

Beautification

Advisory Committee



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Purpose.

The Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) is committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community through aesthetic improvements and the preservation of our natural and historical assets. The Committee promotes community pride and engagement with beautification projects, events and contests, and it provides guidance to help citizens improve their own properties.

Mission Statement

The Beautification Advisory Committee is charged with identifying short and long-term issues that impact the overall beauty and appeal of the island including planted street medians and streetscapes, publicly-owned cul-de-sacs, beach access points, evaluating potential solutions and recommending policy and practices to City staff for administrative or Council action.

Meeting Schedule

BAC meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the Fay & Bedford Biles Community Room, at 51 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 (Police Department).



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A Tree is a Tree is a Tree

Committee (BAC) generated.

The BAC is provided an annual budget for beautification projects. Each year a street, park or other location is identified to increase shade cover/trees within the city limits of the island.

Donation (funds).

Private donations are welcome to add to the beautification of there island. While some identify a specific location, the BAC will make every attempt to satisfy the request. However, there may be circumstances that may not allow for requested area, but the BAC will make every effort to best accommodate donor's request.

Tree donation and placement.

Requests for a single tree or one at a specific location or can be made and the BAC will attempt to accommodate the individual within it's scope of authority.

Neighborhood/street.

The BAC encourages cooperation of property owners in a specific area or street designate and contribute to a tree project for their specific area or street.

Tree City USA.

Marco Island is taking progressive steps to be more in step with other Florida cities. The program is an annual national recognition program designed to raise awareness of the value of community trees, set foundational standards for communities of all sizes, and celebrate community improvement.



Signage identifying donor or immemorial is subject to approval by the BAC.

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Events/Projects/Awards

Marco Nature Night.

As an annual spring event, the BAC stages an information and educational program related to the ecology in and around Marco Island. Speakers and exhibitors convene to offer their expertise to island residents and visitors.

Marco in Bloom.

To encourage property owners to enhance the landscape of Marco Island, the BAC sponsors an annual contest in the spring of the year. Awards are given to homes, condominium associations and commercial properties base on various factors: beauty, water conservation and use of native vegetation.

Christmas light pole décor.

The city annually budgets funds for decorating some of the light poles commencing at the Jolley bridge and down Collier Blvd.

Historic Sites.

There are 12 historic sites scattered around the island. The BAC has taken on the responsibility to manage and maintain the sites to insure that residents and visitors alike may connect with some of the island's history.

Utility Box Wrap.

The island, like many Florida cities, have a profusion of unsightly utility boxed scattered around the island. The BAC has established an ongoing program to encourage local artists to design wraps to blend visually into the surrounding environment.

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Cul-de-Sacs

The city of Marco Island encourages property owners to initiate and maintain cul-de-sac landscaping improvements to enhance the streetscape environment of the island. In some instances, one homeowner may wish to develop one opposite their home or in others, several homeowners may collaborate in funding and/or maintenance of the cu-de-sac at the end of their street.

Development cost.

Curbing*: \$5,000 - \$5,500

Plantings: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Permit (waived)

*Structural curbing may be needed to insure that large trucks don't damage curbing.



Annual maintenance.

Cost of irrigation (estimate): * \$25.00/month

Installation of water meter: * \$300.00

Periodic care (quarterly): \$0.00 - \$100.00

Mulch (once per year): \$200.00

** Sufficient irrigation may be satisfied by auto-flush devises.*

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Guidelines

Cul-de-sacs

Permitting.

Required site plan and planting details.

Fee waiver request.

Review timetable: 10-14 days



Picture

Landscape.

Water-wise, low maintenance

Maximum plant height of 3 feet for sign clearance

Mulch: shell or stone recommended

Proper plant spacing

Tips (suggestions).

Use native, drought-tolerant species that thrive on annual rainfall.

Select salt-tolerant plants suited to sandy, high PH soils.

Opt for low-maintenance varieties requiring minimal pruning, fertilizer and watering.

Avoid invasive roots/foliage to protect utilities and pavement.

Choose species proven in non-irrigation settings to conserve water.

Safety.

Contact utility companies prior to digging.

Traffic control: FDOT-compliant signs and barriers as needed.

Clearances: 2 feet from curb; 3 feet from pavement edge.

Coordinate with city's public works: 239-389-5002.

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Plant Preference Guide

Plant Species that grow to a 3-foot Height:

Common Name	Genus, species	Comments
Coontie	<i>Zamia pulmila</i>	Native, green fronds
Dwarf Bougainvillea	<i>'Helen Johnson'</i> species ONLY	Fusia flowers
Dwarf Natal Plum	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i>	White flowers, slow grower
Crown of Thorns	<i>Milli Roseanna Euphorba</i>	Pink/Coral flowers
Agava	<i>Agava Americana marginata</i>	Green and yellow striped leaves
Bromeliads	<i>Aechinea blanchetiana</i>	Yellow and orange leaves
Scorpion Tail	<i>Heliotropium angiospermum</i>	Native, Perennial, white flowers

Plant Species that grow to a 2-foot Height:

Beach Sunflower	<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	Native, yellow flowers
Foxtail Fern	<i>Asparagus densiflorus 'myers'</i>	Light green leaves
Spider Lily	<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	White flowers
Yellow Walking Iris	<i>Neomoria lonifolia</i>	Yellow flowers
Muhly Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Pink, feathery seed pods
Trailing Lantana	<i>Lantan montevidcinsis</i>	Purple flowers
Juniper Shore	<i>Juniperus conferta</i>	Green leaves
Blue Porterweed	<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	Native species ONLY, Blue flowers
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia putchella</i>	Red, Orange, Yellow flowers
Aloe, Aloe Vera	<i>Aloe bariardemcis</i>	Native, Yellow flowers
Daylily, Evergreen	<i>Hemerocallis hybria</i>	Many flowers, multi-colored
Green Eyes	<i>Berlindiera subacaulis</i>	Yellow flowers

Plant Species that grow to a 1-foot Height (groundcovers):

Sea Pursue Lane	<i>Sesuvium portala castrum</i>	Native, pink flowers
Sunshine Mimosa	<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i>	Native, pink flowers
Bulbine	<i>Bulbine fratescents</i>	Yellow and/or orange flowers
Lily turf, Monkey Grass	<i>Lirpe muscari</i>	Grass, purple flowers
Perennial Peanut (Echo Turf)	<i>Arachis glabrata Berth</i>	Yellow flowers
Sea Fig	<i>Carpobrutus chilensis</i>	Purple flowers
Gopher Apple	<i>Licania michauxii</i>	Native, yellow flowers
Kalanchoe	<i>Kalanchoe fedtschenkii</i>	Pink scalloped edges

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Plant and Trees to Avoid

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