



University of Miami Coral Gables

Tree Care Plan



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Campus in a Tropical Garden

The University of Miami Coral Gables campus has a unique landscape character with elements designed specifically for its climate and natural setting. It conveys a positive and unified sense of place, coherency, and consistency. Its thoughtful landscape planning has become renowned worldwide as a “campus-in-a-tropical garden”.

INTRODUCTION

The campus enjoys a number of important vegetated areas which include Lake Osceola, The Gifford Arboretum, the Ibis Natural Trail, the Palmetum, the Florida Keys Arboretum and the Butterfly Garden. Our goal is to preserve and enhance the following important features:

1. Lake Osceola, the central and distinctive body of water which should be surrounded with tropical vegetation. Natural edges should be preserved, and Native landscaping surrounding it should be promoted.
2. The Palmetum: Established in cooperation with Fairchild Tropical Garden and the Montgomery Botanical Center, the University's palmetum includes nearly 800 palms and cycads that are native to South Florida or represent distinct, rare, or endangered species from 38 nations.
3. The Butterfly Gardens: Located along the Ibis Walking Trail behind Eaton Residential College and next to the Gifford Arboretum, the Butterfly Gardens are living laboratories. They are home to some 23 different varieties of plants and attracts butterflies such as the monarch, sulfur, and brush foot, as well as the zebra longwing, Florida's state butterfly.
4. The Gifford Arboretum is part of the College of Arts and Science and it is managed by its Director with advice from an Arboretum Committee which includes faculty, students, administrators, and community members. The Arboretum contains a diverse collection of over 650 trees and shrubs representing over 500 species from every continent except Antarctica. The collection is maintained for purposes of education and research, as well as to inspire interest in tropical plants and a better understanding of their importance.
5. The Sustainability Garden at the Arboretum is host to various edible trees, shrubs, and herbs. The Garden is used by a wide range of faculty members from the College of Arts and Science who chose to teach part of their class there and use it as an academic and research tool.



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CAMPUS IN A TROPICAL GARDEN

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1- PURPOSE

The goal of the University of Miami Tree Care Plan is to establish and highlight good and sustainable landscaping practices on our Coral Gables campus.

The general purpose of the plan is to describe the standards of beauty, sustainability and environmental stewardship applied on our campus landscape.

Specific objectives of this plan are:

- Develop environmentally friendly landscape designs to conserve energy and water, reduce the urban heat island effect on campus, and promote improvements in air quality.
- Use of Native plants or low-maintenance plant species
- Administer environmentally sound arborist practices to enhance and maintain the campus landscape.
- Increase species diversity and tree canopy.
- Protect existing campus canopy during construction and renovation projects.

2 - RESPONSIBILITY

UM Facilities Management Department will manage the Coral Gables Campus Tree Care Plan in partnership with the Campus Tree Advisory Committee members.

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3 - CAMPUS TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee is comprised of students, faculty, staff, and community partners. The committee meets twice a year to review progress on yearly objectives. The committee responsibilities include: providing suggestions for improvements of the campus landscape and the Tree Care Plan; organizing an annual Arbor Day celebration and service learning projects; increasing tree value awareness throughout the university community, and activities that supports its Tree Campus USA certification each year. New members are nominated and approved by the standing committee members each year. Here is the list of our 2022 committee members:

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4 - TREE CARE POLICIES

All trees, shrubs, and turf areas are maintained according to landscape management best practices. Those practices include proper and sustainable fertilization, irrigation, and pest management on campus grounds. These guidelines allow us to guarantee the esthetics as well as the health of our landscape while reducing our environmental impact on local ecosystems.

