



City of Stuart

A G E N D A
STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT/HISTORIC PRESERVATION
BOARD

TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 4:00 PM
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE, STUART FL 34994
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman - Chris Lewis
Vice Chairman - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Nina Dooley
Board Member - Katherine Makemson
Board Member - Nikolaus Schroth
Board Member - Frank Wacha
Board Member - Pete Walson

ADMINISTRATIVE

Development Director, Kev Freeman
CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
Board Secretary, Jordan Pinkston

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 5, 2021 Minutes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max)

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. Presentation on the Creek District Mosaic Project
2. R12-2021 CRA Residential Street Tree Program

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MATTERS

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
CRB/HPB Board**

Meeting Date: 11/3/2021

Prepared by: Jordan Pinkston

Title of Item:
Approval of October 5, 2021 Minutes.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
N/A.

Funding Source:
N/A.

Recommended Action:
Approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
❏ CRB Minutes 10.5.2021	10/27/2021	Cover Memo



MINUTES

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT/HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

OCTOBER 5, 2021 AT 4:00PM
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

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CALL TO ORDER



ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Campenni, Nina Dooley, Pete Walson, Nikolaus Schroth, Nina Dooley, Frank Wacha, Chris Lewis

Absent: Katherine Makemson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approve September 14, 2021 Minutes

Moved by: Tom Campenni

Seconded by: Frank Wacha

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approve.

Moved by: Tom Campenni

Seconded by: Pete Walson

Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 min. max): None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. Presentation - Solicit RFP for East Ocean Redevelopment

PRESENTATION: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator



4:02PM

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Frank Wacha asked about moving our City Hall to the location discussed.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas confirmed that it will be used for the future City Hall site and the remaining parcels are for redevelopment.

Pete Walson asked for confirmation that there is still a lease on the Wells Fargo Building.

The City Manager confirmed that is the case.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max): None.

2. Applications Coming Before the Board

PRESENTATION: Kev Freeman, Development Director

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Tom Campenni said that if there is a development being proposed then the board should only receive full applications. He recommended having a site plan checklist for the board and gave examples of why this would be helpful to them.

Frank Wacha agreed that the board needs more information to make an informed decision on each application.

Chris Lewis used the Business Improvement Reimbursement Grant checklist as an example.

Tom Campenni further discussed a possible checklist and addressing neighborhood concerns when approving projects.

Frank Wacha explained the example of Sportfish Marina that the board keeps speaking about.

Kev Freeman explained the application process and what the code allows.

Tom Campenni requested that applicants should not be allowed to come forward without a full package.

Discussion about the Sportfish Marina project occurred.

Pete Walson shared that he thought the Sportfish Marina project was not a prepared applicant, which is not the norm. He asked for clarification on what Tom Campenni is proposing for his code checklist.

Tom Campenni said if the board must approve a project and part of that approval is a specific piece of the code then he would like a checklist for that item.

Kev Freeman explained that staff can only go so far with pushing an applicant to meet requests and sometimes it takes board recommendation for the applicant to make changes.

Mike Mortell gave examples of possible scenarios of applications coming before the board.

Pete Walson said there is a balance that is needed for board approval. He does not support pinning down applicants to details before coming to the board if the application satisfies staff. He said that if the application is coming forward for a specific reason, then that reason should have all the details included.

Frank Wacha would like more supporting documentation, allowing them to see the benefits for allowing a special condition.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max): None.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Mike Mortell explained the RFP being released on October 6th and the CRA will be the deciding board on the project and discussed the cone of silence.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas said that there is a MLK Streetscape Meeting this Thursday at 6PM.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MATTERS: None.

STAFF UPDATE: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Lewis, Chair

Jordan Pinkston, Board Secretary

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AGENDA ITEM REQUEST CRB/HPB Board

Meeting Date: 11/3/2021

Prepared by: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

Title of Item:

PRESENTATION ON THE CREEK DISTRICT MOSAIC PROJECT BY CORINA PELLONI

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The CRA continues to coordinate with organizations to encourage volunteer beautification projects throughout the Community Redevelopment Area. The Creek District is proposing to install tile mosaic artwork in the public right-of-way, on the sidewalk throughout The Creek District of Arts & Entertainment.

