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# Civic Center – Median



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**PHASE II – MEDIAN LANDSCAPING CURRENTLY IN PERMITTING**

# Miami-Dade County Unmet Needs for Tree Canopy Restoration



- Miami-Dade County averages 15% percent with some local cities showing tree canopy densities of as little as 2%.
- The national average for tree canopy densities in metropolitan areas across the United States is 33.4%.
- Ideally, metropolitan areas with 40-45% tree canopy densities have been shown to obtain the optimal benefits provided by a healthy urban tree canopy.





## Miami-Dade County Unmet Needs for Tree Canopy Restoration

- Between 2004 and 2006, Miami-Dade **lost 1,900 acres (3%)** in tree canopy.
- The greatest percentage of tree canopy loss was in the northern part of the County due to Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.
- Approximately 15,000 trees were lost due to these 2005 hurricanes – a 30% loss of tree canopy within our public parks alone.
- Approximately 3,275 trees from the major County roads alone were lost due to Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma
- **At \$300 per tree, to replace lost canopy just from these storms would cost over \$5 million.**



# Miami-Dade County Unmet Needs for Tree Canopy Restoration



## Total Annual Federal Request - \$1.8 million

- CIAB - \$375,000 (*Major Gateways and Community-Partner Greening Projects*)
- Public Works - \$375,000 (*County Roads*)
- Parks - \$375,000 (*County Parks*)
- DERM - \$750,000 (*Six Adopt-A-Tree events at \$125,000 per event to distribute 2500 trees*)



# Press Release Partnership - Miami River Commission



## Media Release

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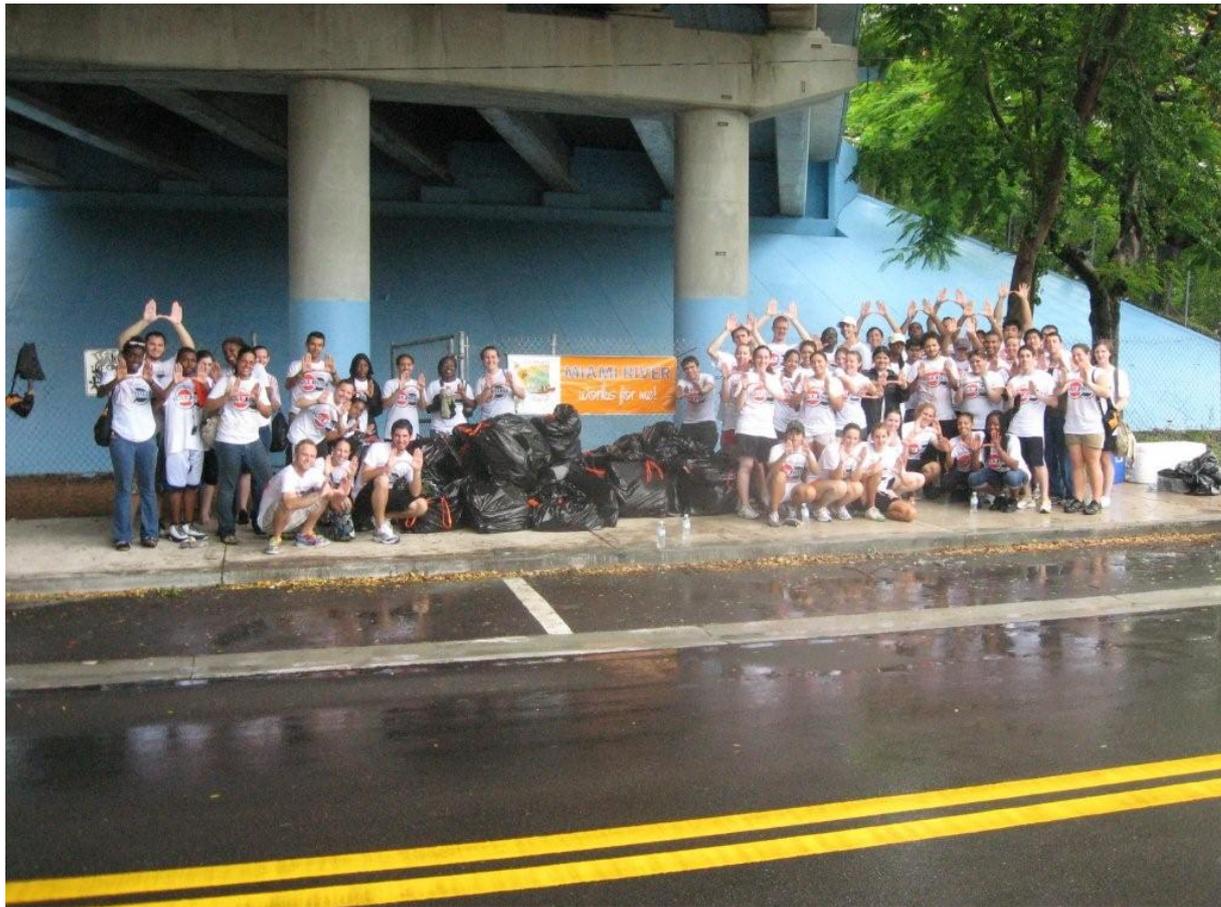
#### **Miami River Commission and University of Miami Students Partner to Beautify the Miami River**

**(Miami, FL)**- An estimated 75 students from the University of Miami (UM) will join the Miami River Commission (MRC) on Saturday, September 20, 11 am to 2 pm, for "National Gandhi Day," an annual service day where students around the nation are introduced to the spirit of volunteerism. During this MRC-sponsored and co-funded event, volunteers will help plant eight native trees and 140 flowering bushes donated by Vila and Sons, to create a new riverfront pocket park at the currently vacant parcel between 1675 NW North River Drive and the Southeast side of the NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge, as well as a pedestrian walkway. Other activities will include: painting the NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge infrastructure, spreading mulch and removing litter, debris and weeds.

"National Gandhi Day" marks the third of four volunteer events this year in which the MRC has partnered with UM to help beautify the Miami River Greenway. The first event, known as "Hope Day," was held on August 11 and generated much success, as over 20 UM students spread mulch, planted flowers, painted beneath the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge and removed litter, debris and weeds along the City of Miami-owned Miami River Greenway on South River Drive, between SW 2 ST and NW 1 ST; the second event, "Orientation Outreach," was held on Saturday, August 30. During this event, over 70 UM freshmen joined together to spread mulch, plant flowers, paint beneath the Flagler Street Bridge and surrounding infrastructure, and remove litter, debris and weeds along the on-road greenway. The last UM volunteer beautification event, known as "Hurricanes Help the Hometown," will be held on Sunday, October 12 along the City of Miami-owned Miami River Greenway on North River Drive, from NW 3rd Street to NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For more information on how to get involved, contact Miami River Commission staff at 305-644-0544 or [miamiriver@bellsouth.net](mailto:miamiriver@bellsouth.net).

# Community Clean Up and Greening Partnership - Miami River Commission



# Hope Day- August 11<sup>th</sup> Partnership - Miami River Commission



**UM STUDENTS PICKING UP LITTER, PAINTING, DIGGING...**

# National Gandhi Day – September 20<sup>th</sup> Partnership - Miami River Commission



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