Plant Selection

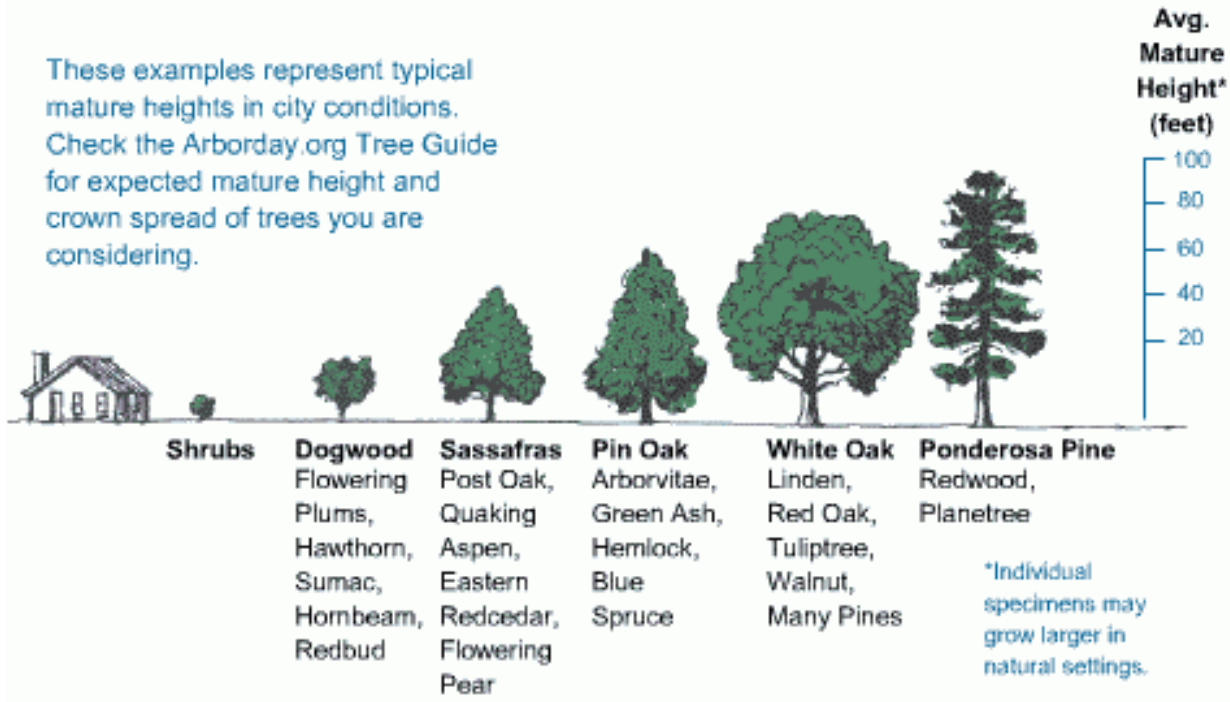
As stipulated in the *South Florida Water Management District's Xeriscape Plant Guide II* and the *Miami-Dade County Landscape Ordinance, chapter 18 A*, our choice of plant species is guided by the Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) principles. Native and Low maintenance, drought tolerant species are always preferred. Our irrigation systems also follow FFL's recommendations, conserving water and promoting soil integrity everywhere possible. The "Right tree in the Right place" concept is applied in our guidelines to avoid any damage to existing and future infrastructure.

All plant material are required to be Florida No. 1 or better as specified within "Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants" from the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (See Annex III)

"The Right Tree in the Right Place"

This concept shall be applied for all trees planted in order to avoid damages such as clogged sewers, cracked sidewalks and power service interruptions. It shall also address specific conditions such as drainage, soil quality, and site orientation.

These examples represent typical mature heights in city conditions. Check the [Arborday.org Tree Guide](http://www.arborday.org) for expected mature height and crown spread of trees you are considering.



<http://www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/size.cfm>

Tree Species Inventory and Selection

- Tree selection shall strive for use of Florida native or "Florida-Friendly" species as much as possible. The Florida-Friendly plant database can be found at <http://www.floridayards.org>
- The University shall not use category I exotic species, and shall avoid or use judiciously, category II exotic species, as listed within the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's Invasive Plant Species List (*Annex II*).
- Tree selection shall address the following factors: Species diversity, Maintenance cost, urban environment tolerance, Wind tolerance, and Invasive replacement

