

# AUTUMN WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## 2007 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE STREET CANOPY CONTINUITY STANDARD

### Objectives:

It is the intent of these guidelines to protect and preserve the intrinsic value of our canopy tree continuity along the streets within the Autumn Woods Community. Our community landscape plan was designed with a standard number of *native canopy hardwood trees* in front of each home. The overall effect of this original plan was to ensure that when looking down a street, an observer would view a 'line of trees' which creates the intended "**streetscape**" appearance.

The **streetscape** canopy unifies individual lots with the overall landscape theme of Autumn Woods, thus fostering a continuity of community character which impacts property value and visual drive-by appeal. In addition, the canopy trees contribute to our community's environmental well being by cooling, blocking winds and buffering noise.

Recent hurricane damage, haphazard removals by residents without prior ARC-M approval and neglect of the replacement of required trees, has created voids in the environmental landscape, diminishing the overall appearance of Autumn Woods' tree canopy continuity. Professional recommendations to restore the "**streetscape**" are as follows:

### Specifications:

Property owners shall maintain perpetually a minimum of one or more matching canopy (hardwood) trees in the front of their lot to protect the visual continuity of the established tree canopy. The ideal tree spacing is thirty (30) feet apart to a maximum of forty-five (45) feet apart. In addition, one (1) accent palm or accent tree will be allowed in the line of the streetscape. The accent palm or tree will only be approved if the canopy tree is in place.

The individual lot frontage/perimeter within fifteen (15) feet from the curb will be restricted in plant and tree selection to protect the visual canopy tree continuity along each street. No accent palm or accent tree will be allowed as a **replacement** for the one required "**streetscape**" canopy tree. (*See Accent Palm/ Tree Standards for details*)

In the event of any demise or removal of a streetscape (hardwood) canopy tree, the tree shall be replaced with a tree in-kind, or an approved tree, and the installation coordinated with neighboring trees. (*See Tree Standards for details*)

As with all landscaping changes, ARC-M (N) approval is required.