

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 25, 2018

RE: 2600 N. Roosevelt Blvd-Choice Storage

(permit application # T18-8956)

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

An application was received for Final Landscape Plan Approval with Tree Removal. A staff report was created on February 27, 2018 regarding the removal and transplantation of trees in relation to the expansion of the existing facility. The report is attached.

The Tree Commission gave Conceptual Approval for the landscape plan on March 13, 2018. The Planning Board approved the project on April 19, 2018..

The Final Landscape Plan submitted does incorporate all the required tree removal replacements and is over 70% native vegetation. The plans also include a statement that all nuisance and exotic vegetation will be removed from the property and conservation area.

Recommendation: Recommend approval of the Final Landscape Plan with Tree Removal at 2600 N. Roosevelt Blvd to include the removal of (2) Mahogany trees to be replaced with a total of 15 caliper inches of native dicot and/or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, and the transplanting of (2) Sabal Palms to be planted onsite. Additionally, all nuisance and exotic vegetation will be removed and eradicated from the property and conservation area.

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DATE: February 27, 2018

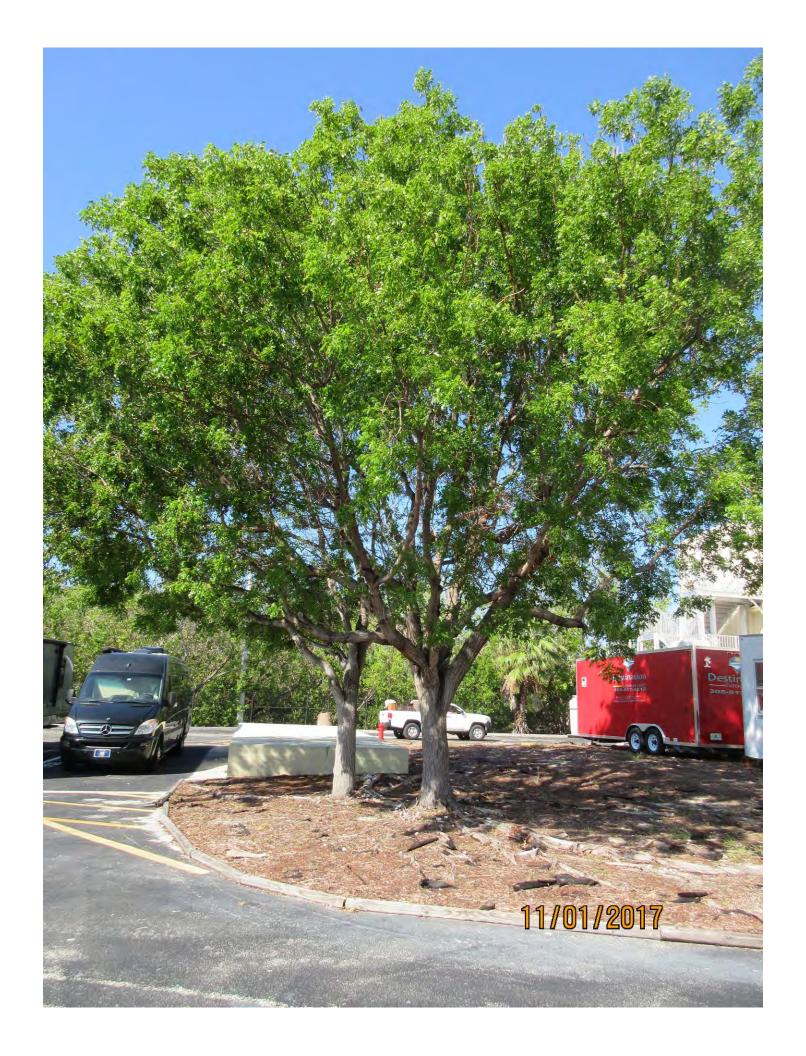
RE: 2600 N. Roosevelt Blvd (permit application # T18-8836)

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

An application was received requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with Tree Removal. The applicant is expanding an existing storage facility and requests approval for the removal of **(2) Mahogany trees and the transplantation of (2) Sabal Palms**. A site inspection was done on November 1, 2017 and January 26, 2018 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)







Diameter: 8"

Location: 80% (planted too close to other mahogany tree-competition with

roots and canopy)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 75% (overall good, some structural issues due to lack of

maintenance)

Total Average Value = 85%

## Value x Diameter = 6 replacement caliper inches

Diameter: 12"