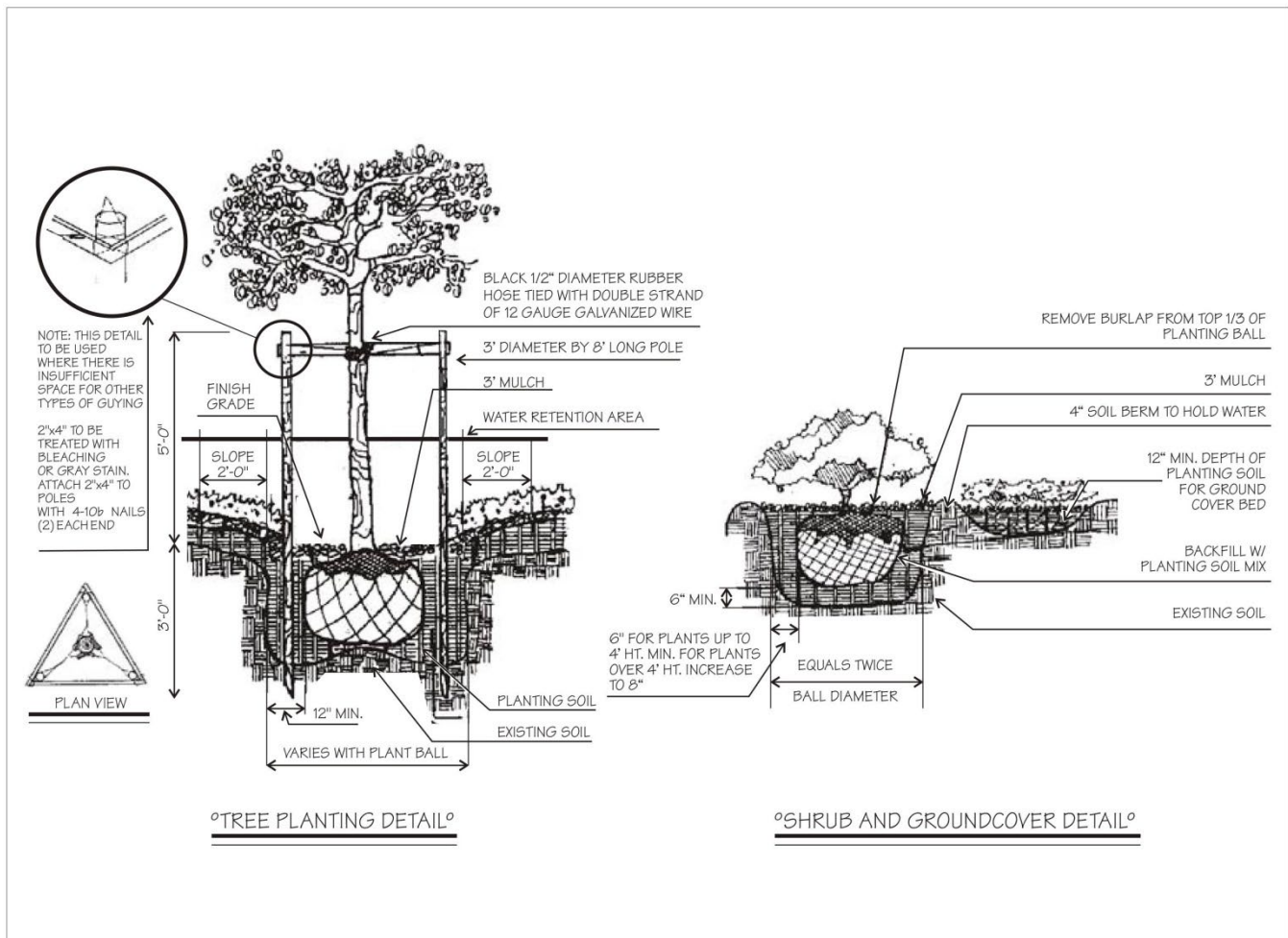
See our *Tree Species Inventory in Annex I* for a complete list of species on campus.

Tree Planting

Here are the general requirements for Tree planting in UM landscaping Design standards based on the Miami Dade County Landscape Design Manual (See illustration and Annex III):

- Groundcovers or low growing shrubs shall be used wherever possible to reduce landscape maintenance. Examples include sloped areas, replacement of turf grass in inaccessible or highly shaded areas, erosion prone areas, and areas where mulch washes away or is otherwise difficult to maintain, such as parking lot islands.
- A minimum tree planting area or island shall be ten (10) feet wide by ten (10) feet long.
- Trees shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any underground utility to remain and a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any overhead utility to remain unless it can be demonstrated that the mature size of the tree will not interfere with the utility.
- Landscape overhanging walkways and plazas to be clear overhead = (10) feet min.
- Trees with circling or girdling roots will not be permitted.
- Install planting soil and amendments as outlined in Division 32 91 00 of UM Building Standards.
- Planting shall be performed by a licensed contractor to the expected standards of care of landscape contractor professionals within the state of Florida.

