

Beautification Advisory Committee Tree-Planting Master Plan Considerations

(March 1, 2025)

2025 Mainstream Plan:

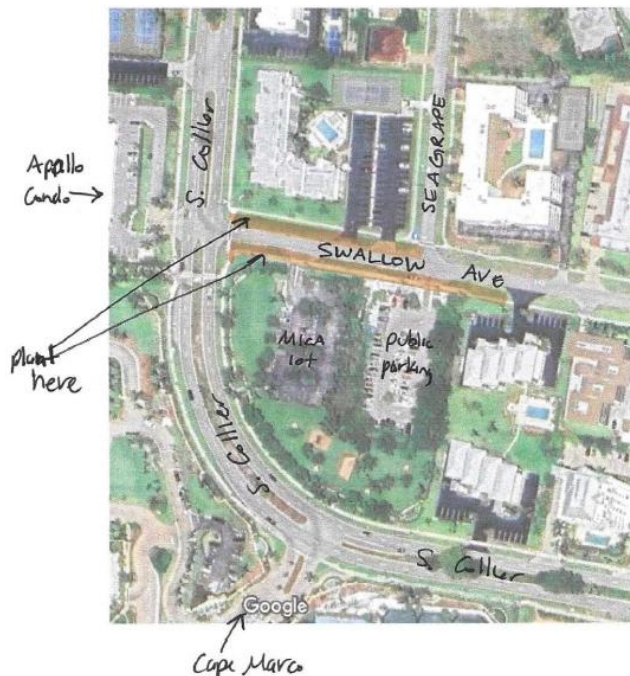
At the Committee's December 4, 2024 meeting, Committee Chair Shelli Connelly shared a visual presentation with the Committee outlining a potential South Heathwood Drive tree planting initiative between San Marco Road and Winterberry Drive to utilize and deploy a significant portion of the Committee's 2025 Tree Fund budget. The Committee voted 5 – 0 in favor of adopting the following:

MOTION by Member Needles, seconded by Member Scherzinger, that the Beautification Advisory Committee focus the deployment of its remaining 2025 Tree Fund budget of \$29,000.00 toward the planting up to one hundred (100) 25 gallon Cassia Bakerianas trees in the swales along South Heathwood Drive between San Marco Road and Winterberry Drive.

Alternative Location #1:

At the Committee's January 8, 2025 meeting, Committee Member Linda Scherzinger shared a visual presentation and discussion of three (3) proposed alternative areas/locations for the Committee's consideration, along with seven (7) other potential areas/locations for future Tree City USA / City Tree Fund projects. The Committee voted 4 – 0 in favor of adopting the following:

MOTION by Member Needles, seconded by Chair Connelly, that, in the event that the Committee's South Heathwood Avenue tree planting plan not meet the Committee's desired expectations, or if funds remain in the Committee's 2025 Tree Fund budget after the execution of the South Heathwood Avenue planting effort, that the next alternative area/location for the application of the Committee's 2025 Tree Budget be directed toward the Swallow Avenue alternative location.

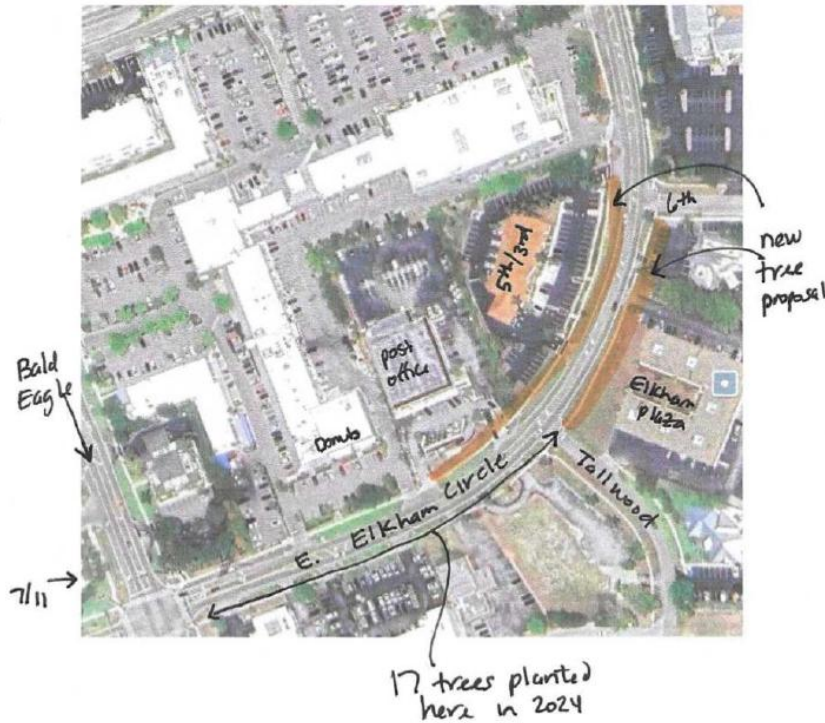


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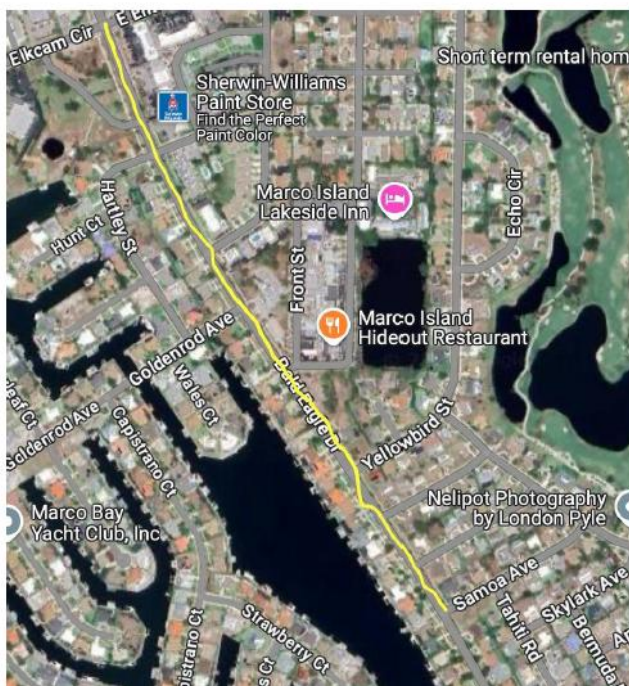
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Other Alternative Locations:

1. Finish Out East Elkcarn Circle



2. Fill in the Gaps on Bald Eagle between Elkcarn Circle and Samoa Ave.



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Seven Additional Opportunities for Consideration:

1. Fill in the gaps on sides of San Marco, Barfield, Bald Eagle (north of Collier) matching existing/similar trees
2. Fill in the gaps in medians on Collier Blvd from Tigertail Ct to Cape Marco and on Barfield south of San Marco
3. Any room left around Mackle Lake from the donated trees?
4. Work with Parks & Rec to identify tree needs in Calusa Park, Leigh Plummer Park, Mackle Park, Veterans Park, Founders Park
 - a. Calusa Garden Club plan for additional trees near the Butterfly Garden at Calusa Park
5. Cul-de-sacs
6. Future 1st responders park – plant 4-5 big trees now to start the framework
7. Major through roads like Landmark and Yellowbird

Also For Consideration (Proposed by City Public Works & Water & Sewer Department)

San Marco Road, east of Barfield Drive, heading toward Goodland