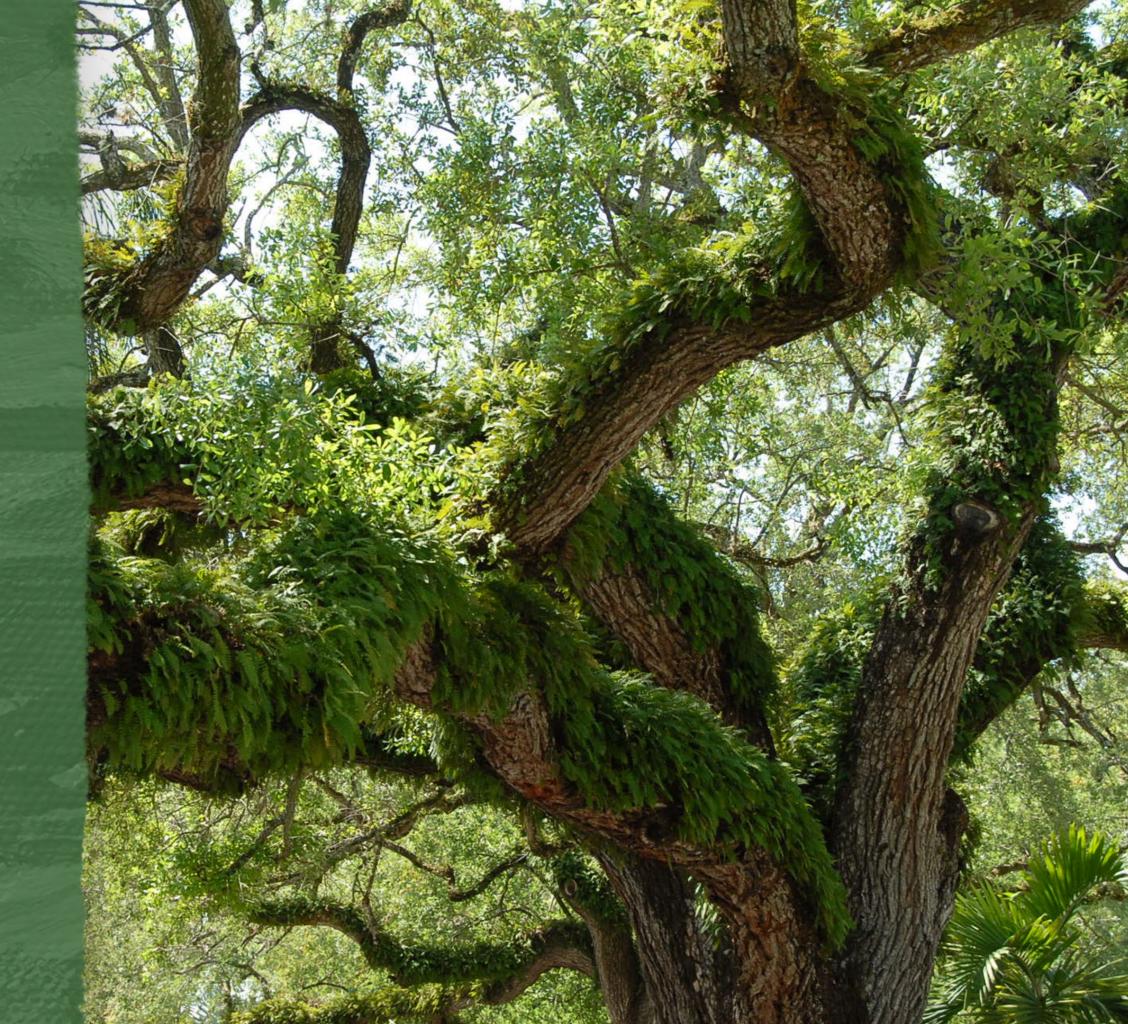
## 2024 Tree City USA 40 year recognition

City of Coral Gables Commission Meeting

March 11, 2025













2024 Arbor Day celebration







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CITY OF CORAL GABLES



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 10, 1872, an idea that was first proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture by J. Sterling Morton. This event later evolved into a holiday that is celebrated and sponsored annually since 1985 by the City of Coral Gables, in conjunction with the City's Landscape Beautification Advisory Board and the Coral Gables Garden Club, as a reminder of the significance of our City's trees: and

WHEREAS, trees provide countless benefits to our community, including environmental, public health, social and economic benefits by improving our air quality, providing us with shade, enhancing our parks and public spaces, filtering and reducing stormwater runoff into our waterways, providing a natural habitat to our neighborhood wildlife while simultaneously increasing property values, and enhancing the vitality of the City's business areas while beautifying our community and business areas alike; and

WHEREAS, Coral Gables Founder George Merrick recognized and emphasized the importance of the natural beauty of this tropical landscape, and consequently hired Landscape Architect Frank Button, designer of Lincoln Park in Chicago, to design the grand vistas and treelined streets that still convey a quality of centuries-old permanence; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the ninety-nineth anniversary of the founding of the City of Coral Gables, as well as the thirty-nineth year as a "Tree City USA," accentuating the City's commitment and involvement of our citizenry, board members and employees alike, in furtherance of conserving our City's picturesque landscape;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as:

## "ARBOR DAY IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the citizens of the City of Coral Gables to join me in recognizing this annual noteworthy occasion – while concomitantly continuing our endeavor to preserve our City's valuable tree resource heritage, by supporting those efforts aimed at promoting our environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this sixteenth day of April A.D., 2024.

