

NEAT STREETS MIAMI AWARDS STREET TREE MATCHING GRANT TO WINNERS  
*13 ORGANIZATIONS TO DOUBLE OUR GREEN ON MIAMI-DADE STREETS*

**South Miami, Florida, August 2, 2017** – In an effort to expand Miami-Dade’s tree canopy by leveraging local resources, Neat Streets Miami awarded The City of South Miami a Street Tree Matching grant for its Tree Planting Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Project at the biennial LEAF Summit. In its second year, Neat Streets Miami’s street tree program awarded 13 organizations matching grants to advance the Million Trees Miami initiative, a community-wide effort to plant one million trees and achieve a 30 percent tree canopy cover by 2020 in Miami-Dade County.

Awardees were announced by Neat Streets Miami Chairman, Miami-Dade Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, District 9, at the 2017 LEAF Summit, South Florida’s premier exchange on trees. Approximately 200 community leaders participated in the 2017 LEAF Summit to learn and apply best practices for growing the tree canopy in Miami-Dade.

“With the Street Tree Matching Grant program, the County is leveraging funds to get more green on the streets,” said Commissioner Moss. “By matching resources for trees, we are creating more shade, beautifying corridors and gateways and encouraging more activity in communities throughout the County.”

This year, Neat Streets Miami gave applicants in neighborhoods with low tree canopy and with underserved populations priority in an attempt to achieve at least a twenty percent tree canopy coverage (Miami-Dade County’s average) in all neighborhoods.

As part of this project, The City of South Miami will plant thirty (30) Florida Native trees to provide shade and beautify their community.

About Million Trees Miami and Neat Streets Miami

Launched by [Neat Streets Miami](#), the [Million Trees Miami](#) Campaign is a community-wide effort to plant one million trees by 2020 in order to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy cover for Miami-Dade County. Housed in the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, Neat Streets Miami is a multi-jurisdictional county board that creates beautiful, green and livable transportation corridors, gateways and connections.