- Trees and palms shall be planted such that two (2) inches of the root ball is above finished grade.
- Design professional shall be responsible for providing staking and bracing details specific to tree and palm sizes and types for review and approval prior to installation.
- Braces for palms shall be made of sound, new pressure preservative-treated softwood, free of knots, holes, cross grain, and other defects, 2 by 4 inches or 4 by 4 inches, and sized appropriately for the size of the palm.
- Tree staking systems shall use a polypropylene material in green, Arbor Tie by Deep Root, or other approved equal protective material where in contact with branches.



<https://www.miamidade.gov/zoning/code-landscape.asp> - p67

Irrigation and Watering

Proper Irrigation shall be provided for all proposed landscape, unless otherwise directed by UM Project Manager according to plant requirements, recent rainfall, temperature extremes and soil moisture.

- Water use for irrigation must comply with the Miami-Dade County and SFWMD regulatory requirements as well as with the University's water use agreement with the SFWMD.
- All efforts should be made to connect irrigation to existing well water sources on the University campus.

- Potable water may only be used for irrigation with prior authorization by the UMBS Committee.
- Reclaimed or reuse water shall be utilized as much as possible for irrigation. If used, follow requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 62- 610, "Reuse of Reclaimed Water and Land Application"
- Drip irrigation shall be utilized as much as possible.
- The irrigation system shall be regulated by a rain-gauge or a moisture sensor.
- Irrigation to provide 100% "head-to-head" coverage.
- Rain Bird brand components or equal shall be specified for all irrigation systems unless otherwise authorized by the University.
- Trees and plants shall be watered in accordance with specifications as provided on the irrigation plan I-5. (See Annex III)

Mulching

Plants shall be mulched on a yearly basis or as needed to maintain healthy growth and reduce weed growth. The maintenance plan follows the best practices stipulated in the Miami Dade Landscape Design Manual

- Mulch shall be organic wood mulch, free from deleterious materials and suitable as a top dressing for planting bed areas.
- Wood mulch shall be used for planting bed areas, as opposed to gravel or other inorganic mulches, as wood mulch inhibits weed germination and growth, holds in soil moisture, moderates soil temperature fluctuations (reducing plant stress), improves the soil fertility through the decomposition of organic material, and decomposes at a moderate rate (reducing maintenance).
- Mulch shall be installed at a depth of 2"-4" and shall be pulled back a minimum of 3 inches from the trunk of the tree or shrub so that the trunk and root flare are exposed.
- Cypress and red color mulch will not be accepted. (See Annex III)

Pruning

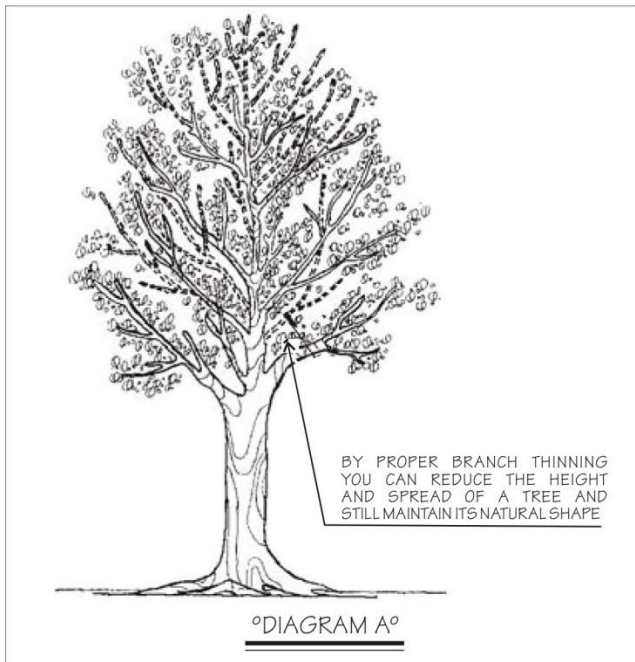
The correct pruning of shade trees is critical both for safety as well as for aesthetic reasons. The following criteria are adopted from the ANSI A-300 and are recommended as specifications to be included in landscape plans.

