



BEAUTIFICATION MASTER PLAN **MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

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INTRODUCTION

In 2013, the Town of Miami Lakes contracted Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. (BA) to develop a Beautification Master Plan. The vision was to create a Plan that would enhance the landscape aesthetics at Gateways, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Cul-de-sacs, Underpasses, Intersections, and within the Town's Parks. BA assessed existing roadway and park landscapes, proposing a design palette tailored for various conditions in the Town's rights-of-way and parks. Following this evaluation, BA suggested design options for Gateways, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Intersections, Cul-de-sacs, and Parks using distinctive landscape designs. These concepts were further detailed in the original report.

This document serves as an Update to the Town of Miami Lakes Beautification Master Plan, following its adoption in 2014. It maintains the structure and subject categorization of the original plan, enabling ease of use as either a standalone document or referenced to the original document.

The Update provides a comprehensive review of the implementation status of the Beautification Master Plan. It details the progress of specific initiatives outlined in the original plan, including completed projects, ongoing developments, and future plans. Additionally, it discusses modifications to the original Plan necessitated by various factors. The Update provides a location-wise progress report of each project, indicating its completion status or development stage. Furthermore, it introduces revised strategies and new prospects for ongoing beautification efforts in the Town of Miami Lakes.



Figure 1 Main Street at New Barn Road



Figure 2 Tree Canopy along NW 60th Ave

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PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Town of Miami Lakes first adopted the Beautification Master Plan in 2014 and has been strategically implementing its goals and objectives since then. A decade of successful projects prompted the need for an Update to the Plan, highlighting the wide variety of completed projects. These include the completion of new gateway signage in several locations, new planting in every Town roundabout, and the completion of numerous forestation plantings throughout the Town as well.

This Update elaborates on completed projects and identifies new opportunities for beautification Town wide. It aligns the Master Plan with these opportunities, aiming for optimal results in future improvements. Key suggestions within the Update include a lighting project for the Ludlam Road and the Gratigny underpass and guidance for future Public Art installations. The 2025 Update serves as a strategic guide for enhancements that will continue to beautify the Town for future generations.

Key priorities within the Update continue to include landscaping major roadways and intersections, particularly Miami Lakes Drive and Ludlam Road, creating a distinctive appearance for Town center roadways, and improving Town gateways with and without signage. A uniform landscape treatment that will thrive without irrigation is also suggested.



Figure 3 Cul-de-sac Beautification Installment



Figure 4 Completed Pedestrian Safety - 'Safe Routes To Schools' Project

The Town is committed to preserving the mature tree canopy, a defining feature of the community (see Figure 5). These trees will be individually monitored and maintained on a case-by-case basis. This will help to reinforce the Town's signature "brand" of canopy tree-lined public rights-of-way.

Initially, cul-de-sacs were a priority in the original Plan. However, all 53 of the Town's cul-de-sacs have now been improved as per the Plan's guidance and therefore that original goal has concluded (see Figure 3). The focus has now shifted from the implementation of landscape improvements in the cul-de-sacs to the maintenance of these enhancements.

The Town places high importance on safety and community health. It has successfully completed its second Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) project on Miami Lakeway South, enhancing pedestrian routes to Miami Lakes K-8 Center (see Figure 4). Additionally, an SRTS Grant was completed for the Bob Graham Education Center, improving pedestrian infrastructure on NW 79 Avenue, and encouraging safe walking and bicycling to the school. These projects underscore the Town's commitment to safe, aesthetically pleasing pedestrian experiences for all ages (see Figure 30).

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SECTION 1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Goals and Objectives

The Beautification Master Plan, along with this Update, aims to guide the enhancement of landscape aesthetics throughout the Town. This includes improvements for Gateways, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Cul-de-sacs, Underpasses, Intersections, and Parks. These documents serve as a long-term blueprint for elected officials and Town staff, guiding them towards achieving the beautification and aesthetic goals. While these two documents don't present specific detailed project designs, they present conceptual ideas for improvements in various settings.

Project Approach

The approach to updating the Beautification Master Plan involved a series of sequential tasks:

1. Kick-Off Meeting: The BA Team and Town staff convened to discuss project goals, parameters, deliverables, management procedures, contacts, schedules, milestones, and quality control. During this meeting, BA and Town staff initiated discussions on major components needed for preparation of the data collection workshop.

2. Data Collection Workshop: The BA Team collaborated with Town staff to create a detailed status report on all projects proposed in the Beautification Master Plan, reviewing specific projects and updates related to Town-wide implementation strategies.

3. Data Collection Phase: The BA Team visited and photographed numerous completed project sites for inclusion in this Update. Sites included gateways, major and neighborhood roadways, cul-de-sacs, the underpass at Miami Lakes Drive and the Palmetto Expressway, intersections, and Town parks. A photographic inventory was created, focusing on key areas throughout the community.

4. Beautification and Maintenance Practices: The BA Team researched other community beautification plans to identify potential new programs for the Town of Miami Lakes, covering both improvements and maintenance practices.

5. Town-Wide Public Art Location Program: The BA collaboration with Town staff led to a plan indicating potential locations for public art, considering the size and typology of the artwork.

6. Plant Palette and Pricing Update: The BA Team reviewed and updated the plant palette from the original plan with Town Staff and provided plant material selections and updated pricing as per 2025 standards.

7. Draft Master Plan Update Staff Presentation and Review: The BA Team developed a compilation of gathered information into an Updated draft, reflecting completed, ongoing, and not feasible for construction projects. This draft update was provided to Town staff for review and input.

8. Final Master Plan Update Submission: The BA Team responded to comments from Town staff and incorporated the necessary changes into the final Master Plan Update.



Figure 5 Mature Tree Canopy over Streets and Parks

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SECTION 2. UPDATED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES, DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS AND DESIGN PALETTES

The Beautification Master Plan identified various landscape intervention examples, termed as 'Issues and Opportunities'. Each 'Issue' pinpointed a need, while each 'Opportunity' suggested specific actions for the Town to implement solutions. In some instances, solutions were successfully completed, in other instances only partially realized, and in certain cases proposed improvements were determined to be not feasible after careful consideration of the existing constraints. Issues and Opportunities were identified across different areas such as Gateways, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Cul-de-sacs, Underpasses, Intersections, and Parks. This Update documents the status of each identified Issue and Opportunity from the original Plan. The Update identifies a few instances where improvements were unfeasible, but most importantly, it illustrates a variety of improvements that are installed.

The following is the updated status of Issues and Opportunities for each of the Town's public right-of-way design elements as identified in the original Master Plan document.



Figure 6 Roadway Median Bullnose Beautification



Figure 7 Potential Future Gateway Installation at Miami Lakes Drive and Palmetto Expressway



Figure 8 Veteran's Park Shaded Outdoor Amenities

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SECTION 3. GATEWAYS UPDATE

Gateways, marking the entrance to the Town of Miami Lakes, are intended to create a memorable and aesthetically pleasing welcome for motorists. The original Plan categorized gateways as a Major Gateway or a Secondary Gateway.

Major Gateways are located on principal thoroughfares into the Town, including NW 87th Avenue at Commerce Way, Miami Lakes Drive at SR 826, Miami Lakes Drive at Red Road, Ludlam Road at SR 826, and Ludlam Road a SR 924 (see Figure 31).

Secondary Gateways are situated on streets typically only two lanes wide with lower traffic volumes, leading into residential areas. Secondary Gateways include NW 60th Avenue at NW 128th Street, NW 82nd Avenue at NW 170th Street (see Figure 13), Red Road at NW 142nd Street, and NW 60th Avenue at NW 139th Street (see Figure 31).

The Issues and Opportunities identified in the Beautification Master Plan proposed providing each Gateway location a standardized hardscape and landscape treatment. It proposed to “brand” each location with a unique landscape palette. If medians were not available, the intent was to introduce monument signage and landscape improvements on either side of the road where possible. If further studies determined the opportunity was feasible, the Gateway improvements were completed, however not all locations were determined to be feasible. The following illustrates impacts to gateway improvements at specific locations identified in the Beautification Master Plan.

- Gateway #1, the Plan illustrated monument signage on NW 87 Avenue at Commerce Way and highlighted an opportunity to install large trees or palms in combination with decorative pavement. Large landscape material and the paving installation concept could not be installed due to utility conflicts, resulting in only shrub and groundcover plantings (see Figure 9).
- Gateway #2, the monument signage on Miami Lakes Drive at the Palmetto Expressway received both landscape and hardscape improvements per the Beautification Master Plan (see Figure 10). The installation included Large Sylvester Palms and Silver Buttonwood trees, shrubs and groundcovers, annuals, and specialty paving (see Figure 15).
- The monument signage on Ludlam Road, south of the Palmetto Expressway was demolished in 2019 as part of a roadway improvement project. The Town is



Figure 9 Gateway #1 Monument Sign at NW 87 Avenue and Commerce Way



Figure 10 Gateway #2 Monument Sign at Miami Lakes Drive and the Palmetto Expressway

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currently coordinating with the library and discussing how replacement gateway monument signage could be included in the future project. Replacement beautification, including monument signage, landscaping and hardscape areas are being studied. The Town anticipates that this location will include gateway signage and landscaping within the swale on the east side of Ludlum Road south of NW 166 Terrace.

- New monument signage was recently installed on Ludlum Road and NW 67th Avenue just north of the Gratigny Parkway underpass (see Figure 11). The design incorporated specialty landscape and lighting improvements. This additional monument signage is an aesthetic feature that welcomes visitors entering the Town from the south. In addition to the new monument signage, the Town selected this location for a potential future underpass improvement, which will be further discussed within the ‘Underpass’ section of this document.
- At the intersection of NW 87th Avenue and NW 170th Street, the words “Welcome to Miami Lakes”, “Growing Beautifully” and the Town logo were inscribed onto a monument sign on the southwest corner of the intersection (see Figure 12). The sign is landscaped with native plants at the base. Another gateway sign welcomes residents and visitors into the north side of the Town on NW 82nd Avenue and NW 170th Street (see Figure 13).