The project will provide an opportunity to create a unique experience as residents and visitors stroll the streets of Arts & Entertainment District, engage citizens, increase foot traffic, create an urban environment, increase appreciation for the mosaic art and artist, and overall attractiveness of the City's public right-of-way.

This project has been a priority of Commissioner Matheson and encourages to fix the broken mosaic artwork in the new Triangle District. The artists and volunteers have agreed to fix the mosaic artwork in the Triangle District following the completion of mosaic project in the Creek District.

The Creek District is requesting CRA funds to assist with the implementation of the project including marketing of contest for artwork, workshop, artist award, materials and unveiling event to celebrate artwork. The City will be responsible for maintaining the community-based project in the public right-of-way.

Details about the mosaic project, locations, proposed mosaic artwork, artists contest for future mosaic artwork and schedule will be presented at the meeting.

Further coordination between the Creek District/artists, CRA and Public Works Department will be required for logistic planning and facilitate the installation of the mosaic artwork.

Funding Source:

Approved CRA budget for Arts & Entertainment District for FY 2022 - \$8,000.

Recommended Action:

Staff is requesting the following:

- 1) Approve two proposed mosaic artworks in the A&E District.
- 2) Approve allocation of approved CRA budget for a specific project identified by the Board of the Creek District of Arts & Entertainment for the "Creek District Mosaic Project".

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
❑ Presentation	10/22/2021	Presentation
❑ Creek District Board Meeting Minutes	10/25/2021	Backup Material



Creek District Mosaic Project

A four year plan for permanent sidewalk art at 20 proposed locations throughout the Creek District of Arts and Entertainment

Introduction

Purpose

Beautify the sidewalks in the Creek District of Arts and Entertainment with mosaic artwork and engage the local community of artists and art appreciators. Accentuate and affirm the area's designation as a District of Arts and Entertainment by installing new, creative landmarks and points of interest.

Designated Locations

Approximately 20 locations have been designated for this project, to be executed at the rate of five per year.

Please see the map of the District for tentative placement.

Selection of Artwork

All but the first two installations will be publicly submitted work. The Creek District Board of Directors will work with the City to select three approved finalists. From the finalists, a winner will be selected by the public, who will be asked to vote.

Creation of Artwork

Beautiful, high-quality mosaic art is required. Therefore, all artwork will be created by the winning artist in a workshop studio environment under the direction of the program authors.

Mosaic Locations - 2022-2025



Mosaic #1

The First Installation

Location: E. corner of 6th and Colorado

27.195045226677127, -80.25271128649467

Artist: Diane Conception

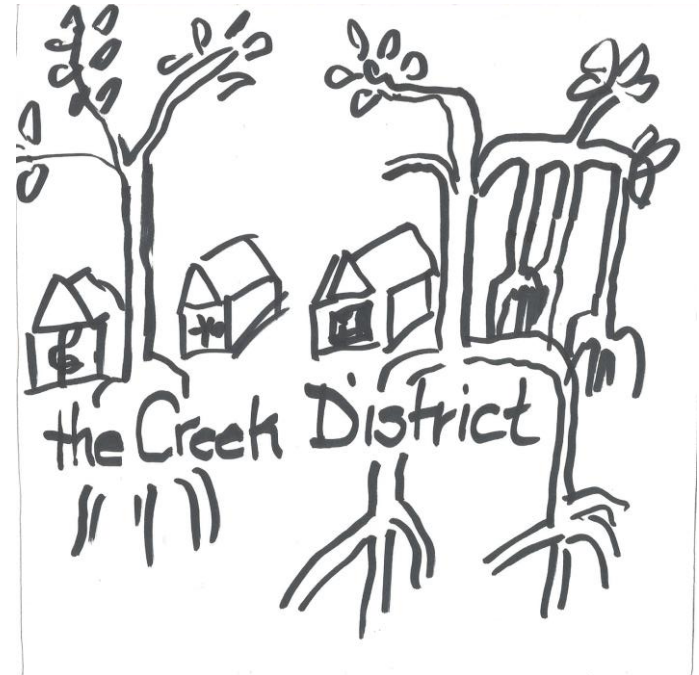
Diane Conception is an experienced mosaic artist.

She is not a sketch artist, so the quality of the drawing on the next page does not reflect the quality of her artwork.