Class 1 - Fine pruning shall consist of the removal of dead, dying, diseased, decaying, interfering, obstructing, and weak branches, as well as selective thinning to lessen wind resistance. The removal of such described branches is to include those on the main trunks, as well as those inside the leaf area. An occasional undesirable branch up to one-half inch in diameter, as described above, may remain within the main leaf area to its full length when it is not practical to remove it. (Diagrams A and B)

Class 2 - Standard pruning shall consist of the removal of dead, dying, diseased, decaying, interfering, obstructing, and weak branches, as well as selective thinning to lessen wind resistance. The removal of such described branches is to include those on the main trunks, as well as those inside the leaf area. An occasional undesirable branch up to one inch in diameter may remain within the main leaf area where it is not practical to remove it.

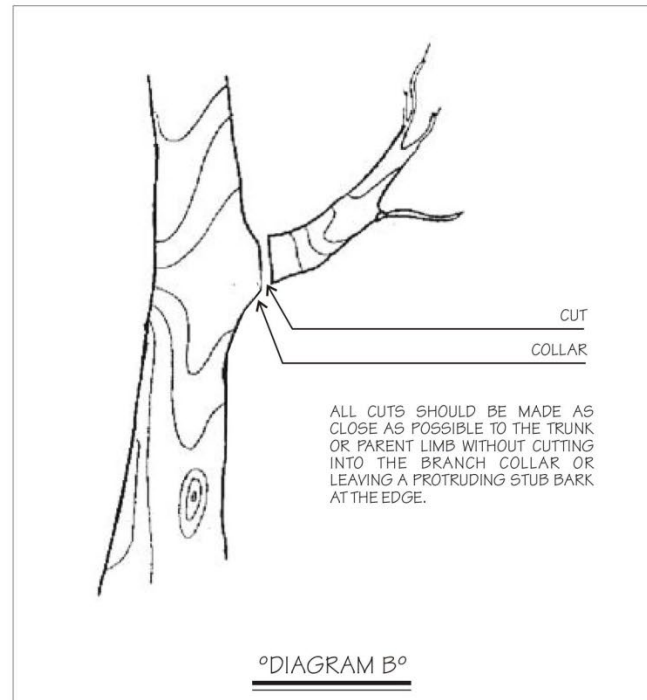
Class 3 - Hazard pruning is recommended where safety considerations are paramount.

Class 4 - Crown reduction pruning shall consist of the reduction of tops, sides or individual limbs. It involves the removal of a parent limb or dominant leader at the point of attachment of a lateral branch.



Fine pruning is recommended for premium quality work with an emphasis on aesthetic considerations in addition to structural integrity.

<https://www.miamidade.gov/zoning/code-landscape.asp-p92>



5 - PROTECTION GUIDELINES DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Tree Protection: All existing trees and specimen plants to remain shall be protected during construction activities.

- Tree barricades shall be used to protect specimen plants and trees to remain larger than four (4) inches in diameter.
- Barricades shall be four feet high, minimum, and constructed of 2" x 4" rails with 4" x 4" posts, minimum. Barricades shall enclose the specimen plants, trees, or collective tree group's drip line or a fifteen (15) foot by fifteen (15) foot area, whichever is less. No stockpiling of debris, trash, or materials shall be permitted within the barrier area.
- No parking of vehicles or vehicular/equipment traffic shall be permitted within the drip line area or within the tree barricade once erected.
- No landscape planting shall occur prior to a fully functioning irrigation system to support it.
- Each tree proposed for transplanting needs to be inspected by a certified arborist, as certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, for recommendation of the tree's general health and expected success rate of transplanting. Arborist shall prepare report with recommended preparation and relocation procedures and schedule.
- All transplanting and trimming activities shall be performed by or directly overseen by a certified and licensed arborist.
- A tissue test shall be performed on all trees proposed for relocation.
- A soils test shall be conducted at all proposed relocation points of the site.
- All crown and root pruning shall be conducted as per approved transplanting plan and schedule.
- Transplanting activities other than root and crown trimming will not occur within hurricane season, June 1st through November 30.

