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Miami Beach Continues to Grow Its Urban Tree Canopy

– *As a Result of Receiving \$50,000 Grant on Behalf of Neat Streets Miami* –

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach continues its General Obligation Bond-funded reforestation efforts with its strong partnership with Neat Streets Miami, planting over 200 more trees in the Normandy Isles and Normandy Shores neighborhoods. This year's \$50,000 Neat Streets Miami grant will fund the planting of over 85 of the 207 new trees.

"Miami Beach is already one of the most walkable, bikeable cities in the country, and we're always looking to take the next step, such as with actions like the 5,000 new trees funded in our 2018 G.O. Bonds," shared Mayor Dan Gelber. "So we're very excited about our ongoing partnership with Neat Streets Miami to keep improving our tree canopy and community."

In addition to creating cooler streets, a prosperous tree canopy also intercepts thousands of gallons of urban stormwater runoff, reduces carbon monoxide, conserves electricity and improves overall health for residents.

The 207 trees will include Bridal Veil (*Caesalpinia granadillo*), Wild Tamarinds (*Lysiloma bahamensis*), Gumbo Limbos (*Bursera simaruba*), Green Buttonwoods (*Conocarpus erectus*) and several other Florida-friendly tree species that provide shade and beautify the community.

The Miami Beach G.O. Bond program has planted over 650 trees over the last year. Neat Streets Miami grants, made possible through the County's Tree Trust Fund, continue to assist the city in improving its yearly reforestation efforts.

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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.

About the Miami Beach G.O. Bond Program By the community, for the community, the 70 percent voter-approved \$439 million General Obligation Bond Program is revitalizing public spaces, public structures and public securities for the future of Miami Beach. Upgrading city functions and enhancing city aesthetics at an unprecedented scale, the G.O. Bond Program is working to implement 57 separate improvement projects that will positively impact quality of life, economic health and overall resilience in Middle, North and South Beach.

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