Proposed date of installation:
January 7th 2022

Theme: The Creek District

high pedestrian traffic, in the heart of the Creek District



The first two mosaics will not be created by the artists developing the program. This will streamline future efforts once the contest for future locations are open.

Mosaic #2

The First Installation

Location: 131 SE M.L.K. Jr. Blvd

27.19386, -80.25085

Artist: **Corina Pelloni**

Local artist, primary author of this program; co-authoring with Diane Conception.

The design is Corina's.

Diane will help her in translating it into mosaic.

Proposed date of installation:
January 22nd 2022

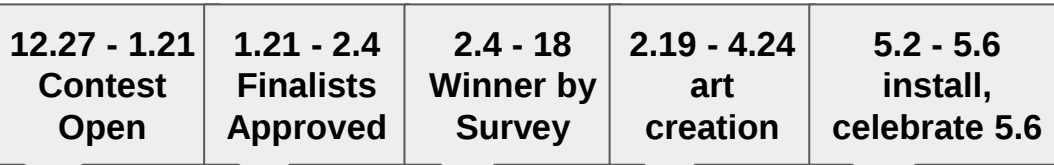
Theme: Agricultural, Empowering

Location of a Permaculture and Urban Gardening site in the heart of the District.



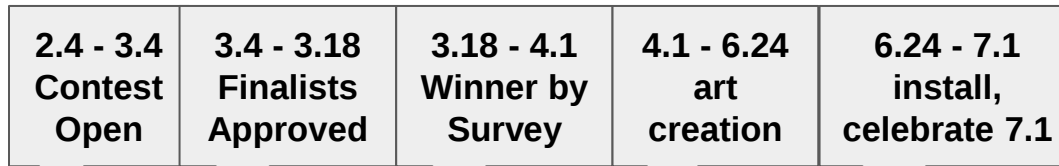
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Timeline - 2022 fiscal year installations



Unveiling celebrations held on 1st Fridays

contest 1



contest 2



contest 3

1st Fridays preferred for announcing finalists or winners



contest 4 (next fiscal year)



installations

Timeline - 2023 fiscal year installations

4.15 - 5.15 Contest Open	5.15 - 6.3 Finalists Approved	6.3 - 7.1 Winner by Survey	7.1-10.17 art creation	10.21 - 11.4 install, celebrate 11.4
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contest 1

6.3 - 7.1 Contest Open	7.1 - 8.5 Finalists Approved	8.5 - 9.2 Winner by Survey	9.2 - 12.19 art creation	12.23 - 1.6 install, celebrate 1.6
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contest 2

8.5 - 9.2 Contest Open	9.2 - 10.7 Finalists Approved	10.7 - 11.4 Winner by Survey	11.7- 2.8 art creation	2.13 - 3.3 install, celebrate 3.3
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contest 3

10.7 - 11.4 Contest Open	11.4 - 12.2 Finalists Approved	12.2 - 1.6 Winner by Survey	1.9 - 4.7 art creation	4.7 - 5.5 install, celebrate 5.5
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contest 4

2.3 - 3.3 Contest Open	3.3 - 4.7 Finalists Approved	4.7 - 5.5 Winner by Survey	5.8 - 8.18 art creation	9.1 - 10.6 install, celebrate 10.6
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contest 5

Expense

Expenses Per Location			
1	artist award payment		\$650.00
2	admin and marketing		\$400.00
3	unveiling celebration budget		\$200.00
4	installation including materials		\$200.00
TOTAL per location			\$1,450.00
Annually (x 5 locations)			\$7,250.00

Money to be received by the Board of the Creek District of Arts and Entertainment upon the installation of each mosaic.

1. An artist award payment goes to the winner of the contest who fulfills the terms of the contest agreement. Some of this payment will cover/reimburse their Workshop and Studio Time expenses.
2. Marketing for each contest and unveiling.
3. We would like to celebrate the contribution of the artists and the addition of the artwork to the public space. This line item covers some refreshment at a venue local to the installation site, purchased from an establishment within the District.
4. This is a ballpark amount of what installation would cost, if handled by the program authors.

How will artwork be selected?

Our community is home to a diverse variety of businesses and interests.

We'd like the artwork to reflect this diversity, and also reference, in some instances, features of the natural environment.

To limit redundancy in subject matter, reference to location with the artwork will be one of several criteria, and we'll be looking for submissions that handle this in creative ways.

