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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION OF NATIVE VEGETATION

Projects with a Development Review Officer (DRO) Condition of Approval that pertain to vegetation removal, or obtain a <u>Protection of Native Vegetation Approval</u>, are to adhere to the following Best Management Practices . All vegetation removal activities must comply with the Palm Beach County Unified Land Development Code, Article 14.C, Vegetation Preservation and Protection.

Management of Site Under Development:

- Clearing of native vegetation is limited to the construction area only, as outlined on an approved site plan. All native vegetation outside the development area shall be maintained and protected.
- Construction on the site is to comply with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan submitted for the project.
- Prohibited species (air potato, Australian pine, Brazilian pepper, carrotwood, earleaf acacia, melaleuca, old world climbing fern, kudzu, and scheflerra), and those plants listed in Article 14.C., Appendix 6 & 7, must be eradicated, or removed from the entire site during site development. Continued removal of these species may be needed to prevent reinfestation. Burning of vegetative debris should not occur closer than 100 feet from native vegetation to be preserved.

Management of Existing Native Vegetation:

- Preserve Set Aside required under Article 14.C.7.B.3.: Implement the approved "Preserve Management Plan" concurrent with construction activities to protect the preserve area and ensure exotic removal for species listed in Appendix 6, 7, and 9. Ensure regular long term maintenance to protect the preserve from littering, dumping and infestation of exotics.
- Place barricades, or flagging to protect the root zones of the native vegetation to be preserved. All barricades/flagging are to remain in place until all construction activities are complete.
- No heavy equipment or machinery is to be used, nor any construction activities, or grade changes occur within twice the radius of the dripline of native trees which is to be preserved in place. Prohibited species are to be removed by hand ONLY in these areas, and any herbicide applications used should follow label instructions.
- No fill placement, trenching, grubbing, pruning, construction activities, or storage of construction equipment and materials, is allowed within the dripline of trees to remain in place or within the preserve boundaries.
- Any cuts for swales, or other necessary construction made within 3 feet of the trunks of native trees, are to be made by an environmental professional, arborist, or knowledgeable landscape architect experienced in proper root pruning techniques.

Management of Relocated Native Vegetation and Mitigation Plantings:

- Oversite by an environmental professional, arborist, or knowledgeable landscape architect, is recommended for vegetation removal and relocation activities during the clearing process.
- All vegetation relocation is to occur prior to any construction activity, except as approved by ERM on a submitted phasing plan.
- Native vegetation proposed to be relocated into the preserve must be incorporated into the Preserve Management Plan with ERM approval prior to its relocation.
- Protect native bromeliads by relocating to native tress to be preserved.
- Relocated vegetation, or mitigation plantings, must not be within a utility easement, or within 30 feet of power lines for large trees (growth potential of 30 feet in height at maturity), or within 20 feet of power lines for medium trees (growth potential of 20 feet in height at maturity).
- All relocated vegetation and mitigation plantings is to be planted into areas specified on the ERM approved planting plan with methods utilizing best industry standards and be supplied with temporary irrigation, supports, fertilizers, and mulch.
- Maintain all relocated vegetation and mitigation plantings to ensure survival.

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APPENDIX 6 PROHIBITED INVASIVE NON-NATIVE VEGETATION

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TYPE
Melaleuca, punk tree or paper	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Tree
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Brazilian pepper	Schinus teribinthifolius	Tree
Australian pine	Casuarina spp.	Tree
Earleaf acacia	Acacia auriculiformis	Tree
Kudzu	Pueraria montana (P. Lobata)	Vine
Old world climbing fern	Lygodium microphyllum	Vine
Air potato vine	Dioscorea bulbifera	Vine
Carrotwood	Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Tree
Schefflera	Schefflera actinophylla	Tree

APPENDIX 7 INVASIVE NON-NATIVE VEGETATION

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TYPE
Banyan	Ficus bengalensis	Tree
Bishop-wood	Bischofia javanica	Tree
Cat's claw	Mimosa pigra	Shrub
Chinese tallow tree	Sapium sebiferum	Vine
Portia tree or Seaside mahoe	Thespesia populnea	Tree
Downy rose myrtle	Rhodomyrtus tomentosus	Shrub
Jasmine	Jasminum dichotomum	Shrub
Java plum	Syzygium cumini	Tree
Lather leaf	Colubrina asiatica	Vine
Lofty Fig	Ficus altissima	Tree
Mahoe	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Tree
Shoebutton ardisia	Ardisia solanaceae	Shrub
Woman's tongue	Albizia lebbeck	Tree

APPENDIX 9 INVASIVE NON-NATIVE VEGETATION WITHIN PRESERVES

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TYPE
Arrowhead vine	Syngonium podophyllum	Vine
Asparagus fern	Asparagus densiflorus	Ground cover
Banyan	Ficus bengalensis	Tree
Beach naupaka	Scaevola sericea	Shrub
Bishop-wood	Bischofia javanica	Tree
Caesar weed	Urena lobata	Shrub
Cat's claw	Mimosa pigra	Shrub
Cat's claw vine	Macfadyena unguis-cati	Vine
Castor bean	Ricinus communis	Herb
Chinese tallow tree	Sapium sebiferum	Vine
Downy rose myrtle	Rhodomyrtus tomentosus	Shrub
Gold Coast Jasmine	Jasminum dichotomum	Shrub
Guava	Psidium guajava	Tree
Java plum	Syzygium cumini	Tree
Lather leaf	Colubrina asiatica	Vine
Laurel fig	Ficus microcarpa	Tree
Lead tree	Leucaena leucocephala	Tree
Lofty fig	Ficus altissima	Tree
Mahoe	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Tree
Mother-in-law tongue	Sansevieria hyacinthoides	Ground Cover
Pothos	Epipremnum pinnatum	Vine
Portia tree or Seaside	Thespesia populnea	Tree
Rosary pea	Abrus precatorius	Vine
Shoebutton ardisia	Ardisia solanaceae	Shrub
St. Augustine <i>S</i>	tenotaphrum secondatum	Grass
Strawberry Guava	Psidium cattleianum	Tree
Stinking Passion Vine	Passiflora foetida	Vine
Surinam cherry	Eugenia uniflora	Shrub
Tuberous Sword Fern	Nephrolepis cordfolia	Ground Cover
Two-leaf nighshade	Solanum diphyllum	Shrub
Wedelia	Wedelia trilobata	Vine
Wild balsam apple	Moordica charantia	Vine
Woman's tongue	Albzia lebbeck	Tree
Winged Yam	Dioscorea alata	Vine