6 – CURRENT PROJECTS, GOALS AND TARGETS

The current projects, long term goals and targets of the UM Tree Campus USA Plan is as follows:

- Preserve and increase the presence of Native species to promote biodiversity and water conservation.
- Preserve and enhance our tree canopy on the Coral Gables campus and extend this plan to other UM campuses in the future.
- Use our landscaping design strategy as a way to reduce our carbon footprint, selecting trees that sequester more carbon per square foot and provide shading that will have an impact on the cooling needs of our buildings. This has been the case in all new constructions that are at least LEED Silver. The new Lakeside Village residences reached LEED Gold and included native landscaping as well as Green Roofs (a first for student residences in the region).
- Allow for storm water retention berms, and bio swales when possible: this was the case in the design of the new Lakeside Village residence that translated in Rain gardens allowing for better management of storm water and water quality. This guideline is part of our water management plan and is intended to also reduce the accumulation of nutrients and pollutants in the runoff to our canals that in turn affect the environmental health of our coastal line.
- Creation of a Cypress Pond next to the Student Services Building. A cypress pond ecosystem was planted to address a constant flooding problem the building had in one of its green paths.
- Mapping of our Tree inventory has been a project managed by our Data Science Department and our GIS department with the help of interns from the Office of Sustainability. This map will be delivered in Jan. 2024.
- An ongoing research project (ECS 301 on multiple semesters) involves the study of nutrient cycling in live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) using stable isotopes. In particular: 1) potential nitrogen sources signals in N isotopes; 2) nitrogen withdrawal from leaves pre-drop; 3) effects of 1 & 2 on use of oak leaves for mulch and compost;
- The Native Habitat Biome located in front of the Arboretum got all its invasive removed, especially the vines that represent such a threat to our local ecosystems. A yearly maintenance is necessary to keep it healthy.
- Increase the number of learning service projects at the JC Gifford Arboretum.
- Development of the [Sustainability Garden](#), adjacent to the JC Gifford Arboretum with Dr. Weisskoff, and the student group CommUnity Garden Club. Creation of a composting site to help soil amendment in the garden.
- Reach out to the community to bring awareness about the necessity of increasing our canopy, especially in disenfranchised areas of our county.
- Integrate new items in our Tree care plan on a yearly basis: our new Gifford Arboretum Director and Professor of Biology, Kenneth Feeley. Inauguration in 2020 of the College of Arts and Science new Green House located in front of the Arboretum ([PDF](#)). Use that new facility to help grow new seedlings for transplants in the Arboretum and in the Garden.
- The Student Government ECO Agency partnered with Fairchild Botanical Tropical Garden to create a “Connect to Protect” pollinator native ecosystem in front of our Campos Sano historical building. ECO is working on a second site for 2024.

- A new butterfly garden with Lignum Vitae planted near the Wellness Center by our Grounds Management crew will serve as an example of future potential alternative to turf on campus.
- Planting of 30 red mangrove seedlings during Earth Day with Professor of Art Xavier Cortada, and the ECO Agency along the MH. Business School canal. Since many seedlings were washed away, a more robust restoration plan is scheduled for April 2024.
- Host an annual Arbor Day event on the Coral Gables campus.
- The Medical Campus has planted 2 more butterfly gardens in the past year. A food forest garden was planted in 2021. New shrubs and raised beds have been planted in 2023.
- In 2023, the University restored the northern border of the Coral Gables campus with native landscaping including Slash Pines, Cabbage Palms, Simpson Stoppers, Coco Plums and more. This new ecosystem extending over 0.7 miles was designed to replace Ficus hedges that were attracting pests and diseases.

7 - TREE DAMAGE AND DISEASE ASSESSMENT

Trees susceptible to serious infectious diseases should not be pruned at the time of year during which the pathogens causing the disease or the insect vectors are most active.

- The presence of any disease condition, fungus fruit bodies, decayed trunk or branches, spilt crotches or branches, cracks or other structural weakness shall be reported in writing to a supervisor and/or the owner, and corrective measures recommended. Native tree species survive better than non-native species.
- The stress to trees as a result of a hurricane damage initiates outbreaks of pests such as bark beetles, ambrosia beetles, sawyers, plant hoppers, and blue stain fungi that preferentially attack stressed damaged trees. These secondary problems have led to the death of trees, including palms, even several years after the storm.
- In addition, after such an event, many trees are damaged internally due to vibration and twisting experienced during the period of high winds. Some of these may die over time. Only 7% of trees studied (Annex III) caused damage to property. Live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) has exceptional wind resistance here, and in other hurricane prone southern areas. Palms are ranked second in wind resistance. It is important in urban areas for tree plantings to have species, age, and size diversity.
(See annex III)

