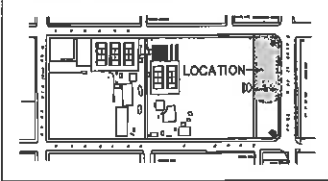
## Existing Trees

- JOSE MARTI DRIVE
- 1= Royal Poinciana (poor) - remove: 12.7" dbh
  - 2= Royal Poinciana (very poor) - remove: 11" dbh
  - 3= Royal Poinciana (fair to poor) - remove: 11.7" dbh
  - 4= Date Palm - ?
  - 5= Yellow Poinciana (Fair): 12.7" dbh
  - 6= Date Palm - Transplant
  - 7= Date Palm (poor) - remove
  - 8= Royal Poinciana - REMAIN
  - 9= Coconut Palm - remove
  - 10= Washingtonia Palm - remove
  - 11= Date Palm - Transplant
  - 12= Washingtonia Palm - remove
  - 13= Royal Poinciana (poor) - remove: 12.7" dbh
  - 14= Royal Poinciana (Fair)?: 10.5" dbh
  - 15= Royal Poinciana (Fair) - remove: 13.8" dbh



**TREE PROTECTION DETAIL**  
 SCALE: 1/2"=1'-0"

## VICINITY MAP



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## TREE REMOVAL PLAN L0.1



# Application



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Does not go  
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Board

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## Tree Permit Application

Date: December 16, 2014

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

**Tree Address** 1400 Truman Ave.  
Bayview Park

**Cross/Corner Street** Jose Marti Drive and Truman Boulevard

**List Tree Name(s) and Quantity** 6-Royal Palm 1-Yellow Palm 2-Washington Palms 1-Coccoloba  
**Species Type(s) check all that apply** (x) Palm (x) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade ( ) Unsure 1-Dark palm  
**Reason(s) for Application:** Transplant: 3-date palms

( ) REMOVE (x) Tree Health ( ) Safety ( ) Other/Explain below

( ) TRANSPLANT (x) New Location (x) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below

( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

**Other/Explain** New hardscape design necessitates the removal of marginal materials.  
Transplanting marginal materials would be a financial and safety risk

**Reason for Request** To accommodate the new design for the Vietnam Living Memorial  
Garden Park

**Property Owner Name** City of Key West

**Property Owner eMail Address**

**Property Owner Mailing Address** 3140 Flagler Avenue

**Property Owner Mailing City** Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33034

**Property Owner Phone Number** ( 305 ) 809 - 3768

**Property Owner Signature** [Signature]

**Representative Name** Bender & Associates Architect / Keith Oropeza

**Representative eMail Address** koropeza@leainc.com

**Representative Mailing Address** 401 Angela Street

**Representative Mailing City** Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040

**Representative Phone Number** ( 407 ) 222 - 9583

NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( )

<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape

See Attached Documents

If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.





## Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 12.19.14

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address Bayview Park  
Property Owner Name City of Key West  
Property Owner eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409  
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041  
Property Owner Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Name Bender + Assoc + Keith Oropeza - Littlejohn  
Representative eMail Address Koroepza@leainc.com  
Representative Mailing Address 401 Angela St  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Representative Phone Number (407) 222 - 9583

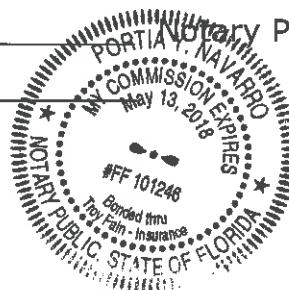
I J. K. Scholl, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature J. K. Scholl

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 19<sup>TH</sup> day December 2014.

By (Print name of Affiant) J. K. Scholl who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
Sign Name: Portia Y. Navarro  
Print Name: PORTIA Y. NAVARRO  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_





## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Keith Oropeza <koropeza@leainc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 11:42 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** Michael Vieux; Bender & Associates  
**Subject:** KW Vietnam Memorial  
**Attachments:** L1-0\_Landscape Plan.pdf; L0-1 Tree Removal Plan.pdf; KWVM Tree Commission Permit revised.pdf

Hi Karen,

Attached please find our application for tree transplants and removals for the Key West Vietnam Living Memorial at Bayview Park. Included is a tree removal plan and new landscape replacement plan. I'd like to request we be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

Thank you, best regards and happy holidays!

**Keith Oropeza, PLA, ASLA**  
*Senior Project Manager*

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## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Keith Oropeza <koropeza@leainc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2014 12:12 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: Vietnam Living Memorial

the royals represent the 11 service men from key west that died in the war. I need a palm that stands out. I noticed the ones by the Jose marti memorial look good.

if can recommend another that would be helpful.

thanks, Keith

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2014, at 12:05 PM, "Karen DeMaria" <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)> wrote:

That is better then what they had originally proposed. Not sure of the Royal Palms though. That area has a very tidally influenced high salt water table and gets a lot of impact from wind salt.

FYI--I am looking at possibly putting some cabbage palms from Caroline Street along Jose Marti Drive in the street planters.

