



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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City of Pompano Beach Utilizes Urban Forestry Grant

In November of 2016, the City of Pompano Beach received a \$16,000 matching grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service for fiscal year 2017. The Grant funds were awarded for a period of 15 months for the purpose of updating and expanding the existing tree inventory for twelve public parks and nine City streets.

The tree inventory is now complete and it consisted of over 6,000 tree records and increased the existing City tree database to almost 25,000 trees. Data collected for each tree includes GPS location coordinates, street addresses, species, height, trunk diameter, condition, and maintenance recommendations for each tree.

City departments use this data on a daily basis to plan and document future tree maintenance activities. The inventory provides necessary data to support the City Master Tree Plan, which is a road map that describes the City's urban forest and recommends tree management strategies to sustain Pompano Beach's urban tree canopy. If major wind and rain events occur, this data allows City departments to accurately assess and report tree damage, which facilitates our ability to receive federal or State aid following these disasters.

These grant funds originate from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program.