8 - PROHIBITED PRACTICES

Tree Preservation and Vegetation removal

- Tree removal permits or natural forest community vegetation removal permits are required prior to the removal of trees or any vegetation in a natural forest community pursuant to City Code Chapter 82 and Miami-Dade County, Chapter 18A. (See Annex IV)
- Desirable landscaping shall be preserved in its natural state to the maximum extent possible. Desirable native plant materials and well adapted exotic plant materials shall be preferred in plant selection.
- Existing trees required by law to be preserved on site and that meet the requirements of Section 18A-6(C), Miami-Dade County Code, may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum tree requirements.

- (See Annex III)

Plant Materials

Plants installed should conform to, or exceed, the minimum standards for Florida Number One as provided in the most current edition of "Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants" prepared by the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Vegetation requirements shall be installed in accordance with all of the following:

- Large shade trees. Large shade trees shall have a mature height of greater than twenty-five (25) feet and an average mature spread of crown of greater than fifteen (15) feet.
- Substitutions. Palms trees or medium shade trees as described in below Section 6(b) (ii) may be substituted at three-to-one (3:1) ratio. A maximum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the total may be palm varieties. (See Annex IV)
- A minimum of thirty (30%) percent of the total trees shall be native species.
- Palm trees and medium shade trees. A minimum of thirty (30%) percent of the total trees shall be native species.
- Shrubs. All shrubs shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches in height at planting, with a maximum average spacing of twenty-four (24) inches on center. Shrubs shall be planted and maintained to form a continuous, unbroken, solid, visual screen within a maximum of one (1) year after time of planting. A minimum of thirty (30%) percent of total shrubs shall be native species.

Tree Abuse

All trees shall be trimmed in accordance to Miami-Dade County tree preservation code. Any type of tree abuse, hat racking, topping or heading shall be prohibited except in emergency situations. Contracts with vendors to perform tree services or building construction/maintenance services shall include fines for violating provisions of this plan. Damage to campus trees caused by students, faculty or staff shall be treated as acts of vandalism and punished accordingly.

10 - COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The Facilities Management Department will make sure those guidelines are applied to maintenance of landscaped areas performed by UM employees and contractor's employees alike. The Tree Care Plan and the Tree Campus USA certification will be promoted on campus and in the community to spread best practices in sustainable urban forestry. The Plan will serve as a platform for discussion about sustainability and landscaping on our campus.

Below are some of our projected outreach campaign highlights:

- Organize an Arbor Day observance celebration and invite students, faculty and staff.
- Develop Service Learning projects that will involve students, faculty and staff.
- Partner with community organizations and government such as Miami Dade UF IFAS Extension, Florida Forest Service, City of South Miami, City of Coral Gables, Florida Power and Light, Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, the Underline and others.
- Organize Conferences and lectures by local experts for Earth Month, Arbor Day, Gandhi Day or Day of Service.
- Promotion of native landscaping and invasive removal activities through student clubs' involvement.
- Promotion of the right tree in the right place and the importance of tree canopy in the community.

Annex I: <https://greenu.miami.edu/assets/pdf/greenu/tree-inventory-2023.xlsx>

Annex II: <http://greenu.miami.edu/assets/pdf/prohibited-plant-species.pdf>

Annex III: [Miami Dade County Landscape Code and Manual](#)

Annex IV: [City of Coral Gables Development Standards](#)



Standard 3**EXPENDITURES:**

Tree Planting and Initial Care	
(Tree purchases, labor and equipment for planting, planting materials, staking, watering, mulching, competition control)	\$ 115,000
Campus Tree Management	\$ 340,000
(Pruning, public education, professional training, association memberships, campus tree inventory, pest management, fertilization, tree removals, Invasive removal)	
Volunteering hours: # of students: 172h x \$18/h	\$ 3,096.00
TOTAL:	\$ 458,096.00

- **Number of trees planted:**
CG campus= 30
- **Number of trees maintained:**
CG campus= 8,921 (Removal of invasive, pruning, clearance requirements)
- **Tree removed:**
CG campus = 10
- **Reason for removal:** Hazardous conditions, diseases.
- **Volunteering hours:**
volunteering hours on campus, arboretum, garden = 172 volunteering hours
- **Full Time Student population:** 19,402