Sincerely,

Karen

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**From:** Keith Oropeza [<mailto:koropeza@leainc.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2014 11:14 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** Bender & Associates; Michael Vieux  
**Subject:** Vietnam Living Memorial

Hi Karen,

We're working on the plant plans for the Vietnam Living Memorial. I'm using a pretty small and simple plant palette for this project . . . should be easily maintained. Materials include:

1. Jamaican Dogwood
2. Dune Sunflower
3. Wild Alamanda
4. Key Thatch Palm
5. Mayten and/or Coco Plum
6. Royal Palms
7. Wild Lantana
8. Transplanted Date Palms

Let me know if you have and concerns regards these plan maerials.

Thanks, KO

**Keith Oropeza, PLA, ASLA**  
*Senior Project Manager*

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## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Jerry Hughes <jhughesgroupins@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 4:33 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria; blbender@bellsouth.net; koropeza@leainc.com  
**Subject:** Re: Vietnam Memorial Garden - 501(c)(3) paperwork  
**Attachments:** VLM.501c(3).approval.ltr.pdf

Karen...

Attached per your request is our 501(c)(3) paperwork.

Proper name: Vietnam Living Memorial Fund, Inc.

Jerry  
VLM Board Member

Jerry Hughes, Realtor  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**To:** Bender & Associates <blbender@bellsouth.net>; 'Keith Oropeza' <koropeza@leainc.com>  
**Cc:** Jerry Hughes <jhughesgroupins@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tue, Dec 23, 2014 4:19 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Vietnam Memorial Garden

I will need a copy of the 501C 3 paperwork before the meeting. With this information, the group can request a reduction in the required tree replacements. In other words, they may be able to request approval of the landscape plan as is **without** additional requirements (look at Sec 110-327 (7) (b) ii in the Key West City of Code of ordinances).

I have written a draft of my staff report and right now I am showing replacement requirements of 62.5" and 4-native palms (this is for the removal of 6-Royal Poinciana's, 1-Yellow Poinciana and 4-palms). I am estimating that the landscape plan incorporates approximately 40 " of native trees and many palms so you can see we are short on the inches.

Sincerely,

Karen

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**From:** Bender & Associates [mailto:blbender@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria; 'Keith Oropeza'  
**Cc:** Jerry Hughes; Bert Bender  
**Subject:** RE: Vietnam Memorial Garden

Yes, they filed all of the paper work.

Jerry Hughes is copied and will fill you in on the current status.

Date: **AUG 06 2014**

VIETNAM LIVING MEMORIAL FUND INC  
C/O KENNETH D WARDLOW  
3142 NORTHSIDE DR STE 201  
KEY WEST, FL 33040-8012

Employer Identification Number:  
46-3719106  
DLN:  
17053181355024  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
August 31  
Public Charity Status:  
509(a)(2)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
September 16, 2013  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.



VIETNAM LIVING MEMORIAL FUND INC

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tamara Rippanda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'R'.

Director, Exempt Organizations

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A  
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER IN BAYVIEW PARK, THROUGH  
THE EFFORTS OF THE KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB; PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Key West Garden Club, in cooperation with the National Garden Club, placed a Blue Star Memorial marker along US 1, in Bayview Park in 1949, as a living tribute to the men and women of the Nation's Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Markers are traditionally placed along highways, and the marker was moved to a more prominent location in the median of US 1, at the entrance to Key West, and later to a scenic, landscaped location along the side of the highway, with on-going maintenance performed by members of the Key West Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, the recent re-construction of US 1/Roosevelt Blvd. has rendered the location of the marker less visible, and members of the Garden Club have requested that the marker be installed again at Bayview Park, alongside US 1, in or near the area of the park now designated as a Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that installation of the Blue Star Memorial, in a highly visible location at Bayview Park, is a suitable way to recognize the efforts and dedication of military veterans, those who continue to serve, and those who will serve in the future;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the placement of the Blue Star Memorial Marker is hereby authorized within Bayview Park, alongside US 1, provided that necessary review and approvals are obtained.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK





FLORIDA  
BLUE STAR  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
A tribute to the Armed Forces  
that have defended the  
United States of America  
"TOV-MIA you are not forgotten"  
FARMER'S MARKET  
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Dear Commissioner Weekley:

On behalf of The Key West Garden Club, we are asking your help in returning the Blue Star Memorial marker to its original position along Truman Ave. (US 1) in Bayview Park.

In 1947 the Florida State Legislature designated US 1 as a Blue Star Memorial Highway to honor World War II veterans and in 1951 they expanded it to include all men and women, who had served, were serving or would serve in the United States armed forces.

The Key West marker is historically significant because it is Florida's first Blue Star Memorial sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Dedication of the marker took place on May 30, 1949 in Bayview Park and the Key West Garden Club has refurbished and maintained the marker ever since.

Although initially placed in Bayview Park, the marker was moved 20 years ago to the entrance of Key West in the median on US 1. For safety purposes it was later moved across the road near Cow Key Channel Bridge. Because of the many trees planted in this area the marker has become virtually invisible to passers-by. Not only is it difficult to see, it is very hard for Garden Club members to get to and maintain properly.

The Garden Club believes that the appropriate place for the Blue Star Memorial is with the other War Memorials in Bayview and that a move back to its original location will provide important access for visitors to the City as well as our members.

Is there additional documentation or information you need from the Key West Garden Club to bring this request forward?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Rosi Ware  
Board Director  
KWGC

Robin Robinson  
Board Chair  
KWGC