



**Resilient NoMi**  
Plan . Protect . Preserve



## Note from editor

Although Spring is often associated with renewal and new beginnings, this change starts in the fall. The nights are cooler, the days are shorter. Our trees are shedding their leaves, letting go of what no longer serves them. For the remainder of fall, we are called to look within, to shed old growth and prepare for new leaves. The transformation can seem daunting, excruciating, but a beautiful part of the cycle of life. The beautiful gold autumn leaves are everywhere for us to collect. But perhaps, the true focus should be on the tree not the leaves. It's more important to have a tree that sheds and call us to mindfully sweep as a token of appreciation for the natural protection it provides, than to have no tree at all.

With that being said, the Sustainability Division wishes you a truly transformative Autumn.

*“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf  
is a flower (L’automne est un deuxième  
ressort où chaque feuille est une fleur).”  
—Albert Camus.*



# 2023 Neat Streets: 100 Trees for NoMi

Neat Streets Miami-Dade County awarded the City of North Miami a 2023 GREEN Miami-Dade County Matching Grant for its 2023 Neat Street Project in the amount of \$40,000. As part of this project, North Miami planted 100 native trees to provide shade and beautify the NoMi community. Native trees are better adapted to the South Florida climate, requiring lower maintenance in the long term. They also play a role in reducing urban heat and reducing stormwater runoff.

For more information and to request a tree on public right of way, please visit: <https://www.northmiamifl.gov/1249/Neat-Streets>

## Meet your New Trees!

### **LIVE OAK**

The southern live oak, native to the southeastern United States, was originally found in hardwood hammocks. Like many oaks, it is known for its strength, withstanding hurricanes better than most kinds of trees. As live oaks age, they become wider than tall, with magnificent horizontal branches. These branches become home to all kinds of epiphytes (air plants) including orchids, bromeliads, and ferns. The oldest known trees are centuries old and have massive trunks larger than 10' in diameter. The name "live oak" refers to the fact that the trees never lose all their leaves.

Source:

<https://fairchildgarden.org/interpretation/lr/quercus-virginiana/>

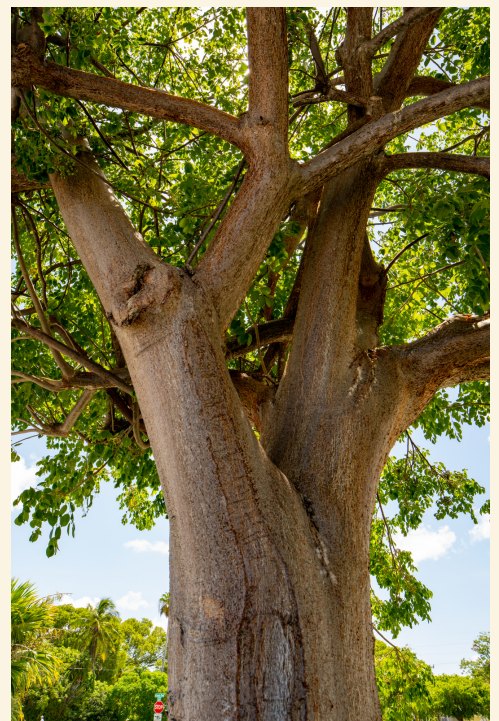


### **GUMBO LIMBO**

Gumbo limbo is one of the fastest growing and most versatile Florida native trees. Widespread in the tropical Americas, it is sometimes called the tourist tree because its bark is red and peeling, like a sunburn. Fenceposts made from its wood are often used to create "living fences," because gumbo-limbo has the unusual ability to regrow roots and branches from pieces of wood. Soft and easy to carve, its wood has been used to make many kinds of crafts including carousel horses. Calusa Indians and others used the sticky bark resin to trap songbirds for food or trade.

Source:

<https://fairchildgarden.org/interpretation/lr/bursera-simaruba/>



# *How to Report FLOODING*

North Miami is collaborating with [ISeeChange](#) to give residents a new tool to report impacts from flooding, storms, and other climate and weather impacts.

ISeeChange is a free platform (available in English and Spanish; Haitian Creole coming soon) for residents to report climate and weather impacts in real-time. By sharing a quick photo or description, your report can help leaders at the City of North Miami respond to climate impacts here today, and design climate-ready infrastructure to ensure the resiliency of our future communities.