Figure 11 Gateway Monument Sign at Ludlum and Gratigny



Figure 12 Gateway Monument Sign at NW 87 Avenue and NW 170 Street



Figure 13 Gateway Signage at NW 82 Avenue and NW 170 Street

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SECTION 4. ROADWAYS UPDATE

The overarching goal of the Town's roadway Beautification Plan was to create or reinforce canopy-covered streets, aligning with the principles of the Town's original 1950s design. The tree-lined roads aim to narrow the visual perception along the roadways, slowing traffic for safety and providing shade over public rights-of-way. The Town has selected Pigeon Plum, Crepe Myrtle, and Live Oak as preferred trees for new installations, utilizing the 'Right Tree, Right Place' principle for species selection. In the Beautification Master Plan, roadways were categorized as Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Cul-de-sacs, and Underpasses.

Major Roadways

Major Roadways, defined as typically having more than one lane in each direction, are a focus for canopy coverage (see Figure 14). Major Roadway improvements are an ongoing undertaking, however, challenges like existing utility conflicts, intersection view corridors, and limited space within medians and swales have constrained new tree planting. As such, the installation of large trees is considered on a case-by-case basis. Despite the limitations, the Town has successfully planted new shade and medium sized trees along Miami Lakes Drive, and shrubs have been installed in medians on Miami Lakes Drive west of the Palmetto Expressway.

- Major Roadway Type 1 was defined in the Plan as Miami Lakes Drive and other Major Roadways as having an irregular planting scheme and inconsistency with other roadway landscaping throughout the Town. Long stretches of Major Roadways lacked canopy trees. Also, Sabal Palms had replaced Black Olive trees, which further contributed to the net loss of canopy and consistency along these roadways. The Town has since reversed these trends by installing a consistent selection of shade-focused tree species throughout the Town's Major Roadways. The tree species for these new installations include Live Oak and Cathedral Oak for large canopy trees, and Pigeon Plum and Crape Myrtle for medium size canopy. Medium size canopy trees were installed where roadway conditions are constrained. The goal of preserving and promoting shade trees is now a main focus applied to Major Roadway Type 1.
- Major Roadway Type 2 was defined in the Plan as roadways with existing canopy trees that conflict with overhead wires. Ludlum Road was the sited example. The Beautification Master Plan illustrated the previously recognized method to

remove canopy trees under overhead electric lines. The Beautification Master Plan Update recognizes that tree canopy is a valuable and irreplaceable asset to the community's roadways. Preservation of the mature tree canopy is integral to the Town's infrastructure and identity. As such, the Town's focus moving forward is the proper care and maintenance of the mature canopy. This includes providing the correct type of structural pruning on a regular basis to prevent unwanted or unsafe growth, the correct arboricultural services for improved tree lifecycle, and protection of the existing trees from the natural and built environment, including overhead utilities. Species selection for tree planting or



Figure 14 Major Roadway with Mature Shade Trees



Figure 15 Major Roadway Canopy Lined Roadway with Overhead Utilities

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Figure 16 Median Bullnose Beautification Updates

replacement is to be based on shade canopy and site context, therefore, Silver Buttonwood, Pigeon Plum, and Crape Myrtle are some of the species that may be considered (see Figure 15). A Town-wide tree inventory was conducted and certified that the Town has more than 17,000 trees in public rights-of-way and parks. Most of these trees are mature canopy trees. This high tree count is a significant accomplishment. Through incorporating the goals outlined in this Update, the number will only continue to grow.

- In addition to the two major roadway types mentioned above, the construction of a major roadway segment on NW 87th Avenue between Miami Lakes Drive and NW 162nd Street was completed. This new roadway segment is a significant improvement to the Town's transportation network. The roadway design includes several eight foot (8') wide medians, allowing for the installation of Live Oak trees planted thirty feet (30') on center with an understory shrub massing. Although this roadway was not a focus of the Beautification Master Plan, this recently completed project follows the guidelines set forth in the Beautification Master Plan.
- A total of twenty-four median bull noses on Miami Lakes Drive and four bull noses on Ludlam Road received shrub planting and specialty pavers through small projects following the Beautification Master Plan (see Figure 32). The treatment adds color and interest to the terminus of the medians. They reduce maintenance and provide a simple aesthetic solution (see Figure 16). Additional median bull nose installations are anticipated with the continuation of the Beautification Master Plan.

Neighborhood Roadways

The primary objectives for the Neighborhood Roadways in the Beautification Master Plan included creating a consistent street tree theme by planting consistent species, providing additional shade, and promoting walkability by installing trees that shade sidewalks. On Neighborhood Roadways west of NW 87th Avenue, the Town installed a consistent landscape palette of Pigeon Plum and Crepe Myrtle trees. The Town replaced existing overgrown trees along the roadside swales with contextually sensitive material that fit within the limitations of the swales without compromising the structure of the trees. These issues and opportunities reinforced the core philosophy of the original Town Plan.

The Neighborhood Roadways received an influx of improvements through newly adopted Forestation Projects (see Figure 17). The Town secured partial funding for these projects through Miami-Dade County Tree Matching Grants. The Town developed a series of phased projects (Phases One through Seven) that focused on the installation of Live Oak, Pigeon Plum and Crepe Myrtle trees. Each Phase addressed forestation on an assigned Neighborhood Roadway. Ultimately, Phases One through Six resulted in the successful installation of approximately 674 trees. The final Phase is currently seeking additional funding through the Miami-Dade County Tree Matching Grant program. Pending the results of the Town's Grant Application, the Town anticipates the completion of the final Phase in 2025. In addition, future forestation projects are anticipated for the Sevilla Estates neighborhood (see Figure 29).



Figure 17 Neighborhood Forestation Update

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Cul-de-sacs

The entirety of the Town's 53 cul-de-sacs have undergone considerable beautification, featuring a variety of trees and shrubs (see Figure 18). The updated plant palette requires no irrigation and is low maintenance.

The Cul-de-sacs located throughout the Town's residential neighborhoods provided opportunities within the Beautification Master Plan focused on unifying the landscape aesthetics of these features Town-wide (see Figure 27). The Plan identified that this could be attained through replanting all Cul-de-sacs with a standard planting palette. The proposed palette was intended to either utilize existing irrigation systems or consist of native plant materials that did not require irrigation.

Since the entirety of the Town's Cul-de-sacs received beautification plantings, there is no need for new Cul-de-sac landscape installations. Therefore, the Town will focus on continued maintenance of the landscape materials, and the installation of curbs and drainage improvements for Cul-de-sacs (see Figure 28).

Intersections

Improvements at intersections aim to enhance community identity and visual appeal while respecting safety criteria. Although some planned improvements were not feasible due to restrictive criteria and costs, the Town will revisit these opportunities in the future (see Figure 19).

Many of the Town's intersections were identified in the Beautification Master Plan as having a general lack of identity and visual interest. Opportunities to improve this condition at intersections were proposed through the installation of specialty paving and additional landscaping. The improved intersections were not only intended to be visually unique and identifiable but also to fit within the limitations of a narrow medians and roadway safety criteria (such as clear sight triangles). The concrete filled areas on the bull noses within the medians were proposed to be removed and replaced with low growing shrubs and groundcovers.

The plan for the intersections of Ludlam Road at Miami Lakes Drive and Ludlum Road at Main Street, were not completed due to the restrictive safety criteria and costly hardscape improvements, including new crosswalks and removal of concrete from the roadway median. The focus of improvements was redirected to other more feasible and impactful beautification projects in other locations. The Town will revisit opportunities at these intersections for possible future implementation.



Figure 18 Cul-De-Sac Beautification Improvements



Figure 19 Potential Future Location for Intersection Beautification

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Underpasses

The underpass at NW 154th Street and the Palmetto Expressway, has been enhanced with landscaping, monument signage, and a Public Art installation. However, the upcoming Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) roadway improvements have paused further improvements to the west side of this interchange (see Figure 7). Additionally, the Town is exploring beautification opportunities with GMX. The Gratigny Parkway underpass is targeted for a specialty lighting project, landscaping, and Public Art installation, including additional art on columns which is currently being planned. (see Figure 20). Additional locations recommended for underpass improvements, such as the underpass at SR 826 and NW 67 Avenue, are included in Appendix B

The Underpass at NW 154th Street and the Palmetto Expressway serves as a Major Gateway into the Town. Prior to implementation of the Beautification Master Plan, this Underpass suffered from an unsightly median surrounded by excessive pavement, lack of sunlight, limited landscape, and concrete bridge abutments. Opportunities identified in the Beautification Master Plan focused on the replacement of large unused paved areas with landscaping, increased landscape opportunities, and utilization of plant material which tolerates low-light conditions. Implementation of the Beautification Master Plan enhanced the landscape in this location and combined the landscape improvements with monument signage (see Figure 10), enhanced hardscape treatment, and a Public Art installation. The Town updated the roadway median with new concrete pavers but issues with the irrigation system halted the installation of landscape improvements. The Town also learned of an upcoming FDOT roadway improvement project, which halted any further installations. The Town is currently working with FDOT to explore the potential for a beautification opportunity (see Figure 7).

The Town also installed two inscriptions onto the large concrete bridge abutments. The Town logo is inscribed between “Miami Lakes” on the northern abutment (see Figure 21), and the phrase “Growing Beautifully” is inscribed on the southern abutment.

As mentioned under the ‘Major Roadways’ section, the Town has installed new monument signage on Ludlum Road just north of the Gratigny Parkway. South of this new monument sign, the underpass of the Gratigny Parkway is slated to be the focus of a specialty lighting project to illuminate the columns, the underside of the overpass structure, and a Public Art installation comparable to the artwork that was installed on NW 154th Street and the Palmetto Expressway.



Figure 20 Potential Future Beautification for Underpass at Ludlum Road and Gratigny Parkway



Figure 21 Underpass at NW 154 Street and Palmetto Expressway

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SECTION 5. PARKS UPDATE

The Town of Miami Lakes boasts a diverse and extensive array of parks and open spaces, including active and passive parks, linear parks, and about 85 neighborhood parks. A key focus of the park improvements has been to address mismatched site furnishings and undesired views of maintenance and utility areas, alongside enhancing shade through tree plantings.

The Beautification Master Plan advocated for standardized site furnishings to streamline maintenance and reinforce the Town's "brand." The Town initiated this program by installing a uniform set of benches, tables, chairs, and litter receptacles from a reputable manufacturer. Priority was given to high-traffic and high-visibility areas.

