275 Tree and Palm Relocation

275.1 General

This chapter provides the criteria and requirements for relocation of trees and palms. For Tree and Palm Relocation plan content, refer to ***FDM 944***.

Relocation of trees and palms requires the approval of the District Landscape Architect.

Develop a root pruning and relocation plan tailored to the species being relocated. Time periods required between root pruning and relocation must be in accordance with industry standards and ***Supplemental Specification 581***.

275.2 Relocation Considerations

When deciding to relocate a tree or palm, consider the following:

(1) Protected tree or palm species ***(Florida Department of Agriculture Endangered Plant Species)***, or local jurisdictional regulations

(2) Cost effectiveness of relocation (i.e., cost and benefit of relocating existing trees versus purchasing new nursery material)

(3) Tree or palm condition (e.g., size, form, health, structure)

(4) Aesthetic, historical, cultural, community, and environmental value

(5) Functional characteristics and engineering (e.g., safety considerations)

(6) Negative public perceptions regarding removal of healthy trees

(7) Overall suitability for relocating:

- (a) Desirable and disease-resistant species
- (b) Survivability
- (c) Required establishment period
- (d) Impact to construction schedule
- (e) Removal, transport, or installation issues

275.3 Relocation Site Selection

For construction projects, trees or palms must be relocated to a site that is within or near the project limits, which decreases transport costs and increases the survival rate.

For maintenance-let landscape projects, an off-site location may be considered when there is not sufficient space to relocate a tree on-site. Off-site relocations must meet the following requirements:

- Relocation site is within the district in which the contract is let
- Acceptable plan for care during establishment period
- A written agreement with the maintaining agency has been obtained