From a practical standpoint, it is also important that the design translate well into a mosaic format. To ensure this, one of the judges will be skilled in creating mosaic art themselves.

Our careful framing of the contests and consideration of the submissions will result in colorful, dynamic installations that contribute uniquely to a sense-of-place and the enjoyment of the public space.

How will mosaic artwork be created?

Or, how can we keep this project open to participation while ensuring the artwork created is suitable for installation?

The judging process will eliminate designs that aren't suitable for mosaic art.

The winning design will be created by the person who submitted it in a supervised workshop setting where the whole work will be completed using approved materials prior to installation.

In the event a winner defaults on artwork creation, their design will be created by another artist. The contest winner also surrenders any claim to design award money or reimbursement for costs accrued.

Who may submit artwork?

This project is designed to illicit community engagement. Anyone 18 or over may submit a design.

Because cutting and handling glass is involved, we believe it is best to reserve participation for legal adults.

Contestants must be local in order to create their mosaic during the period of time designated for artwork creation.

THE CREEK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:00pm Meeting – 901 HUB

PRESENT :

Stephanie Hutton

Debbi Walsh

~~Aviana Shapiro~~

~~Katie Gianni~~

John Ciambriello

Corina Pelloni

Heather Ivins

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 500pm and Roll Call was completed.

2. APPROVAL of minutes from Jul 19, 2021.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Stef – 501C3 – board voted to pay \$1500.00 to Phil DiComo, attorney to register and create our 501C3 status.
- Stef is looking into CPA's , Leon P Wilde and 2 others in 555 building.

4 – NEW BUSINESS

- Dates were determined for 2021 Art Markets – Nov. 13th and Dec 4th, 10am-4pm. Stef will get with Anthony for approval to hold Art Market on Bruner Pond land. Artist table fee is \$50.00 non refundable.
- There was discussion to continue Art Market/Creek Art Walk monthly on a Saturday afternoon for 2022.
- THERE WILL BE NO 1ST FRIDAY ART WALK ON DEC. 3 due to the Stuart Christmas Parade that evening.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

- 1 – Going forward Board Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 530pm at the 901 HUB
- 2 - Corina updated board on Mosaic Project. The first 2 locations of many, will be 901 Hub and 555 building corner across from Roasted Record.
- 3 – Corina also working to complete the Kiosk mosaic project by end of 2021
- 3 – Heather purchased Canva app with board approval.

6. NEXT MEETING: Monday, Oct 18, at 530pm at 901 Hub

7. ADJOURNED: 6:00pm

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AGENDA ITEM REQUEST CRB/HPB Board

Meeting Date: 11/3/2021

Prepared by: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

Title of Item:

RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE TREE PLANTING PROVIDE SHADE AND BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY BY SUPPLYING FREE TREES TO HOMEOWNERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

As the climate continues to warm, many cities are planting trees to offset rising temperatures and taking initiatives to help fight climate change.

On September 27, 2021, the Community Redevelopment Agency Board directed staff to develop a Street Tree Program to encourage tree planting to increase street tree canopy to provide shade on residential streets and beautify our neighborhoods.

The program is designed to expand street tree canopy into low-tree canopy neighborhoods. The program can be implemented by prioritizing neighborhoods by identifying those areas where trees are needed the most and maximizing the benefits of planting trees by focusing on one neighborhood at a time.

Criteria for prioritization included tree inventory of residential neighborhoods within the CRA boundary. The attached tree planting map identified 6 neighborhoods (listed in priority order) that could benefit from the program.

Staff coordinated with Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society to recommend native plants for the program. The list of recommended canopy shade trees and understory trees is attached.

The program provides for the planting of street tree on private portion of the front yard (or side yard for corner lots) or within the City's right of way. The homeowner will choose a tree species from the City's list of recommended street trees. The City staff will review all the applications and conduct a site visit to determine the location of tree species chosen. If the City staff determines that the tree species chosen is appropriate for the location, the application will be processed. If the City staff determines that the tree species chosen is not appropriate, the applicant will be notified and will be recommended a different type of tree that is appropriate from the tree list. Once the Owner agrees to a species and location that has been determined by the City to be appropriate, the application will be processed.