Location: 80% planted too close to other mahogany tree-competition with

roots and canopy)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 75% (overall good, some structural issues due to lack of

maintenance)

Total Average Value = 85%

Value x Diameter = 9 replacement caliper inches

Total required replacement inches = 15 caliper inches

# Photos of Existing conditions of property:

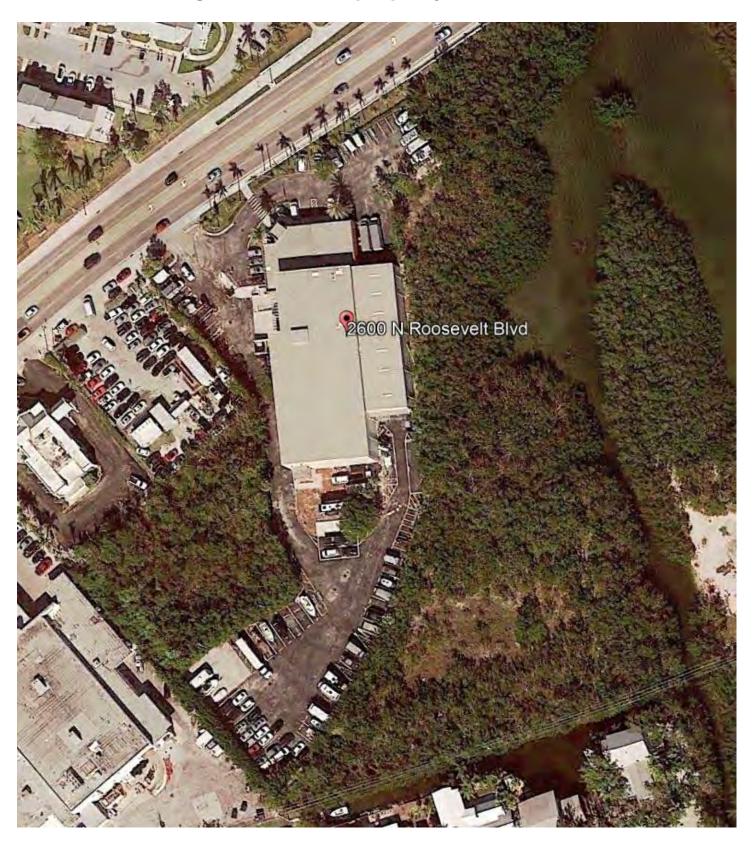


Photo taken December 2017-property includes large area of wetlands that are part of an existing conservation easement. Rear of property is a large parking lot surrounded by conserved lands.



Back of property directly behind building = proposed expansion area



Entrance area to rear of property and proposed work area.













View of conservation area.











Photo of the (2) Sabal Palms to be transplanted.

The landscape plans show over 70% native vegetation being planted and include a statement regarding the removal of invasive exotics form the property. During the site visits it was noticed that Brazilian Pepper was growing along the upland and conservation area. This Brazilian Pepper must be removed from the Conservation Area.

The landscape plan shows enhancements to the existing landscaping to the front area of the property to include the planting of shrubs between N. Roosevelt Blvd and a smaller parking area. The applicant is not showing any improvements to the larger rear parking area. The rear parking area is surrounded by a deeded conservation area dominated by buttonwood and mangrove trees. It is recommended that the plans incorporate a statement that trees adjacent to the rear parking area be properly trimmed so the canopy branches are not hanging over the parking area during construction.

The existing landscape plans need to include a statement regarding the transplanting procedures for the (2) Sabal Palms and sheet 9 of 9 needs to be reprinted to show (2) Sabal Palms being transplanted not (3) Sabal Palms being removed. The landscape plan does incorporate all the required tree replacements (15 caliper inches) if authorization is given to remove the (2) Mahogany trees.

#### Karen DeMaria

From:

Karen DeMaria

Sent:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:35 AM

To:

'tmaxey@maserconsulting.com'

Subject:

2600 N. Roosevelt Blvd-Choice Storage

Ty:

As we discussed, I noticed that sheet 9 of 9 states that (3) Sabal palms are to be removed but the application states that (2) Sabal Palms are to be relocated. I am only aware of (2) Sabal Palms being within the proposed work area. Please have this sheet corrected to reflect (2) Sabal Palms to be transplanted. Also, a plan and procedure for the transplanting needs to be on the plans (immediately planted with tree protection? Stored and taken care of until planting?). Please e-mail me the corrected sheet and I will incorporate it into the file.

