

Jetty Villas Community Landscape

Mission Statement

To beautify and maintain our Jetty Villas landscape through community input and support, creating a more sustainable landscape that relies on Florida-friendly and native plantings, increases canopy, reduces maintenance, and, over time, becomes a Florida-friendly landscape.

Goals:

- Create a planning, advisory group, with a Board member as liaison, to oversee landscape planning, identify and prioritize areas of need, and purchase of new trees and plants in coordination with community input and advice of Florida-friendly tree and plant experts.
- Create small working groups to give input for planning and assist with maintenance of a specific area. [Create a landscape work-order system to address specific member needs.]
- Select for planting only Florida-friendly and native perennials and trees that are both salt- and drought-tolerant to reduce the need for irrigation and pest control and that are the right size in the right place to reduce pruning. [Adopt an approved list for new purchases.]
- Increase landscape canopy by planting more trees and single-stem bushes that can be grown as trees to help filter harsh sunlight and allow lower plants to thrive.
- Implement once- or twice-a-year rejuvenation pruning and reduce machine trimming to extend the beauty and life of plantings.
- Determine when and where mulch is needed, including use of stone where drainage is a concern.
- Establish on-going communication with the entire community about landscape planning, activities, and progress, including newsletter updates and Board meeting reports.

Notes on Florida-Friendly Landscaping™, as developed by IFAS Extension, University of Florida

The Nine Principles (see <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/> for more information):

1. Right plant, right place
2. Water efficiently
3. Fertilize appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract wildlife
6. Manage yard pests responsibly
7. Recycle
8. Manage stormwater runoff
9. Protect the waterfront

Adopted by the Jetty Villas Board
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