Vince Lago Mayor

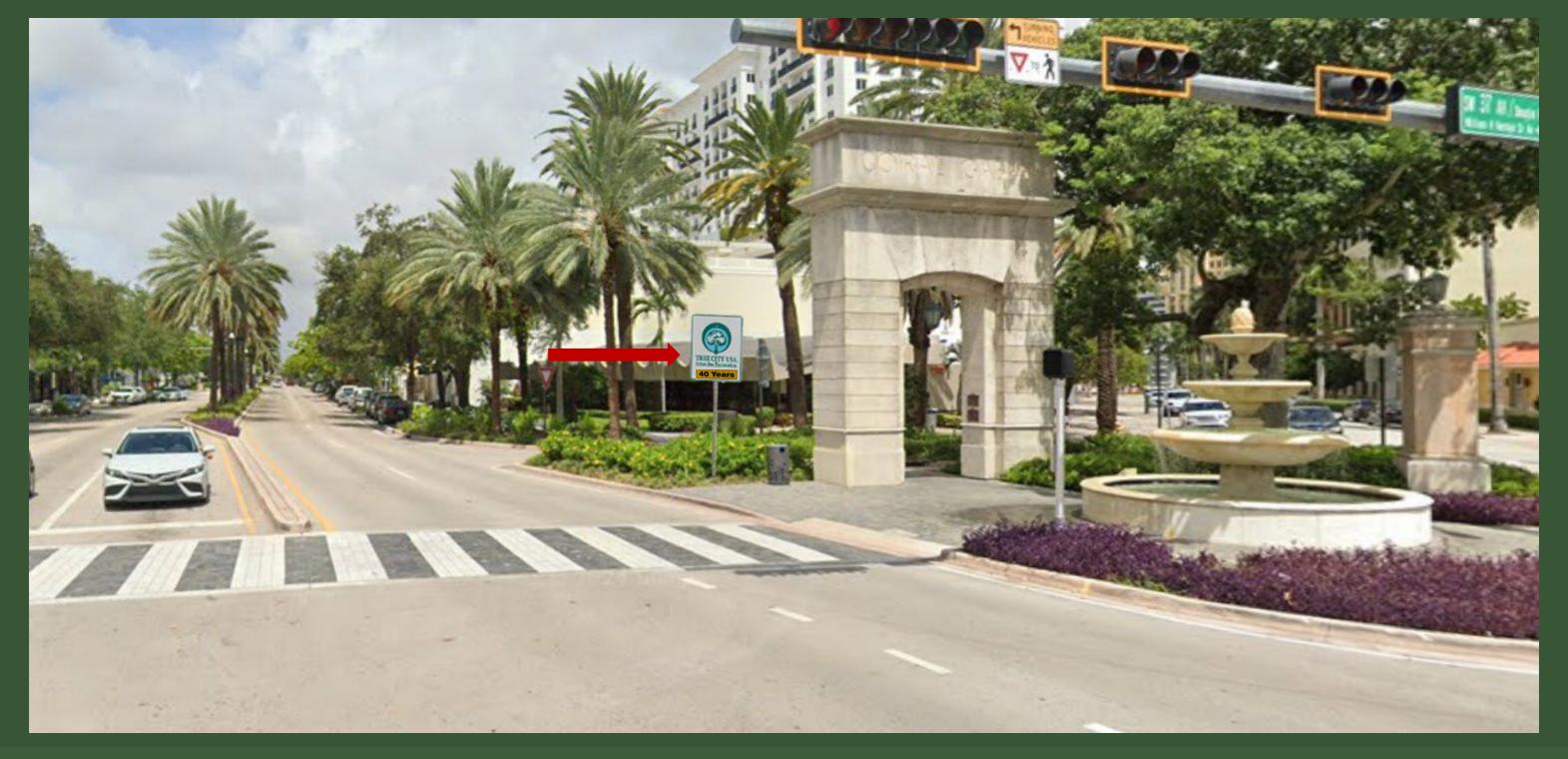
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Coral Way and Red Road proposed location for Tree City USA recognition



Miracle Mile and Douglas Road proposed location for Tree City USA recognition



THANK YOU