Standard 4**Arbor Day Observance on Monday, April 19, 2023**

- The University has been recognized as a Tree Campus USA by the nationally renowned organization Arbor Day Foundation for the ninth time in a row. The program will start on April 19 at 5 pm with a tour of the Gifford Arboretum, a tasting stop at the sustainability garden. At 6 pm, at the Arboretum Stone Circle, after our land acknowledgement, don't miss the free concert from Frost School of Music artist Jasmine Harris and her band, and pass by the Gen CLEO table for planting giveaways. <https://greenu.miami.edu/topics/nature/tree-campus-usa/index.html>

Standard 5**Service-Learning Projects Educational and recreational projects in 2023:**

- Nov 15, 2022: Mangrove planting at the U with the Cortada Foundation, ECO Agency, Commissioner R. Anderson, and the Sustainable Business Club. https://www.instagram.com/p/Ck_nLRVumzT/
- January 27: The City Beautiful is even more beautiful now! Thanks to our Facilities Operation and Planning team for a great volunteering native planting this morning. Thanks to Mayor Lago and the Coral Gables team for this opportunity: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cn71xjzu59x/>

- March 17: UM Faculty and Staff were in for a food waste ride at the Compost 4 Life farm today. Thanks to Francisco Torres, founder and CEO, for an amazing tour!
https://www.instagram.com/p/Cp5rWWXuZzl/?img_index=1
- March 27: Ray Santamaria has been working in Facilities Management as Lead Technician for over 10 years. He is also the proud owner of honeybee colonies certified by the Apiary Division of the Florida Dpt of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Come share Ray's passion, discover the world of bees, and learn the basics of bee keeping with the experts!
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CqTGrUstuTQ/>
- April 19: ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
<https://greenu.miami.edu/topics/nature/tree-campus-usa/index.html>
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CrPBOsVuYkJ/>
- April 24: Earth Day Planting Event with the Miller Herb and Food Garden
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CrazV8XO4oo/>
- July 14: Butterfly Garden 101- If you are interested in starting a Florida butterfly garden or attracting more butterflies to your existing garden, you will need plants that will provide nectar, water and shelter for every stage of a butterfly's development. Learn about butterfly garden design with Giselle Jordan, Master Gardener at the Miami Dade IFAS extension.
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CuhWFTTOuwM/>
- July 27: Connect to Protect site maintenance: Thanks for the Underline volunteers to help with the Campo Sano Connect to Protect site this morning: Weeding, trimming, and planting new natives under the supervision of Daniella from Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Great partnership!
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CvND6PzueJQ/>
- Aug. 22: The Sustainability Garden monthly maintenance for volunteers. All UM community members can help: weeding, mulching, inspecting, rearranging, adding soil,... we have a lot to do to make sure our garden is thriving!
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CwQAxbHOYPO/>
- October 20: Thanks to the hard-working crew of Facilities Operation and Planning. Great job planting natives at the Brickell Underline this morning!
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CyodyzHOnK-/>
- Nov 4: Repotting mangroves from Commissioner Anderson stock with ECO Agency. See you next April to plant them in their new home! https://www.instagram.com/p/CzO6ITxO_Gy/

2021 Educational and recreational projects:

<https://arboretum.as.miami.edu/calendar/index.html>

- Tuesday October 10th, 2023, at 1:00PM in Gifford Arboretum: Guided Tour of Arboretum for UM music class
- Thursday October 12th, 2023, at 10:00AM in Gifford Arboretum: Guided Tour of Arboretum for UM architecture class
- Monday September 26th, 2023, at 3:30PM in Gifford Arboretum: Guided Tour of Arboretum for Anthropology of Food class
- Friday October 6th, 2023, all day in Gifford Arboretum: Multiple Tours for high school classes through University of Miami Bio Reach Program is a youth-serving outreach program
- Thursday October 26th, 2023, at 7:00PM in Gifford Arboretum: Tour of Sacred and Magical Trees led by Dr. John Cozza
- Tuesday December 5th, 2023, at 11:30AM in Gifford Arboretum: Guided Tour of Arboretum for School of Nursing faculty and staff
- Thursday December 7th, 2023, at 12:00PM in Gifford Arboretum: Guided Tour of Arboretum for School of Nursing faculty and staff