Site inspection will determine appropriate location for tree based on the following but not limited to underground utilities present, overhead power lines, line of sight, sufficient space, light requirements and most importantly planting the right tree in the right place to maximize the benefits.

The City will be responsible for purchasing the trees and planting the trees. The CRB and CRA will have the ability to determine if watering will be provided by the City to a neighborhood during the first ninety (90) days to help establish the trees. There is no cost to the resident. Homeowners will be responsible for care of tree after 90 days and will be provided guidelines for watering tree care instructions.

City staff will submit the species list and locations to nursery. The contractor will schedule and perform the installations between March and April.

Funding Source:

Funds allocated for Brush with Kindness Program will be transferred to the new Residential Street Tree Program. The amount of transfer will depend on the number of applications and cost estimates from local nursery. No budget amendment is required.

Recommended Action:

Staff is requesting the following:

- 1) Implement the program in East Stuart (1A) as a priority area for FY 2022.
- 2) Narrow down the list developed by the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society by recommending 3-4 shade trees and understory trees for consistency in a neighborhood.
- 3) Recommend if the City will provide water for the first 90 days to help establish the trees in the East Stuart neighborhood (1A).
- 4) Approve Resolution No. 12-2021 for the implementation of the program in the priority residential neighborhoods.

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Upload Date	Type
▢	A.1 Resolution 12-2021 Residential Street Tree Program	10/25/2021	Resolution add to Y drive
▢	A.2 Exhibit A - Program Guidelines and Application, Priority Neighborhood Map	10/25/2021	Exhibit
▢	D.1 Recommended Tree Species by the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society	10/25/2021	Backup Material



**BEFORE THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2021 CRA

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE TREE PLANTING TO PROVIDE SHADE AND BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY BY SUPPLYING FREE TREES TO HOMEOWNERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, the Community Redevelopment Agency Board directed CRA staff to develop a Street Tree Program to increase the City's Tree Canopy to provide shade and beautify the landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to install trees for homeowners along their streets to create a cooler and green environment;

WHEREAS, specific program guidelines are adopted for the Residential Street Tree Program; and

WHEREAS, tree data was used to prioritize residential neighborhoods with the Community Redevelopment Area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the program will provide social, environmental, economic and aesthetic benefits the community and promote community pride; and

Resolution No. 12-2021 CRA
Residential Street Tree Program

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF
THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA** that:

SECTION 1: The Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency authorizes the Board Chairperson to execute the resolution to implement the “Residential Street Tree Program” attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Board Member _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Board Member _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: vote was as follows:

EULA R. CLARKE, CHAIRPERSON
MERRITT MATHESON, VICE CHAIRPERSON
BECKY BRUNER, BOARD MEMBER
TROY MCDONALD, BOARD MEMBER
MIKE MEIER, BOARD MEMBER
PETE WALSON, EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER
TOM CAMPENNI, EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

MARY KINDEL
CITY CLERK

EULA R. CLARKE
CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

MICHAEL J. MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY



STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The City of Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is initiating the Residential Street Tree Program to increase the tree canopy, help stabilize the environment, and enhance it's residential and public streets.

ELIGIBILITY:

Single-family residences within the priority neighborhoods may qualify for the Residential Street Tree Program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Property Owner may request for street tree on private portion of the front yard (or side yard for corner lots) or within the City's right of way, which is typically the grass area between the street and sidewalk. The homeowner shall choose a tree species from the City's list of Recommended Street Trees, which is included with the application packet.

The City will be responsible for purchasing the trees, planting and watering during the first ninety (90) days to help establish the trees. There is no cost to the resident.

After the first ninety (90) days, the homeowner will provide day-to-day care of the tree, which includes regular watering, pruning, mulching and fertilizing. The City will provide watering guidelines and tree care instructions for proper care of the tree.

The City's Residential Free Street Tree Program is contingent on continued funding by the City.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

If you would like to participate in the Residential Street Tree Program, please complete the Street Tree Program Application and return it by email to: pgandhi@ci.stuart.fl.us or you can drop it off at City Hall Development Department office located at 121 SW Flagler Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, at 772-283-2532 or via email at pgandhi@ci.stuart.fl.us.

The deadline to submit an application is January 31, 2022 for Spring planting (March 1 – April 30). All application received will be entered, dated and categorized by address/zone for planting.