Due to budget constraints and the sheer volume of required improvements, implementation is divided into three phases. The total quantity of improvements for Phase One through Phase Three (all Phases) includes:

- 40 new park sign installations
- 89 new park bench installations (see Figure 22 and 23)
- 81 litter receptacles installations (focus on those featuring play equipment)
- 15 Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) Borders

A breakdown of these improvements detailing their status as completed or in-progress is provided in Section 7. Further implementation of standardized furnishings will continue as part of the Beautification Master Plan Update.

While many areas inside the parks still require shrub installation for screening maintenance and utility operations (see Figure 24), significant progress has been made:

- The introduction of new trees and shrubs, aligned with the Town's updated landscape palette, is underway.
- A large quantity of Live Oak and Pigeon Plum trees have been planted, chosen for their reliability and potential to develop significant canopies. These are reliable native species that will enhance the environment within the Town's park system.
- The newly planted trees require time to mature and provide the desired shade. The Town is committed to the ongoing planting of trees and shrubs to cultivate a mature canopy over time, enhancing the aesthetic and functional quality of the parks.



Figure 22 Typical Park Bench Installation



Figure 23 Typical Park Site Furnishings Installation



Figure 24 Utility Operations Require Screening

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SECTION 6. PUBLIC ART

The Town of Miami Lakes is emphasizing the importance of art installations in public places. Specific art installations and/or the styles of art will be selected by others and not identified in this Update. The style of art is better determined by public art experts and will include suggestions provided by the committees, such as the Town's Cultural Affairs Committee. The intent of including public art highlights the opportunity to involve the Town in the process of determining a pathway for having additional art installed throughout the Town.

Different combinations of art media have successfully been procured and installed throughout the Town. Art may be incorporated into engineered site elements; for example, the underpass inscription on Miami Lakes Drive under the Palmetto Expressway (see Figure 21) is an example of large-scale transportation-based art that was successfully completed as part of the Town's Beautification Master Plan. Neighborhood pocket parks and the K9 Cove Dog Park are examples of locations that may receive future art installations. It is anticipated that future public art will be completed on a variety of scales. Public art installations may include a variety of art media and techniques; paint, sculpture, luminescent aggregates, mix media, etc. Public art may be installed as a series of works, like artwork on multiple traffic control boxes, or as a stand-alone installation, such as the "Veteran's V" located at the Town Hall (see Figure 25). Each installation needs to be intentionally procured to meet the needs of the chosen context and location.

Public art will have a three-tiered approach based on size and application for the installation; Small, Medium, and Large, each defined as follows:

1. Small Installations (up to 10'x10'): These are artistic enhancements to existing structures or spaces, like murals on tot-lot floors or artistic impressions on sidewalks. Ideally located near or in neighborhood parks, they are meant to artistically enrich the existing environment without being a primary attraction.
2. Medium installations (larger than 10'x10'): These are substantial installations with their own structural elements, such as medium-sized sculptures. Suitable locations include larger neighborhood and community parks, civic buildings, and major roadways. The sculpture located inside the Town's Youth Center atrium is an example of Medium Installation of Public Art.
3. Large Installations: Aimed at branding the Town, these are significant, highly noticeable installations comparable to iconic structures like New York City's

Vessel or Chicago's Bean. Ideal locations are prominent intersections, major roadways, and large parks. The Underpass of the Gratigny Parkway with Ludlam Road is a potential site for such an installation.

The Update to the Beautification Master Plan includes a map suggesting potential locations for public art installations (see Figure 26). These sites are chosen for their community significance, high visibility, and likelihood of regular public interaction. They encompass a range of types and sizes of spaces, chosen for their potential community impact.



Figure 25 Example of Public Art Installation

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SECTION 7. 2014 BEAUTIFICATION MASTER PLAN STATUS

As mentioned above, the Town of Miami Lakes first adopted the Beautification Master Plan in 2014 and has been strategically implementing the goals and objectives. A decade of successful projects prompted the need for an update to the Master Plan that highlights the wide variety of completed projects. The following list is a status update (as of May 2025) of the recommended improvements from the '2014 Town of Miami Lakes Beautification Master Plan'. The list identifies a variety of successfully completed projects and other projects yet to be completed as the Town procures funding. The status of each item is identified as either **Completed**, **Unfunded**, or **In Progress**.

Gateway Improvements

Gateways To Be Improved:

- Miami Lakes Drive and Palmetto Expressway - **Completed**
- NW 87 Avenue and I-75/ Commerce Way - **Completed**

Proposed New Gateways included:

- Ludlam Road/ NW 67 Avenue and Gratigny Parkway - **Completed**
- Red Road/ NW 57 Avenue and Palmetto Expressway - **Unfunded**
- Red Road/ NW 57 Avenue and Miami Lakes Drive - **Unfunded**
- Red Road/ NW 57 Avenue and W 84 Street/ SR 916 - **Unfunded**

Recommended Future Gateways:

- NW 170 Street and NW 87 Avenue - **Completed**
- NW 170 Street and NW 82 Avenue - **Completed**
- Miami Lakes Drive and Palmetto Expy Interchange (west side) - **Unfunded**
- NW 60 Avenue and W 84 Street/ SR 916 - **Unfunded**

Major Roadway Wide Median Improvements

Wide Median to be improved on Ludlam Road:

- Ludlam Road near Harris Terrace - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near Harris Place - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near Eagle Nest Lane - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near New Barn Road - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near Main Street - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near Miami Lakeway North - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road near Palmetto Expressway - **Unfunde**

Wide Median to be improved on Miami Lakes Drive:

- Miami Lakes Drive near Fairway Drive - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive near Miami Lakeway South - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive near Holly Road - **Unfunded**

Major Roadway Narrow Median Improvements

Narrow Medians receiving bullnose hardscape and/ or landscape improvements accordingly:

- Ludlum Road and Miami Lakes Drive - **Completed**
- Ludlam Road and Main Street - **Completed**
- Ludlam Road and Miami Lakeway North - **Completed**
- Remaining Narrow Medians on Ludlam Road - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive from NW 83 Ave to Miami Lakeway North - **Completed**
- Miami Lakes Drive from Miami Lakeway North to Ludlam Road - **Unfunded**

Roadway Landscape and Overhead Utilities

Existing roadway landscape to be maintained for overhead utilities included:

- Miami Lakes Drive - **Completed**
- Ludlam Road/ NW 67 Avenue - **Completed**
- NW 82 Avenue - **Completed**
- NW 87 Avenue - **Completed**

Neighborhood Roads Opportunity Area

Existing Neighborhood Roads from 2014 received Forestation Projects, see Updated Forestation Projects (Figure 29):

- Phase 1 - **Completed**
- Phase 2 - **Completed**
- Phase 3 - **Completed**
- Phase 4 - **Completed**
- Phase 5 - **Completed**
- Phase 6 - **Completed**

Cul-De-Sac Improvements

There are a total of 53 cul-de-sacs maintained by the Town.

- Cul-De-Sac landscape improvements (53 total) - **Completed**

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Underpass Improvements

Underpasses to be improved:

- Miami Lakes Drive and Palmetto Expressway - **Completed**

Intersections Improvements

Existing Intersections to be improved:

- NW 87 Avenue and NW 146 Street - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive and NW 82 Avenue - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive and NW 79 Avenue - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive and Miami Lakeway North - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive and Ludlam Road - **Unfunded**
- Miami Lakes Drive and Miami Lakeway North/ South - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road and Miami Lakes Drive North - **Unfunded**
- Ludlam Road and Miami Lakes Drive South - **Unfunded**

Parks Improvements

Park improvements included opportunities to provide a palette of street furniture to provide a uniform appearance and to brand the Town's parks, to develop a planting palette for buffering utilities, and to install canopy trees to increase shade. Street furnishing improvements are being implemented in three phases as identified below. Landscape and lighting improvements are implemented on a case-by-case basis.

Phase One (14 Parks)

- Park signage installations (14 total) - **Completed**
- Bench installations (20 total) - **Completed**
- Litter receptacle installations (17 total) - **Completed**
- Engineered Wood Fiber Border installations (1 total) - **Completed**

Phase Two (26 Parks)

- Park signage installations (26 total) - **In Progress**
- Bench installations (37 total) - **In Progress**
- Litter receptacle installations (39 total) - **In Progress**
- Engineered Wood Fiber Border installations (14 total) - **In Progress**

Phase Three (35 Parks)

- Bench installations (32 total) - **In Progress**
- Litter receptacle installations (25 total) - **In Progress**

Park Landscape Installations

- Selective Live Oak and Pigeon Plum installations - **In Progress**
- Selective park shrub installations - **Completed**

Park Lighting Installations

- Park lighting installations - **Unfunded**

2014 Beautification Master Plan Status Update Summary

Many of the 2014 Beautification Master Plan recommendations have been completed. While some remain unfunded, these improvements remain as part of the 2025 Beautification Master Plan Update for implementation. The Town's continued dedication to implementing the Beautification Master Plan will focus on completing the unfunded items mentioned above, while strategically planning and implementing the new improvements listed in the 2025 Beautification Master Plan Update Appendix B Actionable Items and Recommendations (see Appendix B).

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SECTION 8. CONCLUSIONS/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY UPDATE

The Town of Miami Lakes has demonstrated significant progress with the implementation of the Beautification Master Plan. This is evident through the completion of many beautification installations throughout the Town. This Update documents the completion of these installations in **Section 7 2014 Beautification Master Plan Status**. This Update also provides examples of how the Town's plans to continue implementing the Beautification Master Plan. Future proposed improvements for Gateways, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roads, Cul-de-sacs, Intersections, Underpasses, and Parks can be found in the following Figures 26 through 32 and in **Appendix B List of Actionable Items and Recommendations**.

While many projects have been realized, some Gateways and Intersections faced challenges beyond the Town's control. Some of these challenges included conflicts with existing underground and overhead utilities, limited public right-of-way, or construction activities by partnering agencies. As such, the Town has developed an implementation strategy update, which includes the following:

- **Park Uniformity and Identifiable Features:** Through standardized site furnishings, parks are becoming more uniform and recognizable.
- **Forestation and Preservation of Mature Trees:** The Town's commitment to tree-lined streets is stronger than ever, evident in neighborhood road forestation projects and the preservation of mature Black Olive trees. Finalized forestation projects and the installation of a pedestrian median on NW 146 Street in West Lakes further enhances street tree canopy and walkability.

The Town has excelled in prioritizing improvements, with the inclusion of public art as a new priority. The Town acknowledges the challenges of future public art installations and is committed to collaborating with experts and the community to develop an effective process for these installations throughout the Town.