My review of the mahogany tree values requires the replacement of 15 caliper inches of dicot trees on the property. The landscape plan does incorporate that requirement.

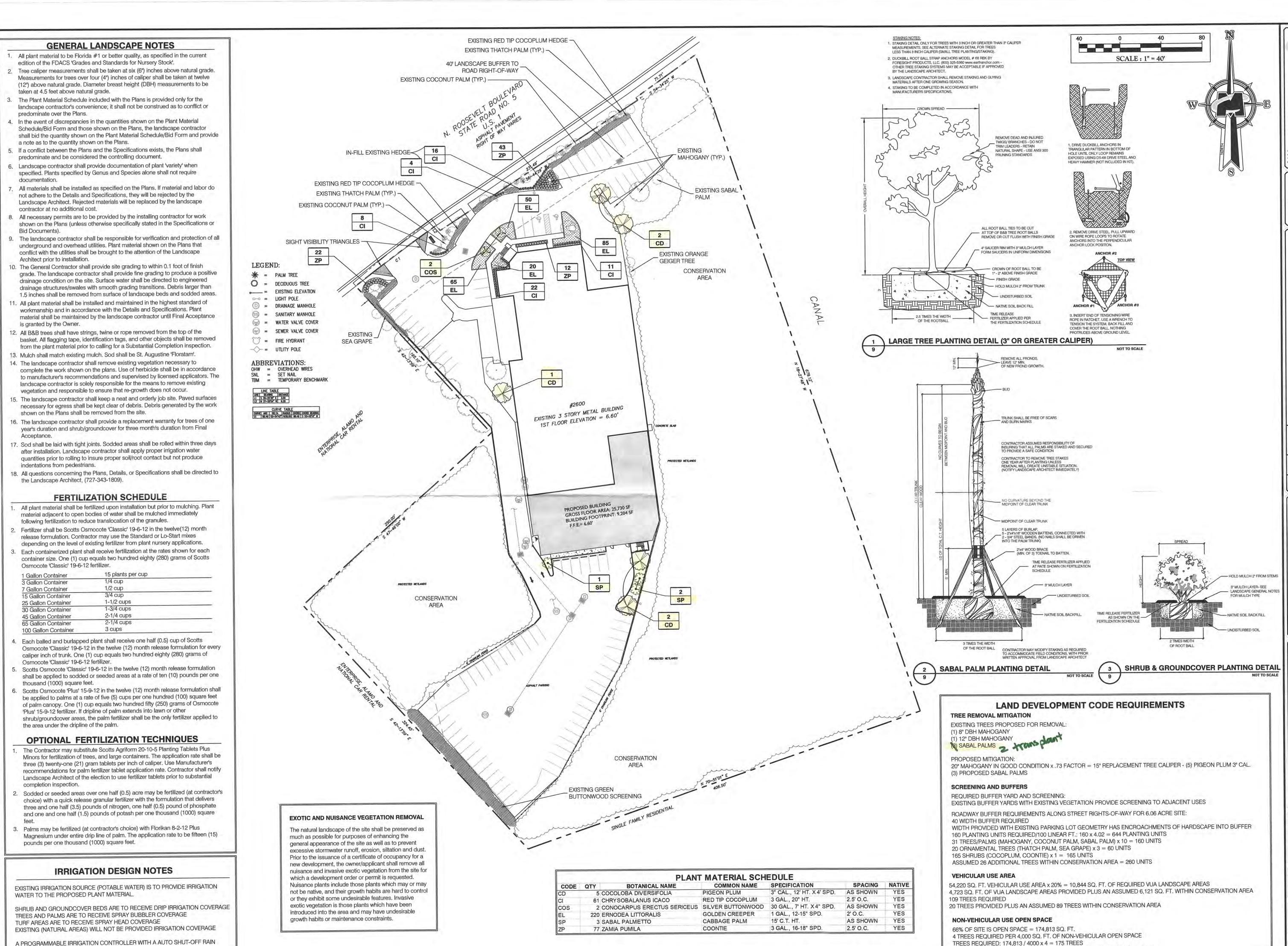
During my site visits to the property I did notice some Brazilian Pepper growing in the conservation area. I was glad to see the plans included a requirement of removing exotic and nuisance vegetation form the property. I do expect that to include the conservation area, especially the perimeter areas.

This application will be placed on the March 13, 2018 Tree Commission agenda. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Karen

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