

# *Beautification*

## Advisory Committee



City of Marco Island  
Public Works Department  
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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

### **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>Liriope 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*

*“TBD”*

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# PERMIT TO PERFORM WORK AND/OR MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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IN THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

NOTE: NO PAVERS IN SIDEWALK AREA PER STANDARD DETAIL SHEET No. 3

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ MI

Folio# \_\_\_\_\_ FEE PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Approval is hereby requested by \_\_\_\_\_

for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

at/on \_\_\_\_\_

Tract/Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_; Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ S.; Rge. \_\_\_\_\_ E.

The work herein described and permitted is to be commenced on or about \_\_\_\_\_

and completed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES:

1. Work shall be performed in accordance with approved plan, Conditions of Permit. Stipulations specified as part of this permit and in accordance with "City of Marco Island Construction Standards Handbook for Work Within the Public Right of Way", latest edition, or as may be superseded by the City.
2. Applicant declares that prior to filing this application he has ascertained the location of all existing utilities, both aerial and underground, as applicable.
3. This permit is contingent upon Permittee obtaining necessary rights of entry for construction and maintenance where required right-of-way for public use has not been dedicated and accepted by the City of Marco Island.
4. If the application is made by any person or firm other than the owner of the property involved, a written consent from the property owner shall be required prior to processing of the application.
5. "Public Works Department approval does not exempt the permittee from gaining approval from any State, Federal or Local Agencies having jurisdiction over the proposed work."

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to conduct all work in accordance with all applicable City, County and State Codes and Laws.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR PERMITTEE

**APPROVED BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Mike Daniel**, Manager Infrastructure Construction & Maintenance

**Herb Burkart**, Right-of-Way Inspector

**Tom O'Connor**, Street & Drainage Coordinator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTIFY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FINAL INSPECTION: (239) 389-3931**

THIS PERMIT MUST BE KEPT ON THE WORK SITE

## **CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

1. Permits are required for all work performed in any rights-of-way or easements provided for public use in the municipal boundaries of the City of Marco Island and maintained by the City of Marco Island.
2. When permitted facilities are placed within a public right-of-way or easement, the installation is for permissive use only and placing of facilities shall not operate to create or vest any property right in the associated right-of-way or easement in the permittee. Furthermore, the permittee shall be responsible for maintenance of such facilities until they are removed, unless otherwise specified in the particular instance.
3. All materials and equipment shall be subject to inspection by the Public Works Department's assignee.
4. Requests for inspection shall be made 72 hours prior to commencing work requiring inspection.
5. During the construction, the Contractor/Permittee shall comply with the "State of Florida Manual of Traffic Control and Safe Practices for Street and Highway Construction, Maintenance, and Utility Operations" and with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and with all other governing safety regulations.
6. The City of Marco Island shall be relieved of all responsibility from damage or liability of damage of any nature arising from work authorized under this permit.
7. All crossings of existing pavement shall be by jacking and boring at a minimum depth of twenty-four inches (24") unless otherwise authorized by the Public Works Department's assignee.
8. All overhead installations shall conform to clearance standards of the City, and all underground crossing installations shall be placed at a minimum depth of twenty-four inches (24") below the pavement and/or a minimum depth of twenty-four inches (24") below the roadside ditch or swale invert. Primary cable (voltage exceeding 500 volts) will have a minimum thirty-six inch (36") cover. Secondary cable (voltages less than 500 volts) will have a minimum thirty inch (30") cover. Exceptions may be made by authority of the Public Works Department.
9. Two prints of the proposed work covering details of this installation shall be made a part of this permit. If additional plans are required, they shall become a part of this permit.
10. Sod or other approved organic material shall be required for any disturbed rights-of-way following completion of all permitted work.
11. All property disturbed by authorization of this permit shall be restored better than or equal to its original condition and to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department's assignee.
12. Whenever necessary for the construction, repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration or relocation of said right-of-way or easement as determined by the City, any or all poles, wires, pipes, culverts, cables, sod, landscaping, driveways, sprinklers, or other facilities and appurtenances authorized shall be removed from said right-of-way or easement, or reset or relocated thereon as required and so notified by the City, and at the expense of the permittee, his successor or assigns.
13. Where the permittee, or his successor or assigns, is notified of a need for construction, repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration of or relocation within the right-of-way or easement and no action is taken by the responsible party within the time frame specified by the City, the City shall cause the permitted work to be altered, relocated, or removed, with the total expense being borne by the permittee or the responsible party.
14. Permits shall generally be in a form approved by the City of Marco Island and shall include the time of commencement, the number of days the job is expected to take, and the approximate date of completion. The permit will expire ninety (90) days after the designated completion date, unless authorized in the specific instance for a longer or shorter period. If the work has not been completed by the expiration date, there will be a renewal fee payable upon extending the expiration date for an additional ninety (90) days.
15. All correspondence regarding construction procedures will be handled directly with the permittee, his authorized agent or his consultant, and not through a contractor or subcontractor.
16. Upon completion of authorized work and prior to acceptance by the City, the Public Works Department shall be notified by mailing or delivering a completion notification to the Public Works Department, 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145.