Ensuring public involvement in beautification projects remains crucial, as does advertising these initiatives to guarantee they enhance life in Miami Lakes for residents and visitors alike. Additionally, creative funding sources for future improvements are vital. The Town's success in securing Tree Grants from Miami-Dade County and partnering with organizations like Tree City USA exemplifies effective strategies for financial support and collaboration.

Reaffirming and updating the list of **Future Actionable Items and Recommendations** with new opportunities and projects as they are completed will enable the most feasible realization of the Beautification Master Plan. The Town will develop priority projects categorically by Small Projects and Large Projects:

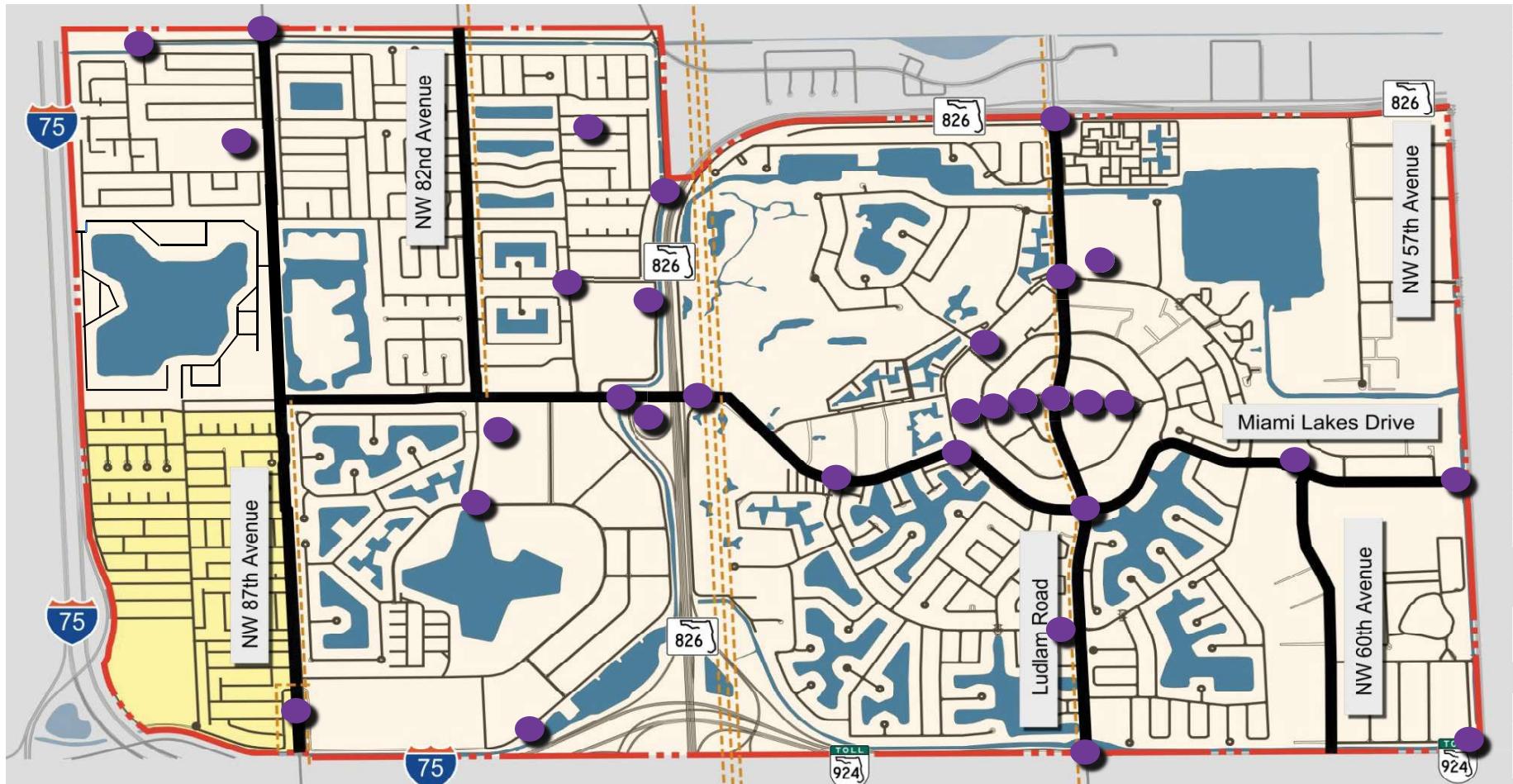
Small Projects are defined by their relatively modest physical size, lower costs, and swift completion times. They can either complement larger projects or stand alone as individual improvements. Examples of small projects include:

- **Small Art Installations:** Placed in tot-lots or on neighborhood sidewalks, possibly installed in phases
- **Tree Additions/Replacements:** In parks and public rights-of-way (ROW)
- **Bullnose Plantings and Hardscape:** Focused along roadways, especially on Miami Gardens Drive and Ludlam Road
- **Additional Park Furnishings:** Distributed in various park locations

Large Projects are significant both in physical and monetary terms. These require extensive planning and coordination, with longer timelines for completion. Examples of large projects are:

- **Lighting and Public Art Installations:** At the Underpass of the Gratigny Expressway and Ludlam Road
- **Public Art Installations:** At the Town's Youth Center, K-9 Cove Park, and Royal Oaks Park.
- **Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Project**
- **Landscape Installations:** At major interchanges such as at Miami Gardens Drive and the Palmetto Expressway, and at Ludlam Road and the Palmetto Expressway
- **Gateway Monument Sign:** At Ludlam Road and the Palmetto Expressway
- **Neighborhood Tree Forestation Project**

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES



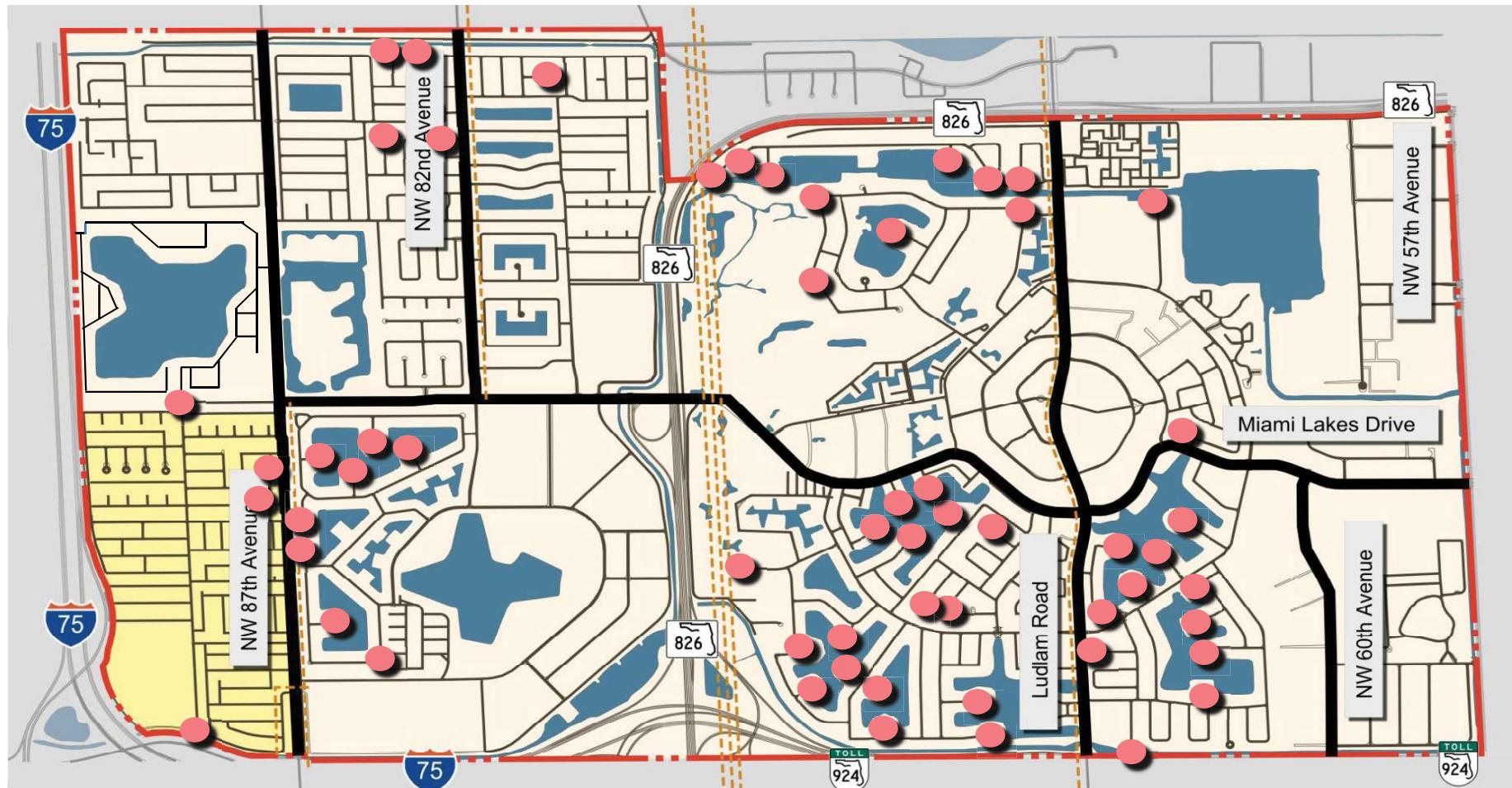
POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES



