

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 29, 2023

RE: 1500 Block 11<sup>th</sup> Street Right of Way  
(permit application # T2023-0269)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



Photo showing location of tree, view 1.





Photo of tree trunks and canopy, view 1.



Photo of base of tree, view 1.





Photo of tree trunks and canopy, view 2.



Photo showing location of tree, view 2.





Close up photo showing base of tree showing location.





Photo showing trunks of tree and property line wall.





Photo of trunks and canopy of tree.





Two photos of  
tree trunks.



Diameter: 9.8"

Location: 50% (very visible tree growing under utility lines next to utility pole against concrete wall and in the root ball of invasive Washingtonian Palm.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (overall condition is poor-low, codominant trunks, canopy branches growing into each other.)

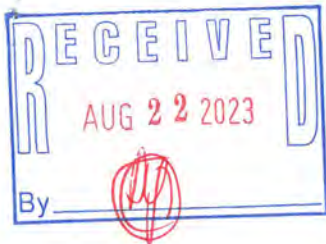
Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 6.1 replacement caliper inches



# Application





C 2023-0269  
P 2023-0270

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 8-21-23

Tree Address 1500 BIKI<sup>th</sup> St. ROW  
Cross/Corner Street 2900 Flagler Ave. / 2901 Riviera Dr  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- bumbo limbo + 1- Washingtonia  
Reason(s) for Application: Palm

☒ Remove ☐ Tree Health ☐ Safety ☒ Other/Explain below  
☐ Transplant ☐ New Location ☐ Same Property ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ Heavy Maintenance Trim ☐ Branch Removal ☐ Crown Cleaning/Thinning ☐ Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation Palm + bumbo limbo growing out of same root ball area at base of concrete private property wall - utility pole and behind t+u box. Causing damage to wall.

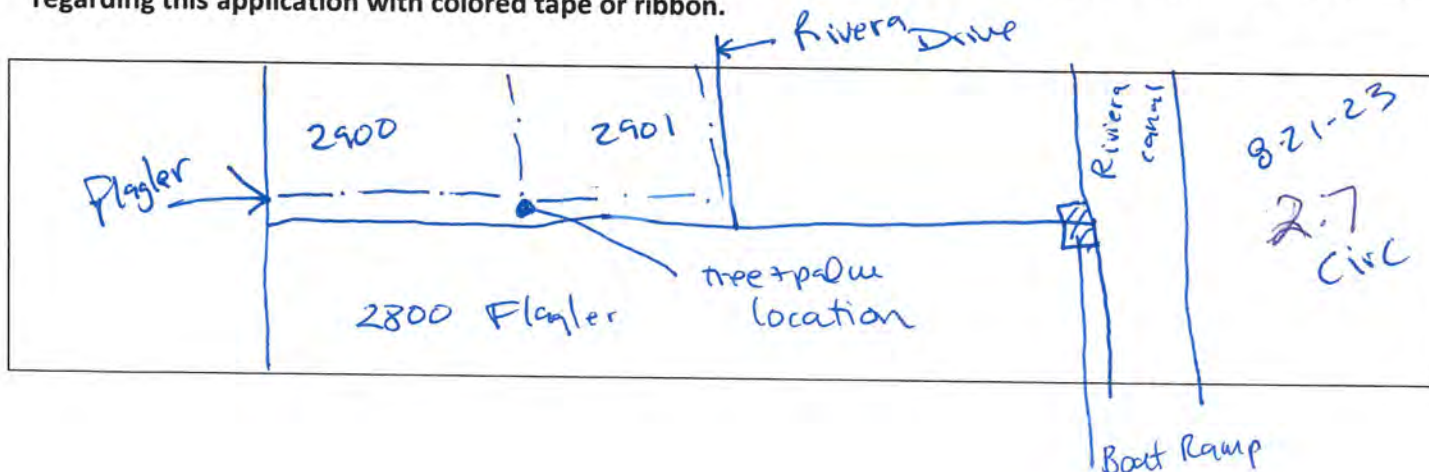
Property Owner Name City of Key West  
Property Owner email Address  
Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409 KW FL 33041  
Property Owner Phone Number  
Property Owner Signature [Signature] 8/22/23

\*Representative Name Karen Delcraig + Chris Meister  
Representative email Address Urban Forestry Manager Concerned citizen  
Representative Mailing Address  
Representative Phone Number 305-809-3768

\*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.

As of August 1, 2022, application fees are required. See back of application for fee amounts.

Sketch location of tree (aerial view) including cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property regarding this application with colored tape or ribbon.





## Karen DeMaria

**From:** Chris Meister <meistcr60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:09 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** cheryl  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Removal of City tree

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Karen,

Per our earlier phone conversation concerning city trees causing my concrete wall severe damage. Trees are causing the wall to buckle and located at the SW corner of my property behind AT&T pad mounted equipment.

My address is 2900 Flagler Ave and you have my authorization to enter property and view damage on interior wall where it is most noticeable.

Further questions concerning my request please advise. Cell 262-490-8609

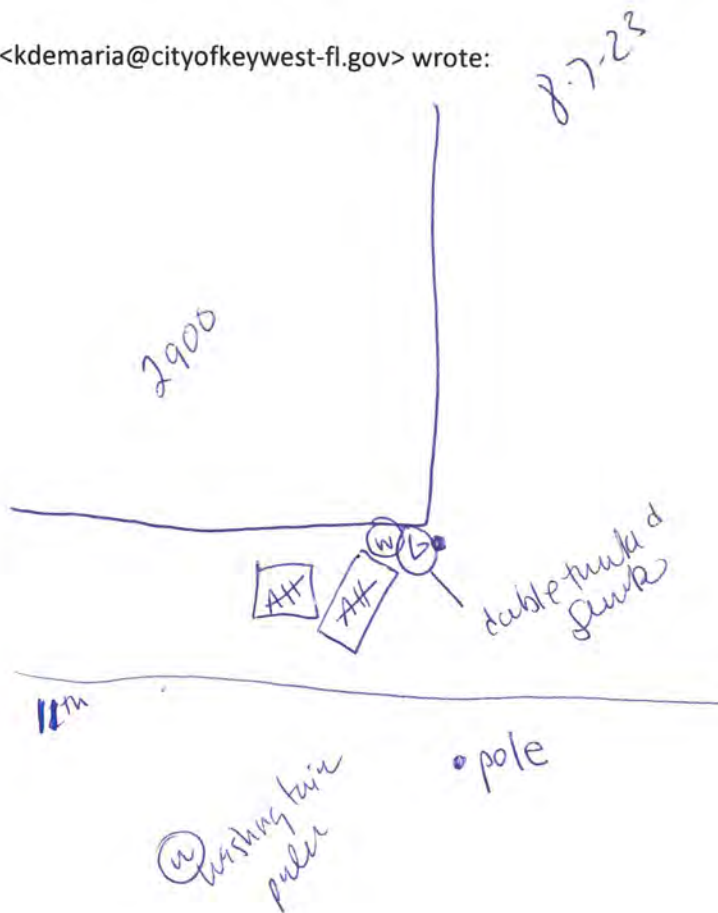
Thank you,

Chris & Cheryl Meister

On Aug 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

*Karen DeMaria*

Urban Forestry Manager  
Certified Arborist FL-6585A  
City of Key West  
305-809-3768





# Untitled Map

Write a description for your map.

## Legend



2514 Duval Ave

Flagler Ave

2900 Flagler Ave

tree location

11th St

Rivera Dr

Google Earth



100 ft







Washingtonian Palm

gumbo limbo

2700  
R17961  
W24

08/07/2023