After you submit your application, you will be contacted by City staff to confirm your interest in our program. The City staff will conduct a site visit to the property to determine the location of tree you requested and email you with the results. Once the tree species/location is approved, the City will hire a contractor to install the tree at the approved location. Please note that the location may shift due to underground utilities.

Hold Harmless form is required as part of the application if the location selected falls within the private property.



STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM APPLICATION

STREET TREE PROGRAM APPLICANT

Homeowner's Name:	Date	
Address of Property:		
Address of Property Owner if different than above:		
Email Address:		
Phone Number:		

YOUR DESIRED TREE LOCATION MUST BE:

1. On private part of your front yard (or side yard for corner lots) that is 20 feet or less from the end of the right-of-way; or
2. If there is no sidewalk, installation within 12 feet of the street; or
3. Within the City's right-of-way (grass area between the street and sidewalk)

TREE CHOICES

All street trees must be chosen from the City's list of Recommended Street Trees included in the application packet. The City cannot guarantee the availability of a particular tree species. Please select your top three choices.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Are there overhead power lines: _____ YES _____ NO

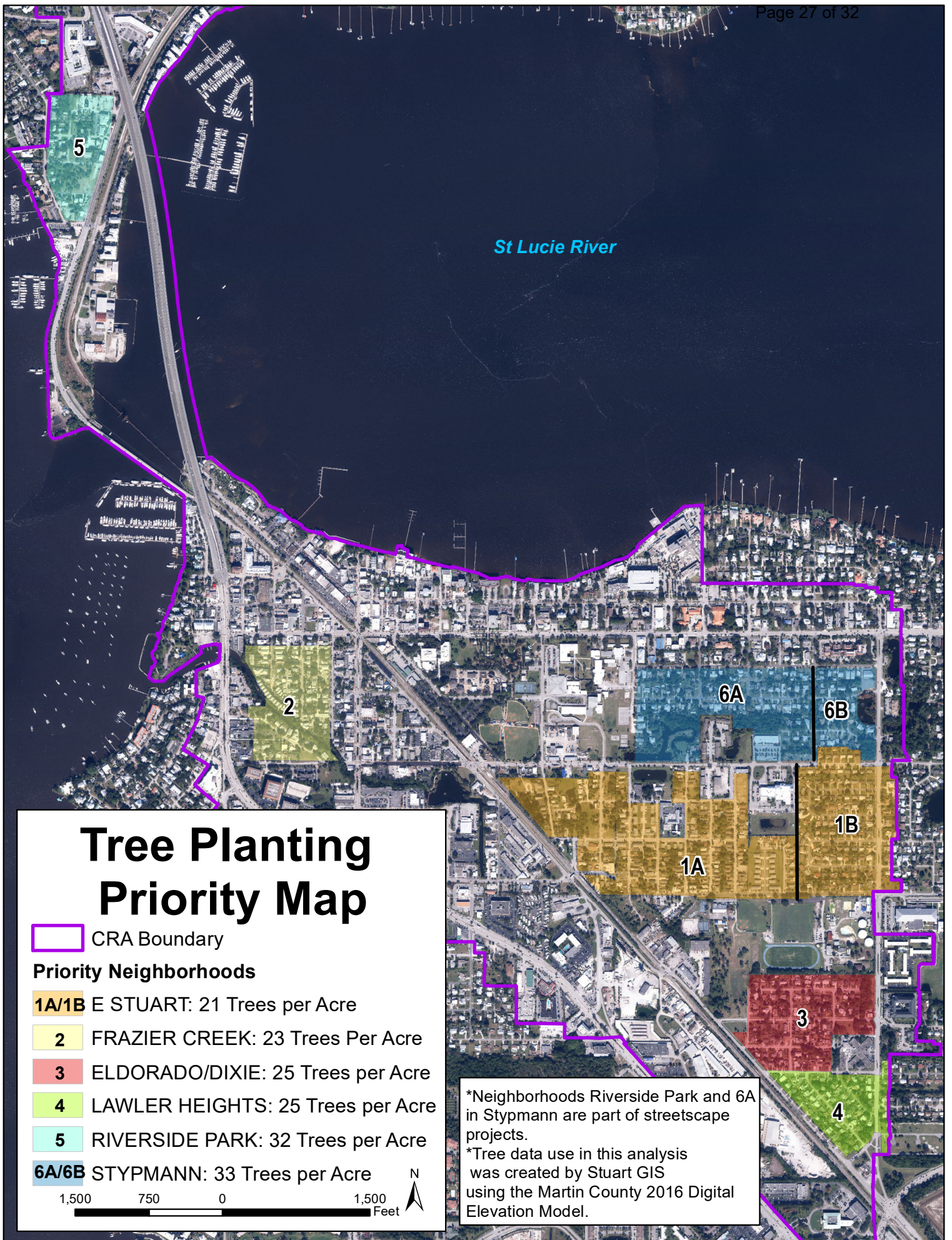
**Note: Specific type of tree species are recommended to be installed under power lines*

