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Neat Streets Miami-Dade County Awards Street Tree Matching Grant to the City of North Miami Beach

North Miami Beach, FL – September 9, 2022 – In an effort to expand Miami-Dade County’s tree canopy by leveraging local resources, Neat Streets Miami-Dade County awarded the City of North Miami Beach a Street Tree Matching Grant for its City-Wide Neighborhood Trees Phase II in the amount of \$28,809. In its sixth year, Neat Streets Miami-Dade County’s street tree program awarded 15 organizations matching grants to advance the Million Trees Miami-Dade County initiative, a community-wide effort to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy for Miami-Dade County.

“We are beyond happy to receive this important grant funding as we work to improve our green footprint. Our residents depend on these trees for added shade, neighborhood beautification, and oxygen to breathe. We look forward to working with the Neat Streets Miami-Dade County team” said Arthur H. Sorey, III, North Miami Beach City Manager.

As part of this project, the City of North Miami Beach planted a total of 110 trees that included 37 Ilex Cassine, 39 Lagerstroemia Indica, 18 Quercus Virginiana and 16 Bulnesia Arborea, to provide shade and beautify the Oak Grove and Uleta communities in the City. The goal of the project was to continue increasing canopy along corridors and improve environmental conditions throughout neighborhoods. These trees will provide much needed shading in the swale areas and increase species diversity, both of which will assist in maintaining the City’s 33 consecutive years Tree City USA status. The addition to tree canopy will benefit residents that have become more actively engaged in outdoor activities and increase wildlife attraction.

The initial impact of the trees’ installation is a noticeable improvement in beautification within the communities. The full benefits of this project will be realized when the trees are more mature in a few years. This grant program was made possible through the County’s Tree Trust Fund, preference was given to areas with low tree canopy and low-to-moderate income populations.

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About City of North Miami Beach

Truly at the “Crossroads of South Florida,” North Miami Beach is located midway between Miami and Ft. Lauderdale and adjacent to the Golden Glades Interchange where I-95, Florida’s Turnpike, and the Palmetto Expressway meet. The central location, easy access, and major arteries including West Dixie Highway, Biscayne Boulevard, and 163rd Street, have transformed North Miami Beach into one of South Florida’s best known regional destinations for dining, shopping, and business ventures. The City is operated by 460 full-time employees and 10 departments. For more information, visit www.CityNMB.com.

About Million Trees Miami-Dade County and Neat Streets Miami-Dade County:

Neat Streets Miami-Dade County is a multi-jurisdictional County board dedicated to creating beautiful, clean, and environmentally equitable spaces countywide. We aim to promote ecological and human healthy by growing Miami-Dade County's urban tree canopy; increasing beautification and maintenance; and engaging residents in our efforts.

About Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces:

[Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces](#) is the third largest county park system in the United States, consisting of more than 280 parks and 40,000+ acres of parks and natural areas, comprised of active, passive parklands and nature preserves. It is one of the most unique park and recreation systems in the world and focused on placemaking, health and fitness, and conservation and stewardship.

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