Figure 26

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

UPDATED CUL-DE-SAC LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

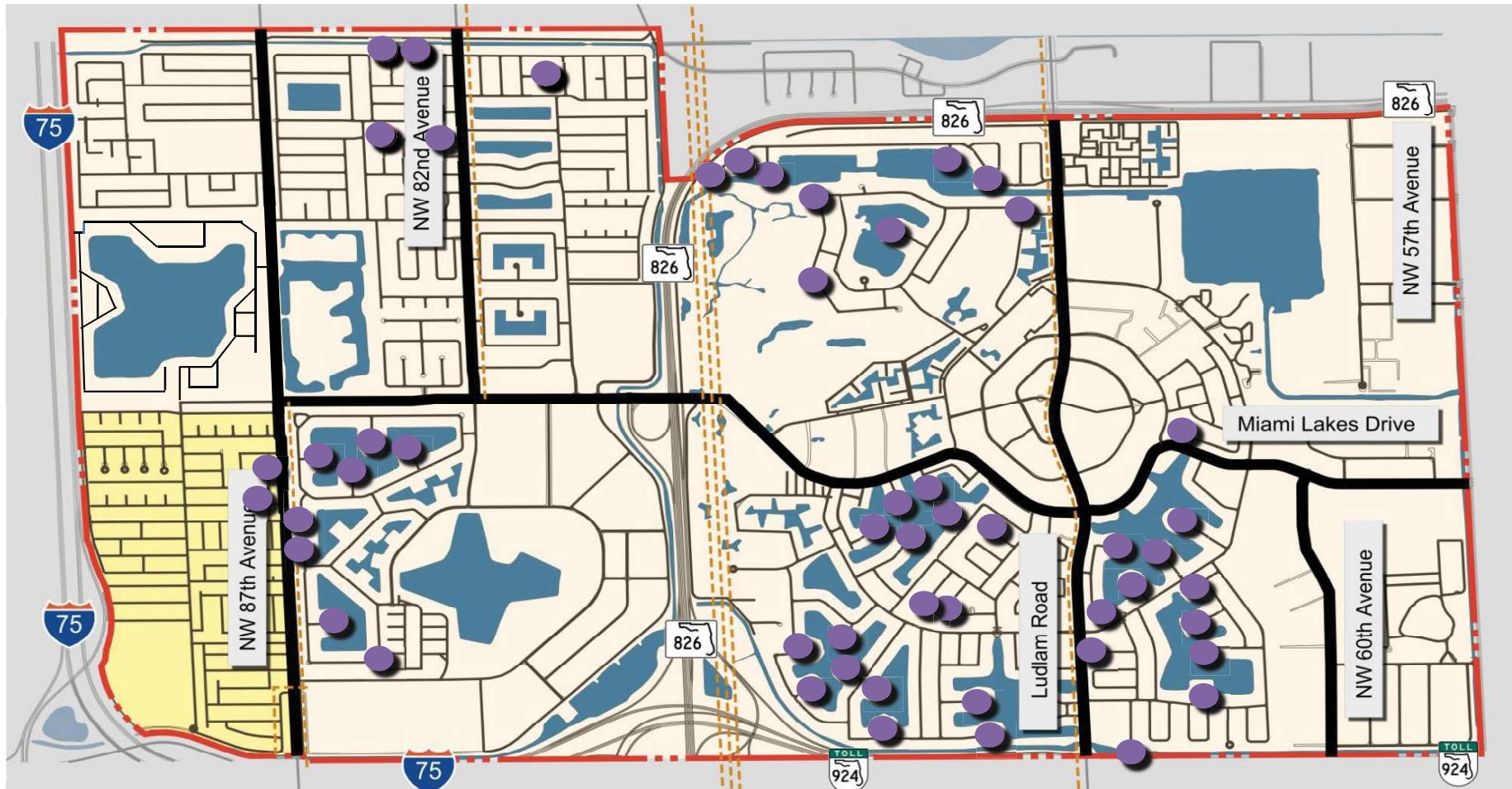


● COMPLETED CUL-DE-SAC LOCATIONS



Figure 27 UPDATED CUL-DE-SAC IMPROVEMENTS

CUL-DE-SAC CURB AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



 POTENTIAL CUL-DE-SAC CURB AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT LOCATION



Figure 28 UPDATED CUL-DE-SAC CURB AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

UPDATED FORESTATION PROJECTS

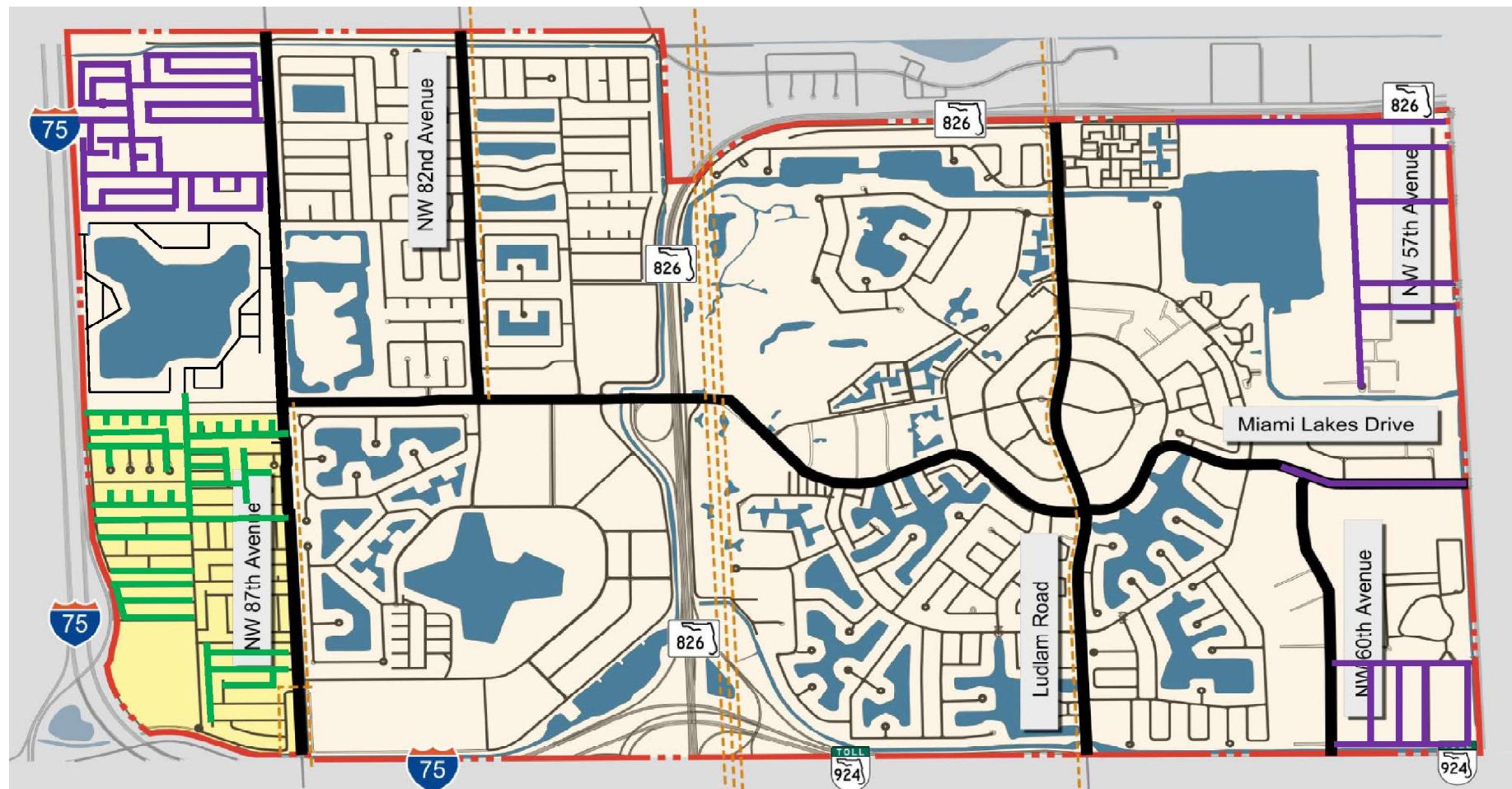
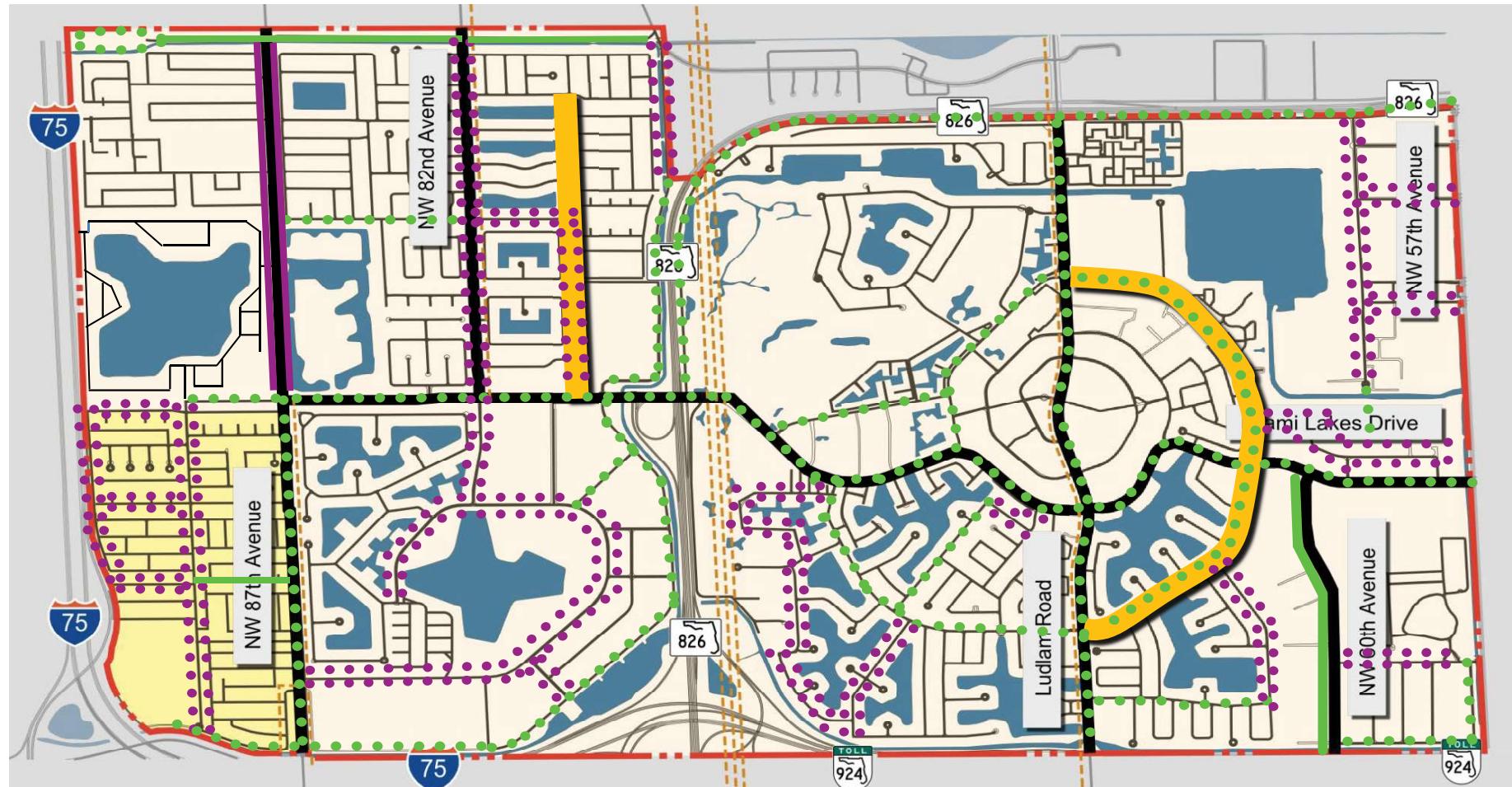


