



The CSID Board of Supervisors, in partnership with and pursuing the objectives of the Resident Advisory Committee report, have approved a Tree Inventory Project for the safety of the community as part of the Windstorm Mitigation Project. An independent and certified Arborist will conduct an inventory of trees and vegetation throughout the CSID canal rights-of-way. The Arborist will provide an in-depth inventory, including photographs, descriptions, and detailed area mapping of vegetation located and identified in the CSID right-of-way. This information will be available to inform and educate both the District, residents, and City of Coral Springs Arborist on how to be responsible stewards for the community.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **What is the Windstorm Mitigation Project?**
  - The new board of supervisors has cancelled what was formerly known as the Stormwater Resiliency and Safety Project which would have clear cut all of the trees on the Districts' rights-of-way. The new Windstorm Mitigation Project will be a more collaborative approach with volunteer aspects included. To start, a certified Arborist hired by CSID will be conducting a tree and vegetation inventory within the rights-of-way that the District owns. This is in line with the objectives of the Resident Advisory Committee Report. The project is to ensure the canals remain unobstructed.
2. **What is the Tree Inventory Project?**
  - The Tree Inventory Project is a survey and inventory that will be conducted by an independent and certified Arborist providing an assessment of identified trees and/or vegetation located in the

right-of-way boundary of the 22-mile canal system. The inventory will be documented in a database utilizing photographs, an interactive mapping tool, and written documentation and descriptions.

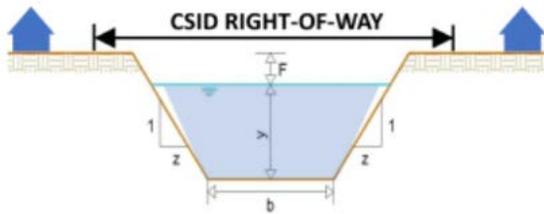
3. **What is an independent and certified Arborist?**
  - A specialist in the cultivation and care of trees and shrubs, including tree surgery, the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of tree diseases, and the control of pests. The certified Arborist is unbiased and will provide a balanced observation based on facts which can be verified.
4. **How will the trees be identified in the inventory process?**
  - For each tree, the Arborist will identify the location, species, the trunk diameter, the approximate canopy diameter, and a rating for the "quality of the tree" ranging from ideal specimen to diseased/damaged. Additionally, if trees are leaning or hanging over structures or the canals, the Arborist will note this.
5. **What is the definition of a diseased/damaged tree?**
  - Diseased/damaged trees mean trees that have split trunks, broken tops, heart rot, or insect or fungus problems, that will lead to imminent death or undercut root systems that put the tree in imminent danger of falling or leaning as a result of root failure.





6. What is the right-of-way where the inventory is taking place?

- A right-of-way is District-owned property where the canals are located. The right-of-way consists of the canal itself and certain land on both sides (see illustration). In most locations, the right-of-way extends 5-20 feet beyond the water's edge.



7. When does the project start and how long will it last?

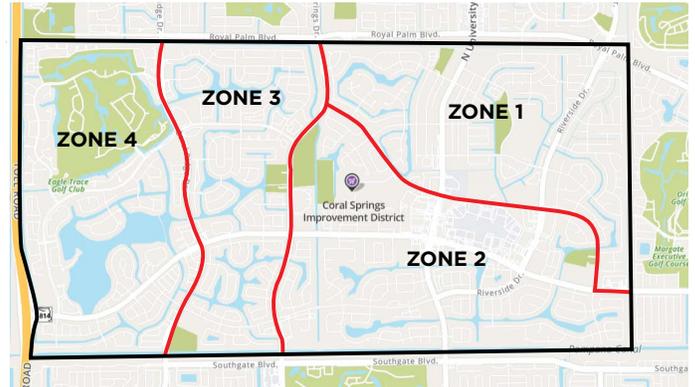
- The Tree Inventory project will commence in April 2024 and should be completed within 16-weeks (4 Months), pending inclement weather and unforeseen circumstances. Work will be done in the daytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The project will be implemented in four phases beginning with Zone 1. Each zone is expected to take approximately four weeks (1 month) to complete. The District will mail letters to keep residents informed. You can always check our website for the latest information. ([csidfl.org](http://csidfl.org))

8. As a resident, how will the project affect me?

- If you reside within the identified boundaries the Arborist and team will be on the right-of-way property behind your home (the canal bank) for the inventory process: arborist will not be walking through side yards. They will access canals through public right-of-way at street ends and launch inflatable boat to access the rights-of-way. The Arborist will be on the property for no more than 30 minutes.

9. What are the areas for this project?

- The project will be implemented in four phases beginning with Zone 1



10. What will happen during and after the inventory?

- Using the GIS data base, the location of the trees will be geolocated using GPS coordinates and plotted on the right-of-way aerial map. Photos of the trees will be taken and linked to each unique tree's position. If a tree's trunk is located entirely on the District's right-of-way, it will be documented and included in the inventory. Ground plantings, shrubs and other "nonstructural" landscaping will be noted. The information will be entered into drop-down menus within the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data base and will be linked to the adjacent property address.

The Tree Inventory Project has no impact to the trees and vegetation and will serve as an educational benefit to the District and residents of the community. The data gathered will be used in conjunction with the Resident Advisory Committee's recommendations to make decisions on how best to proceed with the Windstorm Mitigation Project. The inventory is a necessity for the next steps of the Windstorm Mitigation Project. For further information, please call our project hotline: #954-369-0775 You can also send us an email at [TreeInventoryCSID@QCAusa.com](mailto:TreeInventoryCSID@QCAusa.com).

