



**NEAT STREETS MIAMI AWARDS STREET TREE MATCHING GRANT TO CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI
DOUBLE OUR GREEN ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STREETS**

South Miami, Florida, July 3, 2018 - In an effort to expand Miami-Dade County's tree canopy by leveraging local resources, Neat Streets Miami awarded the City of South Miami a Street Tree Matching Grant for its SoMi Tree Planting Project in the amount of \$5,500. In its third year, Neat Streets Miami's street tree program awarded fourteen organizations matching grants to advance the Million Trees Miami initiative, a community-wide effort to reach a million trees by 2020.

"The Street Tree Matching Grant allows Miami-Dade County to leverage its funds strategically in order to plant trees along our streets through partnerships with our municipalities and community organizations," said Miami-Dade County District 9 Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. "By incentivizing our partners to plant in underserved neighborhoods with low tree canopy, we are able to plant in neighborhoods that need these trees the most."

As part of this project, the City of South Miami will plant twenty-four (24) Florida Native trees to provide shade and beautify their community. The trees will benefit the community by reducing humidity and heat-island effect, encouraging physical activity, and reducing air and stormwater runoff pollution.

Made possible through the County's Tree Trust Fund, preference was given to areas with low tree canopy, in an attempt to achieve at least a twenty percent tree canopy coverage (Miami-Dade County's average) in all neighborhoods. The 2018 grant funding totals \$250,000, a twenty percent increase from last year.

About Neat Streets Miami and Million Trees 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 thirty percent tree canopy cover for Miami-Dade County.

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 parks 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.