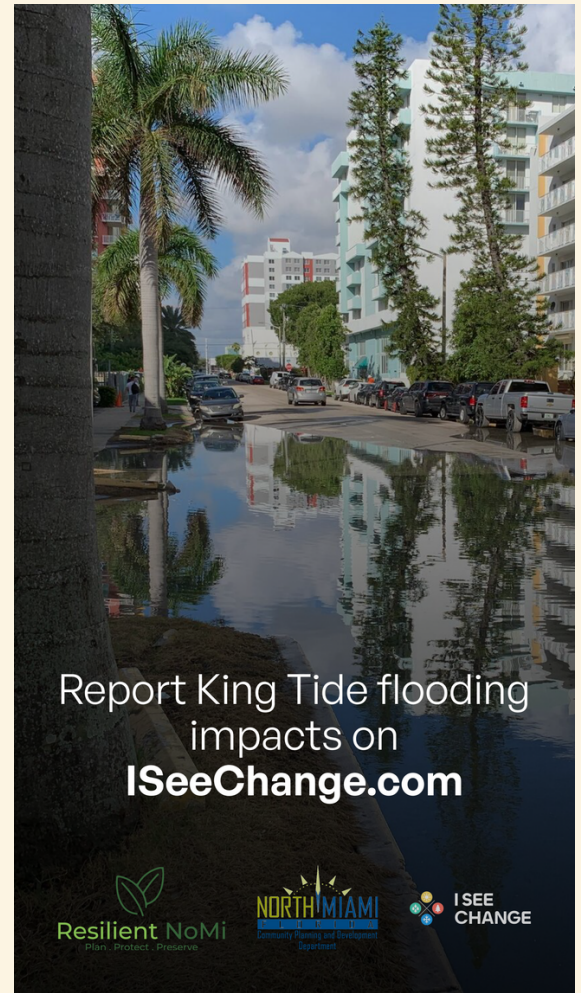
To participate, you can download the ISeeChange Tracker mobile app from your [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or the platform is available from your computer on [www.iseechange.com](http://www.iseechange.com).

[Report Impacts on ISeeChange](#) ➔

From there, you're ready to go! The next time it rains or floods, take a photo or video to report any impacts you encounter such as:

- Where and when you see flooding of any kind
- Is the existing drainage system seemingly clogged?
- Do you see a canal that has concerning high water levels? Are there any blockages (vegetation or debris) in the canal?

ISeeChange is a platform that leverages community-driven data and AI to help Counties and municipalities respond to climate impacts and design climate-ready infrastructure





# Cigarette Litter Prevention

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in America, constituting a staggering 20 percent of all items and a whopping 88% of litter pieces measuring 4 inches or smaller, according to the Keep America Beautiful (KAB)® 2020 National Litter Study. This issue not only results in unsightly surroundings but also poses significant harm to the environment, wildlife, and public health. These **tiny, toxic remnants** find their way into our beloved Biscayne Bay, and other water bodies, contaminating aquatic habitats and endangering marine life. The **chemicals** in cigarette filters can **leach into the water**, harming aquatic ecosystems and polluting our precious resources. **#NoMiNoButts**.

As part of the North Miami's Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) initiative **FREE** Cigarette Receptacles are available to businesses at **no cost**.

Additionally, an innovative **art installation** was produced through a grant from the CLPP program to raise awareness and encourage responsible disposal of cigarette butts. The art was on view at Scott Galvin Community Center all October and will be displayed next at the Keep Florida Beautiful conference November 1st-3rd. Where should it go next? Let us know your thoughts!



## Upcoming Green Holidays

- November 1: [World Vegan Day](#)
- November 4: [World Paper Free Day](#)
- November 15: [America Recycles Day](#)
- November 17: [Take a Hike Day](#)
- December 5: [World Soil Day](#)

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# RESILIENT DESIGN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**Location: SCOTT GALVIN CENTER**

1600 NE 126th St, North Miami, FL 33181

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th 6:00PM TO 7:30PM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 5:30PM TO 6:30PM**

## WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:



Low Impact  
Development



Transit Oriented  
Development



Historic  
Preservation



Parks and  
Green Spaces

## IN COLLABORATION WITH:

**Design and Preservation Rapid Assistance Team**



American Planning Association  
**Urban Design and  
Preservation Division**

The Urban Design and Preservation APA Division's Design & Preservation Rapid Assistance Team (D-PRAT) program provides planning assistance to local and regional governments and community-based organizations that need planning support to address specific problems or challenges. D-PRAT will offer support through an intensive 2-day planning workshop to the community of North Miami in November 2023, during which a team of experts from around the country will engage community members to understand the local planning issues and help develop possible solutions. D-PRAT supports communities and organizations in their efforts to collaboratively plan for a more resilient, equitable, and prosperous future of towns and cities through urban design and historic preservation.