**Important – Trees will be installed, mulched and watered in by the City's contractor. Once the tree is planted, the property owner and city staff shall provide as much care and water as necessary during the first ninety (90) days. The establishment period is a minimum of ninety (90) days, but can vary depending on weather conditions. The City will provide tree care instruction for proper care of the tree. Trees that die due to neglect or lack of proper watering will not be replaced.*

I/we have read, and fully understand, the City of Stuart Tree Program policies, and agree to provide proper care as detailed in the accompanying materials.

Homeowner Acknowledgement

Date





STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOLD HARMLESS FORM

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the City of Stuart providing and planting a tree(s) on my private property, the undersigned hereby promises and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Stuart, a municipal corporation, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, all tree maintenance, including removal, damages to private irrigation, lights, etc. not located by homeowner, other damages, demands, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions and costs of actions, including attorney's fees for trial and on appeal of any kind and nature arising or growing out or in any connected with the provision and planting of the tree(s), whether by act or omission of the City of Stuart, its officers, agents, employees or others, or because of or due to the mere existence of this agreement between the parties. I am the owner of the property located at _____, Stuart, Florida and represent that I have authority to enter into this agreement and bind all other owners of the property.

Owner

Date

City of Stuart Representative

Date



STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TREE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Caring for Your Tree

To participate in the City of Stuart Street Tree Program, a homeowner must agree to properly care for their tree as outlined in the following section. Please read the following section thoroughly before you sign the tree care agreement on the Street Tree Program Application. By following these instructions, you will be able to give your tree a long, healthy life.

Please note: Any trees that die due to lack of care or improper care will not be replaced.

Watering

The single most important thing a new tree needs is water. An irrigation system does not supply enough water for a new tree. Water should be administered slowly in order to penetrate the soil deeply. Afterwards, the soil should be allowed to dry somewhat before the next watering. This

The City will provide water as necessary during the first ninety (90) days, then homeowner should follow the schedule below. Only increase frequency during dry periods.

- 3-6 months: 10 gallons of water 3 times per week
- 6-12 months: 10 gallons of water 2 times per week
- 12-18 months: 10 gallons of water once a week

Staking

The tree may be staked by the City's contractor if setting occurs, and tree begins to lean. The homeowner is responsible for removing the stakes. The stakes should be removed completely between six months to a year, maximum.

Fertilizing

For the most part, fertilizer is not necessary. If you choose to use it, there are many types available at your local garden center or call a tree care professional. When using fertilizer, always follow the directions on the package. Too much fertilizer can cause much more damage than not using any at all.

Pruning

City crews are trained in proper pruning methods; however, they prune trees for clearance only. This means they will trim branches that are hanging into the road or over a sidewalk.

Pruning a tree when it is young is called "structural pruning," and homeowners should feel free to do whatever extra trimming they feel is appropriate on their right of way trees. The goal of structural pruning is to establish a strong trunk that has evenly spaced branches. This ensures that your tree will be stronger in future years, and less susceptible to damage during storms. Avoid pruning in the first year that the tree has been planted unless you see broken or diseased branches. These should always be removed right away.

Mulching

The tree will be mulched by the city's contractor when it is installed. If you choose to re-mulch later, spread an even layer of mulch underneath the tree's canopy. This layer should be no deeper than 4 inches, and if you like to add fresh mulch every year try not to exceed a 2" layer each year. Piling mulch up against the trunk of the tree, creating a "volcano" effect, is a very common mistake and is detrimental to tree health. Mulch should never touch the trunk of the tree because it can hold moisture against the trunk and cause decay and rot. The larger the mulch ring the better for the tree. The minimum is two to three feet.