Figure 29 UPDATED FORESTATION PROJECTS



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, GREENWAYS & TRAILS



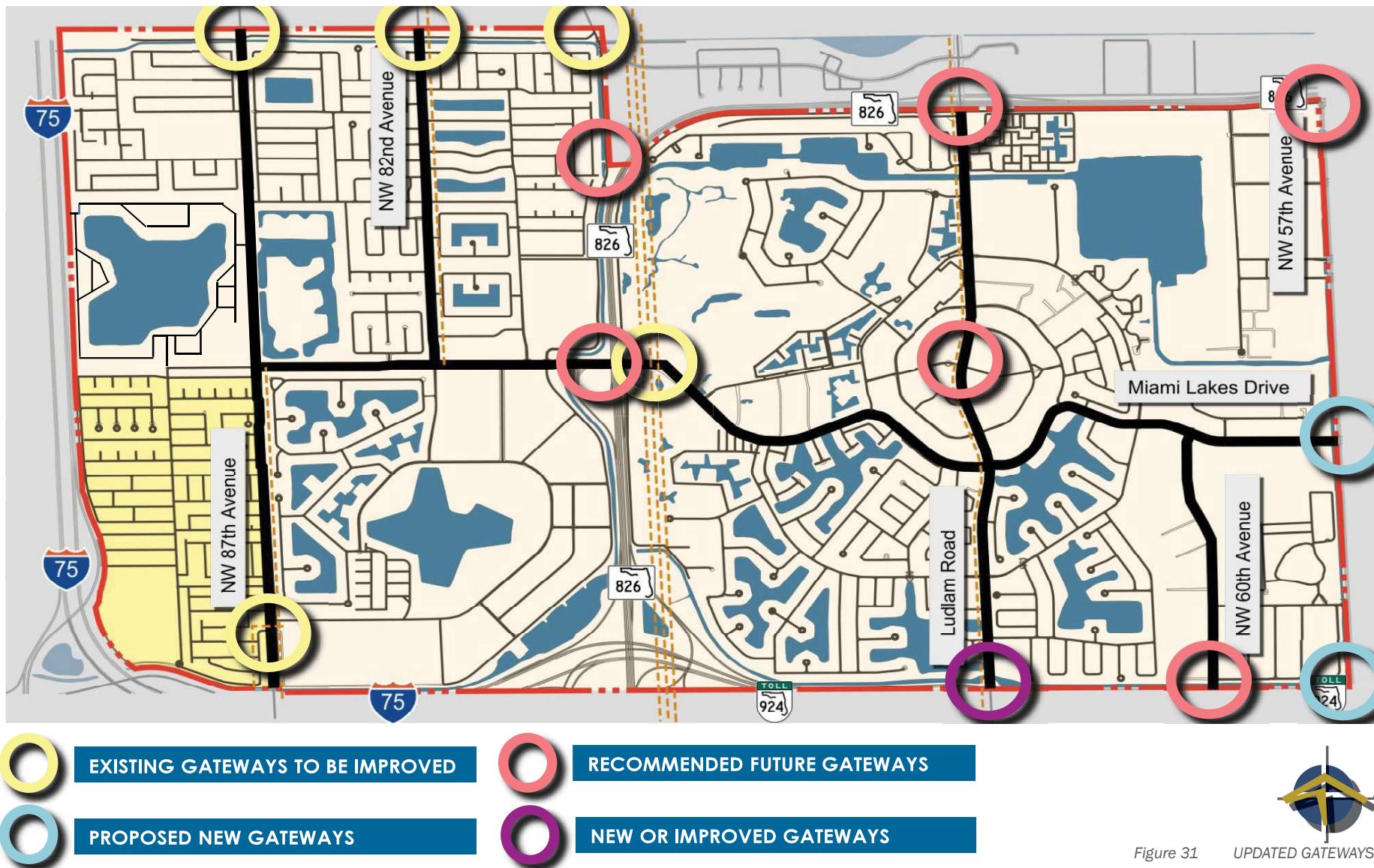
- COMPLETED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS
- EXISTING OFF-ROAD FACILITY
- ● ● FUTURE OFF-ROAD FACILITY

- EXISTING ON-ROAD FACILITY
- ● ● FUTURE ON-ROAD FACILITY



Figure 30 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS

UPDATED GATEWAYS



EXISTING GATEWAYS TO BE IMPROVED

RECOMMENDED FUTURE GATEWAYS

PROPOSED NEW GATEWAYS

NEW OR IMPROVED GATEWAYS



Figure 31

UPDATED GATEWAYS

UPDATED MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

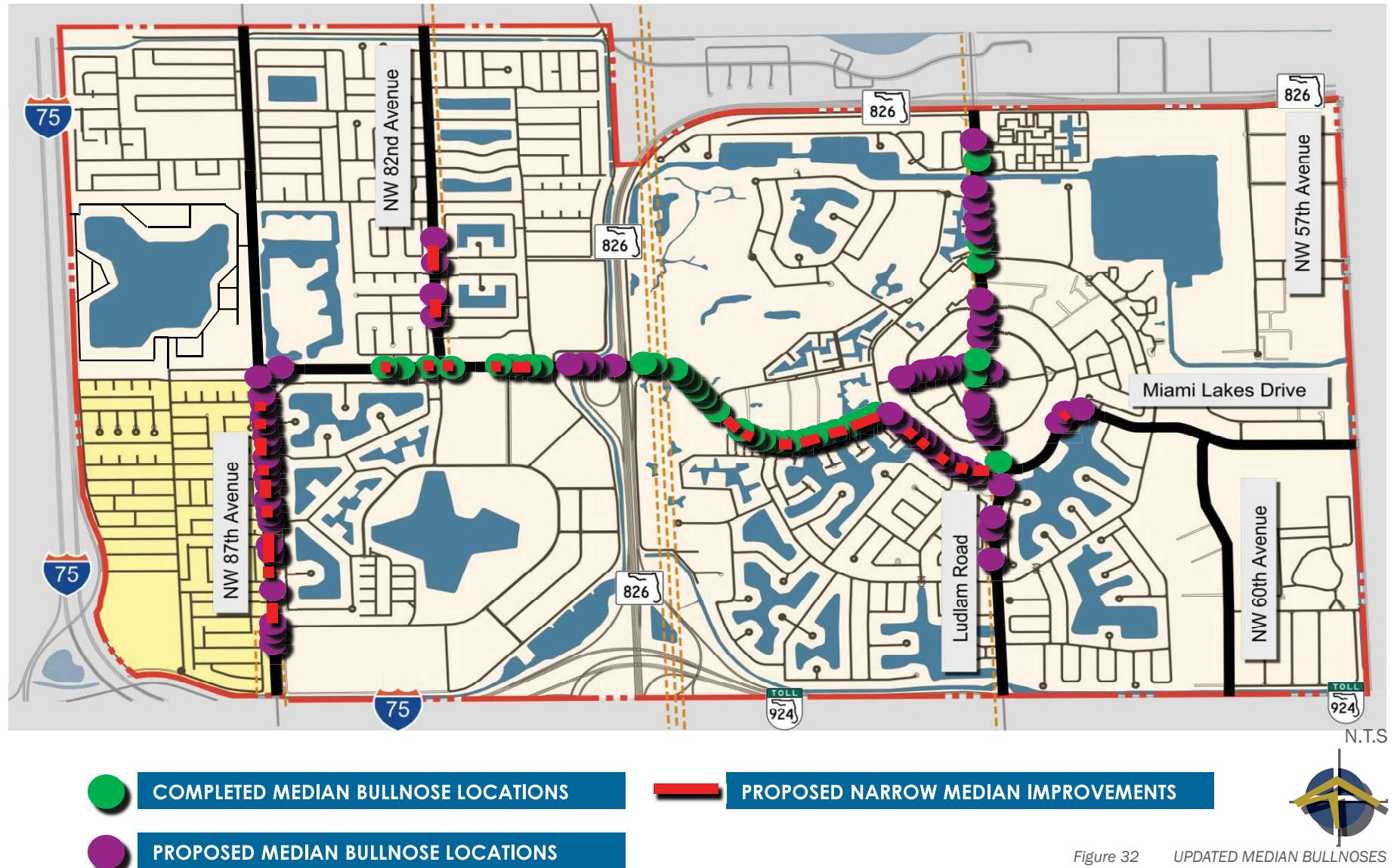


Figure 32 UPDATED MEDIAN BULLNOSES

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APPENDIX A UPDATE

Landscape and Hardscape Materials Lists and Estimated Costs

Appendix A in the original Beautification Master Plan has been revised to better showcase example materials suitable for various installation categories within the Town. This updated appendix aims to serve as a guideline or framework for future development in these areas.

- **Major Roadways and Intersections Examples:** The updated Appendix A includes new material examples for Gateways and Intersections, Major Roadways, Neighborhood Roadways, Underpasses, Cul-de Sacs, and Parks. These examples are intended to illustrate the range of options available for different scenarios within the Town. They demonstrate how various materials and designs can be adapted to specific local conditions and requirements.
- **Recommending, Not Prescriptive:** It's important to note that the lists in Appendix A are **recommending** in nature. They provide a starting point or general direction for material selection and design approaches.
- **Flexibility for Future Projects:** As detailed designs for future projects are developed, the content and suggestions in the updated Appendix may be subject to change. This flexibility allows for adaptations to new technologies, materials, and community needs as they arise.



