



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Neat Streets Miami Award Street Tree Matching Grant to Pinecrest

*The Village is doubling its "green" with a matching county grant to plant trees in public right-of-ways.*

Pinecrest, FL – Pinecrest, FL – In an effort to expand Miami-Dade County's tree canopy by leveraging local resources, Neat Streets Miami awarded the Village of Pinecrest a Street Tree Matching Grant for its Street Tree Program in the amount of \$39,300. In its fourth year, Neat Streets Miami's street tree program awarded 15 organizations matching grants to advance the Million Trees Miami initiative, a community-wide effort to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy for Miami-Dade County.

"We hope to encourage municipalities, agencies, and organizations to plant trees on public lands, specifically to shade roadways that lead to bus stops, parks, schools, gateways, and transit corridors throughout Miami-Dade County," said Miami-Dade County District 9 Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. "By incentivizing our partners to plant at these locations through Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant, we are working together to create a more livable, walkable community."

Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano is proud of the Village's verdant canopy and is pleased to know that soon Pinecrest will boast even more trees.

"Pinecrest's lush canopy is key to the Village's residential character. In addition to the beauty it provides for residents, the canopy is environment-friendly and provides shade in public spaces for play, leisure and exercise," said Galiano. "This grant will ensure that Pinecrest's canopy continues to thrive and grow."

Thirty Live Oak and 81 Silver Buttonwood trees will be planted in areas that currently have no canopy. By increasing the number of trees and subsequent canopy, Pinecrest will improve public health and social benefits for its residents and visitors.

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Public Works Director Mark Spanioli leads the Village's Street Tree Program.

"The Village is a strong proponent of overall environmental responsibility. This project not only furthers the county's goal to achieve a wider canopy but it also supports our tree strategy goals, creating a win-win for everyone involved."

Made possible through the County's Tree Trust Fund, preference was given to areas with low tree canopy and low-to-moderate income populations, in an attempt to achieve at least a twenty percent tree canopy coverage (Miami-Dade County's average) in all neighborhoods.

### **About Million Trees Miami and Neat Streets Miami**

Launched by Neat Streets Miami, the Million Trees Miami initiative is a community-wide effort to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy cover for Miami-Dade County. Neat Streets Miami is a multi-jurisdictional county board dedicated to the maintenance and beautification of transportation corridors, gateways and connections.

### **About Miami-Dade Parks**

Miami-Dade Parks is the third largest county park system in the United States, consisting of 270 parks and 13,573 acres of land. 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. The non-profit Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade supports Miami-Dade Parks' efforts to further develop Miami-Dade County's world-class parks system for residents and visitors.

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