Trees and Shrubs recommended for use in the City of Stuart's Street Tree Program

Common Name	Scientific Name	Native to Martin County?	Comments
<u>Canopy Species</u>			
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Yes	Slow growing, long-lived. Green year-round, but can be messy with leaves falling throughout the year. Excellent habitat for birds. Prefers full sun. Dense canopy of mature specimens discourages understory and groundcover species. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Slash Pine	<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	Yes	Moderately fast growing, produces yellow pollen in spring. Does not respond well to topping. Prefers moist, slightly acidic soils. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Pigeon Plum	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	Yes	Moderately fast growing, produces small fruits that are edible and attractive to birds. Does well in full sun or part shade. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Strangler Fig	<i>Ficus aurea</i>	Yes	Moderately fast growing, produces small fruits that are attractive to birds. May produce aerial roots. Shade to part sun. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Gumbo limbo	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	Yes	Moderately fast growing; recovers well if damaged by storms. Limbs can be cut and planted. Produces seeds desirable to birds. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Geiger Tree	<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	Yes	Prefers well-drained soils. Has large leaves & bright orange flowers that are attractive to hummingbirds. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Sand live oak	<i>Quercus geminata</i>	Yes	Does well in well-drained soils. Won't grow as large as live oaks. No need for irrigation after becoming established.

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Trees, Cont'd			
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Yes	Does best in lower-lying properties or area with higher water table. No need for irrigation after becoming established. Deciduous - needles naturally turn brown & drop in the winter, with bright new growth in the spring.
Green Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	Yes	Will do best in lower-lying properties or area with higher water table. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
<u>Understory Species</u>			
Cocoplum	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	Yes	Attractive leaves, that are variable in color through the year. Responds well to trimming, so can be managed however desired. Produces edible fruit. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Marlberry	<i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>	Yes	Does well in shady areas. Can be topped to be managed at height desired. Produces clusters of small fragrant flowers that mature into small purple fruits that are attractive to birds. No need for irrigation once established.
Satinleaf	<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>	Yes	Attractive leaves that are deep green above and coppery below. Can be maintained at height desired. Does best in slightly acidic soils. Produces small olive-like fruits. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Simpson's Stopper	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>	Yes	Produces small fragrant flowers and small reddish-orange colored fruits. Prefers neutral to slightly alkaline soils. Good for under utility lines. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Wild Sage	<i>Lantana involucrata</i>	Yes	Clusters of small white flowers are attractive to butterflies. Pleasingly aromatic. Prefers well-drained soils and full sun. No need for irrigation after becoming established.
Florida Privet	<i>Forestiera segregata</i>	Yes	Good for hedges and/or under utility lines. Tolerant of a variety of soil conditions. Small fruits attractive to birds. No need for irrigation after becoming established.

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Greetings Pinal. Thanks for the additional info about the priority planting areas. Attached is a spreadsheet that contains our recommendations for your consideration in City's Street Tree Program. All are aesthetically appealing, have no need for supplemental irrigation once they become established and are resistant to insect damage, so no pesticides or other chemicals are needed. Several species are also notably good for birds, butterflies and other pollinators, as I've noted in the "Comments" column of the spreadsheet.

The cypress and buttonwoods would likely work best in your Priority Area B, but could work in portions of other areas where the water table is higher.

In the sub-canopy section, most of the species we recommend are very tolerant of trimming, so keeping them away from utility lines should not be a problem, but I've called out a couple species that would work best in those situations.

Thanks for offering us the opportunity to provide input as you develop the program. Our team considered the species that are included in the City of Orlando's program, but we are concerned that most would not do well this far south and would not be a good fit for our community's character.

Information about several of the species we recommend is contained in a recent publication from the University of Florida's IFAS program - see <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/EP592>

Our Native Plant Society has been working with the IFAS group and Martin County's Master Gardeners on a "Demonstration Garden" along Dixie Highway in front of the Fairgrounds. It includes several of the species that we are recommending for your use, and I'm sure we could arrange a tour there if you and/or members of your team would be interested in seeing these species in actual conditions.

Please confirm receipt and feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of our recommendations or next steps in the program. Thanks again for reach out!

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