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Updated Gateway and Intersections Materials List										
LANDSCAPE MATERIALS										
	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Large Palm No. 1	Large Palm No.2	Small Palm	Shrub No. 1	Shrub No. 2	Shrub	Seasonal Color	Groundcover
Common Name	Live Oak	Pigeon Plum	Sylvester Palm	Medjool Date Palm	Thatch Palm	Fakahatchee Grass	Green Island Ficus	Gold Capella	Seasonal	St. Augustine Sod
Botanical Name	Quercus virginiana	Coccoloba diversifolia	Phoenix sylvestris	Phoenix dactylifera 'Medjool'	Thrinax radiata	Tripsacum dactyloides	Ficus microcarpa	Schefflera arboricola	Seasonal Annuals	Stenophyrum secundatum
Specification	14' tall, X 8' wide; 5" caliper	12' tall X 2' wide; 3" caliper	15' clear trunk	30' overall height	10' overall height	3 gal; 24" tall X 12" wide	3 gal; 14" tall X 14" wide	3 gal; 18" tall X 12" wide	4" pots; 12' on-center	Solid Sod (avg. per square foot)
Estimated Unit Cost Per Plant	\$1,125.00	\$750.00	\$8,875.00	\$8,875.00	\$962.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$1.63
HARDSCAPE MATERIALS										
Manufacturer	Atlantic Paving (305)- 513- 8632			Hardscape Materials Notes FDOT APL Pattern Pavement (523) Atlantic Paving Co., Inc. StreetBrick XL FDOT APL Number 523-000-020 Atlantic Paving Co., Inc. Liquid Brick ECO FDOT APL Number 532-000-019 Atlantic Paving Co., Inc. Liquid Brick HF FDOT APL Number 532-000-021						
Type	StreetBrick XL High Friction Stamped Asphalt or approved equal	Liquid Brick Eco Epoxy Bonded Synthetic Aggregate or approved equal	Liquid Brick HF Epoxy Bonded Natural Aggregate or approved equal							
Estimated Unit Price	\$90 / Square Yard	\$108 / Square Yard	\$99 / Square Yard	SEE EXAMPLE IMAGES BELOW						

Note: Probable costs for landscape materials include individual item and a multiplier of 2.5. Probable costs for Atlantic Paving include individual item only. Probable costs do not include any labor or materials. Probable costs are based on information as it was received from providers at the time this document was prepared. Probable costs are not fixed and may vary depending on time, quantity, installation, specification, details, contractor, and/or other factors not considered herein.



STREETBRICK XL



LIQUID BRICK ECO



LIQUID BRICK HF

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Updated Major Roadway Materials List

LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Small Palm	Shrub	Shrub	Accent Plant	Groundcover
Common Name	Live Oak	Pigeon Plum	Thatch Palm	Green Island Ficus	Fakahatchee Grass	Orange Bromeliad	St. Augustine Sod
Botanical Name	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	<i>Thrinax radiata</i>	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	<i>Aechmea blanchetiana</i>	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
Specification	14' tall X 8' wide; 5" caliper	12' tall X 7' wide; 5" caliper	10' overall height	3 gal; 18" tall X 18" wide	3 gal; 24" tall X 12" wide	3 gal; 12" tall X 12" wide	Solid Sod (avg. per square foot)
Estimated Unit Cost Per Plant	\$1,125.00	\$750.00	\$962.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$33.50	\$1.63

Note: Probable costs for landscape materials include individual item and a multiplier of 2.5. Probable costs do not include any labor or materials, nor concrete slab. Probable costs are based on information as it was received from providers at the time this document was prepared. Probable costs are not fixed and may vary depending on time, quantity, installation, specification, details, contractor, and/or other factors not considered herein.

Updated Neighborhood Roadways Materials List

LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Ornamental Tree	Small Palm	Accent Plant	Shrub	Groundcover
Common Name	Gumbo Limbo	Pigeon Plum	Crepe Myrtle	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. Augustine Sod
Botanical Name	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> 'Muskegee'	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
Specification	18'-20' Overall Height	12' tall X 7' wide; 5" caliper	14' tall X 15' wide; 3" caliper	N/A	N/A	N/A	Solid Sod (avg. per square foot)
Estimated Unit Cost Per Plant	\$1,200.00	\$750.00	\$1,425.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.63

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Updated Underpass Materials List

LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Small Palm	Accent Plant	Groundcover No. 1	Groundcover No. 2	Groundcover
Common Name	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saw Palmetto	Philodendron 'Rojo Congo'	Macho Fern	St. Augustine Sod
Botanical Name	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Serenoa repens</i>	Philodendron 'Rojo Congo'	<i>Nephrolepis falcata</i>	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
Specification	N/A	N/A	N/A	7 gal; 24" tall X 24" wide	7 gal; 18" tall X 18" wide	3 gal; 18" tall X 18" wide	Solid Sod (avg. per square foot)
Estimated Unit Cost Per Plant	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$81.25	\$76.25	\$15.50	\$1.63

Note: Probable costs for landscape materials include individual item and a multiplier of 2.5. Probable costs do not include any labor or materials, nor concrete slab. Probable costs are based on information as it was received from providers at the time this document was prepared. Probable costs are not fixed and may vary depending on time, quantity, installation, specification, details, contractor, and/or other factors not considered herein.

Updated Cul-De-Sac Materials List

LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Palm	Shrub No. 1	Shrub No. 2	Shrub No. 3	Groundcover
Common Name	N/A	Pigeon Plum	Cabbage Palm	Fakahatchee Grass	Green Island Ficus	Red Tip Cocoplum	St. Augustine Sod
Botanical Name	N/A	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco 'Red Tip'</i>	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
Specification	N/A	12' tall X 7' wide; 5" caliper	14' overall height	3 gal; 24" tall X 12" wide	3 gal; 18" tall X 18" wide	3 gal; 18" tall X 12" wide	Solid Sod (avg. per square foot)
Estimated Unit Cost Per Plant	N/A	\$750.00	\$522.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$1.63

Note: Probable costs for landscape materials include individual item and a multiplier of 2.5. Probable costs do not include any labor or materials, nor concrete slab. Probable costs are based on information as it was received from providers at the time this document was prepared. Probable costs are not fixed and may vary depending on time, quantity, installation, specification, details, contractor, and/or other factors not considered herein.

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Updated Park Planting and Hardscape Materials List							
LANDSCAPE MATERIALS							
	Shade Tree	Ornamental Tree	Large Palm No. 3	Palm	Shrub No. 1	Shrub No. 2	Shrub No. 3
Common Name	Live Oak	Pigeon Plum	Royal Palm	Cabbage Palm	Gold Capella	Green Island Ficus	Fakahatchee Grass
Botanical Name	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	<i>Roystonea regia</i>	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	<i>Schefflera arboricola</i>	<i>Ficus microcarpa 'Green Island'</i>	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>
Specification	14' tall, X 8' wide; 5' caliper	12' tall X 7' wide; 5' caliper	15' overall height	14' overall height	3 gal; 18" tall X 12" wide	3 gal; 16" tall X 10" wide	3 gal; 24" tall X 12" wide
Estimated Unit Cost Per Individual Plant	\$1,125.00	\$750.00	\$1,112.50	\$522.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
HARDSCAPE MATERIALS							
	Bench with back	Bench no back	Trash Receptacle	Bike Rack	Table	Drinking Fountain	Bollard
Manufacturer	Madrax Thomas Steele with horizontal straps	DuMor	Madrax Thomas Steele	Forms+Surfaces	DuMor	Murdock Fountains	DuMor
Size	6' long, 2 arm supports	6' long, 2 supports	32-gal, all steel with Dome Lid	35.6" tall	6', all steel	39" tall with dual height bowls, classic series	36" high round bollard
Part No.	CRB-6-HS-P	92-60	CRTR-32-P;LID-D-P	SKOLY	443-60-S-2	M-C76-2B-Black; classic series	451-36-03/S-2
Color	Powdercoat: Black	Powdercoat: Black	Powdercoat: Black	Powdercoat: Black Texture	Powdercoat: Black	Powder coated black & polished brass	Powdercoat: Black
Estimated Unit Cost Per Individual Item	\$1,359.00	\$1,721.00	\$1,289.00	\$655.00	\$6,177.00	\$6,322.00	\$1,645.00
Concrete Slab	4' X 8' Slab	3' X 7' Slab	3' X 3' Slab	12' X 12' Slab	15' X 15' Slab	6' X 6' Slab	N/A

Note: Probable costs for landscape materials include individual item and a multiplier of 2.5. Probable costs for DuMor hardscape materials and Murdock Fountain include individual item and freight only. Costs for Madrax Thomas hardscape materials include materials only, not including mounting hardware or other. Probable costs for Forms+Surfaces bike rack include individual item and optional mounting kit only. Probable costs do not include any labor or materials, nor concrete slab. Probable costs are based on information as it was received from providers at the time this document was prepared. Probable costs are not fixed and may vary depending on time, quantity, installation, specification, details, contractor, and/or other factors not considered herein.

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APPENDIX B

List of Actionable Items and Recommendations

Appendix B is dedicated to illustrating the Town's enthusiasm and commitment towards continuing a culture of exemplary beautification practices. As such, Appendix B provides a List of Actionable Items and Recommendations for the Town to consider while developing future beautification projects.

The List provides new beautification project locations for **Gateways, Major Roadways, Median and Bullnoses, Intersections, Forestation, Cul-de-sacs, Underpasses, Safe Routes to Schools, Public Art, and Parks**. The List includes geographic locations within the Town for each category. The List of Actionable Items and Recommendations are in addition to the Town's existing beautification, harmoniously combining with the original intent of the 2014 Beautification Master Plan.

List of Actionable Items and Recommendations:

Gateways

Install new Gateway Signage and landscape at the following locations:

- Main Street and NW 67 Avenue/ Ludlam Road
- Miami Lakes Drive and NW 57 Avenue/ Red Road
- NW 138 Street and NW 57 Avenue/ Red Road (including Icon Signage)
- NW 138 Street and SW 60 Avenue
- Existing NW 170 Street - at begin and end trail heads
- NW 77 Court (at north side of Town near canal crossing)

Medians and Bullnoses

Install new median landscape with trees, palms, shrubs, and groundcovers, and hardscape treatment with pavers in the following locations:

- NW 67 Ave/ Ludlam Road (include south of Miami Lakes Drive landscape installations and new medians).
- Additional understory landscape along Miami Lakes Drive.
- Additional understory landscape along NW 87 Ave.
- Additional understory landscape along Commerce Way.
- NW 79 Court between Miami Lakes Drive and Oak Lane.

