

Coastal Resources Section

Jurisdiction: Work in, on, over, or upon tidal waters and coastal wetlands and mangrove trimming or cutting

Types of Projects: docks, marinas, seawalls, dredging, filling, mangrove trimming/alteration



Mangrove Delegation -November 1995

Mangrove Trimming & Preservation Act – Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, Environmental Control

s. 403.9324 (I) – statutory provisions shall be the sole regulations for the state to follow to regulate trimming and alteration of mangroves

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DERM and FDEP

Reporting Requirements (Annual Reports)

Responsibilities of both agencies FDEP & DERM (reporting, training, etc.)

When do I need a Class I Permit for mangrove trimming?

Permit Required

- For alteration
- For dredge and fill activities in coastal wetlands
- For work not qualifying for the exemptions contained within ss. 403.9326, F.S.

Permitting decisions are made on a case-by-case basis pursuant to the evaluation factors contained in Section 24-48 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Exemptions

- CH 403.813 Florida Statutes (F.S.)
- CH 373.406 F.S.



Submitting a Class I Permit Application

In order to open a Class I permit application, the following items are required to be submitted:

- Class I permit application signed by the upland riparian property owner.
- Set of plans or sketches with sufficient detail to identify the proposed scope of work.
- Application fee.

Note that while the property owner is not required to be listed as the applicant on the Class I permit application, consent from the upland riparian property owner and the submerged lands owner must be obtained in order to obtain the Class I permit.



Permitting Process

Property History

 Permitting history, restrictive covenants, conservation easements, mitigation areas, Mangrove Protection Area

Biological Assessment

Document existing site conditions

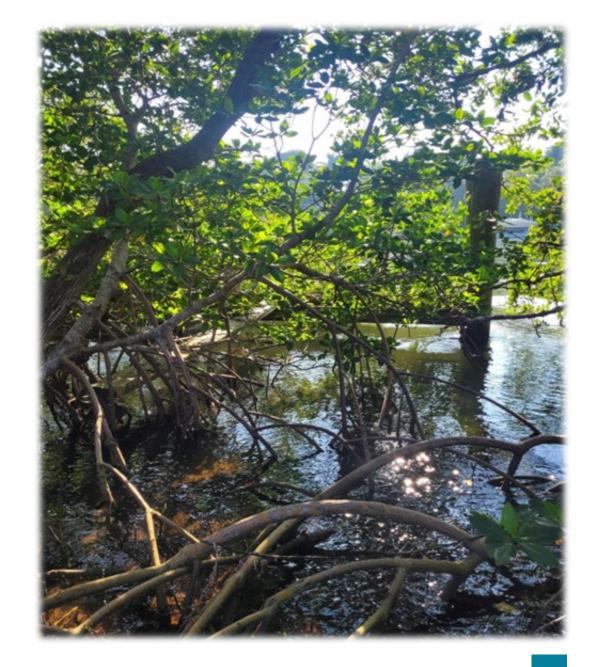
Purpose of Proposed Work

Navigation, access to a dock, slip clearance, view corridor

Consistency with Section 24-48 of the Miami-Dade County Code and Comprehensive Development Master Plan

Mitigation

Cannot be used to make an otherwise non-permittable project permittable



Requirements of Miami-Dade County Professional Mangrove Trimmer (PMT)

Who qualifies as a PMT?

Certified Arborists

Professional Wetland Scientists

Certified Environmental Professionals

Certified Ecologists

People licensed under part II of Chapter 481

People who can demonstrate sufficient level of competence

People passing a qualification or certification program developed by a delegated local government







PROVIDE PERSONAL, ON-SITE SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES WHILE WORK IS BEING PERFORMED



NOTIFY DERM WITHIN 24 HOURS IF MANGROVES ARE ALTERED



Questions?

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