

# Strengthening our Community Tree Canopy Through Education - Module #11 Mangrove & Sea Grape Pruning



## Mangroves – serve an important role:

- Serve as a habitat for various species of wildlife
- Stabilize shorelines & provide protection from storms
- Protect water quality
- Serve as a food web support for fish

## 1996 Mangrove Preservation & Trimming Act

- Protect & preserve mangrove resources
- No trimming or alteration on uninhabited islands or conservation & mitigation areas
- Provide owners right of view
- Encourage owners to maintain mangroves



## Sea Grapes – serve an important role:

- Serve as a habitat for birds, lizards, gopher tortoise & other wildlife
- Serve as a stabilizer for beaches & dunes
- Protect oceanfront property from erosion, sand, & salt spray
- Serve as a food source for birds, mammals, & other wildlife
- Serve as a protector to nesting sea turtles

## Sea Grapes – protected under:

- Florida Statute Chapter 161.053(2)(a)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Federal Endangered Species Act 1973
- Florida Statute Chapter 370.12 – Marine Turtle Protection Act



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