Major Roadway

Install new Major Roadway improvements as described below at the following locations:

- Matched roadway and pedestrian lighting throughout Town roadways
- Landscape lighting on Town roadways, including LED lighting to provide color in strategic locations
- Partner with FDOT for matched enhanced roadway lighting, pedestrian lighting, and landscape lighting throughout FDOT roadways in the Town
- Partner with FDOT for landscape installations at interchanges and along the mainline of the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826); possible FDOT Landscape Beautification Grant opportunity
- Coordinate with lighting, ITS, and technological equipment manufacturers for possible opportunities involving integrated Wi-Fi, drone charging stations, and other technological infrastructure enhancements throughout the Town
- Relocate 'Tree City USA' signs to prominent locations and add landscape and lighting to emphasize signs
- Install shade trees, palm trees, accent trees, shrubs and groundcovers as needed on the following roadways:
 - NW 87 Avenue at I-75 overpass
 - NW 87 Avenue
 - Commerce Way
 - NW 82 Avenue
 - Miami Lakes Drive
 - NW 79 Avenue
 - NW 77 Court
 - Miami Lakeway North
 - Miami Lakeway South
 - NW 67 Avenue
 - NW 60 Avenue

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Intersections

Install new Intersections improvements as described below at the following locations:

- Specialty Paving crosswalks at the following Intersections:
 - Throughout Town Center intersections
 - Miami Lakeway S and NW 67 Avenue
 - NW 138 Street and NW 67 Avenue
 - Miami Lakes Dr and NW 67 Avenue
 - Main Street and NW 67 Avenue
 - Miami Lakeway North and NW 67 Avenue
 - All crosswalks along NW 67 Avenue
 - Miami Lakes Drive and Miami Lakeway North
 - Miami Lakes Drive and Fairway Drive
 - Miami Lakes Drive and NW 77 Court
 - Miami Lakes Drive and NW 82 Avenue
 - Miami Lakes Drive and NW 87 Avenue
 - Miami Lakes Drive and Miami Lakeway South
 - Miami Lakes Drive and NW 60 Avenue
 - NW 87 Avenue and Commerce Way
 - NW 87 Avenue and NW 146 Street
 - NW 87 Avenue and NW 164 Street
 - NW 82 Avenue and NW 170 Street
 - NW 82 Avenue from NW 154 Street to Oak Lane
- Specialty Paving crosswalks at intersections near and leading to schools:
 - Barbara Goleman Senior High School
 - Bob Graham Educational Center
 - Miami Lakes Middle School
 - Miami Lakes K-8 Center
 - Maimi Lakes Elementary Primary Learning Center
 - Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School

Forestation

Install new Forestation improvements as described below at the following locations:

- Install canopy trees along roadways within the Sevilla Estates neighborhood
- Install canopy trees along roadways within the West Lakes neighborhood
- Install canopy trees along 146th Street.
- Replacement of existing Royal Palms with canopy trees in Sevilla Estates
- Install trees and associated landscape along the new pedestrian median on NW 146 Street

Cul-De-Sacs

Install curbs and associated drainage improvements for existing cul-de-sacs without curbs at the following locations:

- 14851 Lewis Road
- 6313-6381 Lake Geneva Road
- 6341 Lake June Road
- 6361 Lake Champlain Terrace
- 14575 English Road
- 14645 Fitzpatrick Road
- 15885 West Prestwick Place
- 16215 West Prestwick Place
- 6800 Gleneagle Drive
- 14420 Cedar Court
- 6912 Willow Lane

Underpasses

Install new Underpass improvements as described below at the following locations:

- Partner with FDOT for enhanced underpass improvements including, landscape treatments, landscape terrace walls, public art, artistic wall and column treatments (paint or other), specialty lighting, specialty pavements, icon monument signage, signature overpass treatments at the following locations:
 - West side of Palmetto Expressway (SR 826) and NW 154 Street
 - East side of Palmetto Expressway (SR 826) and Miami Lakes Drive
 - SR 826 and Red Road
 - SR 826 and NW 67 Avenue
 - NW 67 Avenue and SR 924/ Gratigny

Safe Routes To Schools

Install new Safe Routes to Schools improvements on roadways leading to the following schools:

- Barbara Goleman Senior High School
- Bob Graham Educational Center
- Miami Lakes Middle School
- Miami Lakes K-8 Center
- Maimi Lakes Elementary Primary Learning Center
- Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School

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Public Art

Install new Public Art at the following locations:

- In public rights of ways near schools (see Safe Routes To Schools)
- In the Town Center and along Main Street
- In public parks (including pocket parks)
- In cul-de-sacs
- On Ludlam Road near the Miami Lakes Branch Library
- In the new Optimist Park design
- At the intersection of NW 82 Avenue and Oak Lane
- Work with the Town Cultural Affairs Committee to prioritize additional locations to receive public art installations

Parks

Install Parks improvements as described below at the following locations:

General Park Improvements

- Landscape Improvements
 - Add trees and palms strategically throughout parks
 - Add shrub beds strategically throughout parks
 - Add landscape at Town playgrounds
 - Add shade trees and shrubs in parking lots
 - Add shade trees and shrubs along walkways where appropriate
 - Add landscape to accentuate park signage (including wayfinding)
 - Enhance park entry landscape
 - Improve existing landscape layout (strategic relocating existing material)
 - Screen existing utilities with landscape installations
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Standardize specialty paving for primary pathways
 - Standardize hardscape details for special places of interest
 - Replace and standardize dated playground equipment
 - Replace and standardize dated playground shade structures
 - Replace and standardize dated picnic shade structures and grills
 - Improve entry signage
 - Replace and standardize site furnishings (benches, waste and recycling, bollards, lighting, etc.)
 - Replace and standardize pedestrian lighting
 - Provide landscape lighting in special places of interest
 - Replace dated outdoor exercise stations

Royal Oaks Park

- Landscape Improvements
 - Add shade trees, palms, and understory along the perimeter path
 - Add enhanced landscape along walkways near buildings
 - Add enhanced landscape along walkways to sports fields
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Redesign and reorganize maintenance areas
 - Construct a permanent concession building, including a kitchen

Veteran's Park

- Landscape Improvements
 - Add landscape along the perimeter path
 - Add additional memorial trees and organize into a Memorial Grove
 - Plan future memorial tree installations
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Improve and standardize permanent memorial plaques

Graham Park

- Landscape Improvements
 - Add shade trees along walkway around pond
 - Add landscape treatments and signage at corner vehicular intersections
 - Relocate existing palms and accent trees into organized groupings
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Install submerged lighting to illuminate pond
 - Install water feature in pond
 - Improve perimeter treatment for pond (potential seat wall)
 - Increase pond water elevation
 - Improved permanent dedication for Miami Lakes Civic Association
 - Updated pedestrian bridge

K9 Cove

- Landscape Improvements
 - Install a landscape buffer along south perimeter to screen expressway
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Add dog play equipment
 - Install additional shade structures
 - Add mister fountains

Optimist Park

- Finalize the ongoing redesign of Optimist Park (redesign in progress as of May 2025)

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Parks (Continued)

Youth Center Park East/ Picnic Park East

- Landscape Improvements
 - Replace failed sod areas with shrubs
 - Install shrubs and groundcover around the perimeter base of the Youth Center building
 - Install improved landscape design at back of building
 - Add shrubs and groundcover around the base of the flagpole
- Furnishing Improvements
 - Relocate flagpole (away from in front of building signage)
 - Provide outdoor classrooms for youth
 - Install improved hardscape design at back of building

Pocket Parks

- Develop a program for each pocket park and implement accordingly

Redesign Landscape for Multi-use Pathway (along NW 60 Avenue)

- Redesign the shrub and groundcover along the NW 60 Avenue Multi-use Pathway from NW 138 Street to Youth Center Park East.

Linear Trail with Park (along NW 170 Street)

- Landscape Improvements
 - Install shrubs and groundcovers in areas of failed sod
 - Screen utilities with shrubs
- Hardscape and Furnishing Improvements
 - Install pavement pattern along trail from NW 87 Avenue to NW 78 Avenue to match existing pavement pattern west of NW 87 Avenue
 - Design and construct organized trail heads with parking, signage, shade structures, bike cleaning stations, bike-tire air pumps, furnishings, water fountains/ bottle fillers at both ends of the trail
 - Install exercise equipment along trail
 - Install drinking fountains, misters, bottle fillers along trail
 - Install new railing system along canal side of trail
 - Update existing benches and relocate to accommodate around landscape
 - Install high emphasis custom design crosswalks
 - Install wayfinding signage
 - Connect trail to other existing and proposed trails

Propose New Miami Lakes Passive Park

- Program, design, and construct a New Town Central Park in the abandoned golf course (open green space) located between the commercial and residential developments south of Miami Lakes Drive, along the east side of the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826).
- Park design to include landscape, hardscape, furnishings, pedestrian pathways, playgrounds, butterfly garden, boulder park, community spaces, ponds, native meadows.

Propose New Walking Trail Park (Around Historic Burial Grounds)

- Program, design, and construct a new Walking Trail Park around the existing Historic Burial Grounds located on the northeast corner of NW 87 Avenue and Miami Lakes Drive.
- Park design to include landscape, hardscape, furnishings, pedestrian pathways.

New Pedestrian Trail Connecting NW 59 Court and NW 59 Avenue

- Develop and construct a site plan that includes landscape, hardscape and furnishing, including pedestrian walkways and a pedestrian bridge over the canal to connect NW 59 Court and NW 59 Avenue

Proposed New Linear Trail/ Park (along Palmetto Canal)

- Propose a new linear park trail along Palmetto Canal from Goleman Senior High School to K-9 Cove. Continue the trail along NW 77 Court/ Palmetto Canal and connect to Bob Graham Education Center. Continue the trail along NW 77 Court/ Palmetto Canal and connect to the existing linear park along NW 170 Street. Connect the new linear park to areas of interest and existing pedestrian systems.

Propose New Lakefront Park at NW 82 Avenue and Oak Lane

- Develop and construct a site plan that includes landscape, hardscape and furnishing, including a deck over the water, for a new Lakefront Park. Include paddle boat amenity and Public Art installation.

