

NB 8. REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION TO FUND EXPANDING THE NORTH BEACH TREE PLANTING PILOT PROGRAM TO ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES LOCATED AT 78TH, 79TH, AND 80TH STREETS OR OTHER POTENTIAL LOCATIONS.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: July 26, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE - DISCUSS/UPDATE ON TREE PLANTING PILOT PROGRAM IN NORTH BEACH.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In November 2022, I met with Resiliency and Public Works in North Beach regarding planting trees on one block where there are no trees in North Beach. The logic behind this was to challenge our city officials to find innovative ways to create tree canopy in areas where there are none.

It is very easy to plant trees in swales and parks where CMB already has trees, but the \$3M in GO bond funding for trees was for planting trees in areas that **have no shade**, and in my opinion, the money spent to date, has been a waste, because we have created no new canopy areas, just planted trees in areas that already have trees.

I was promised that by April 2023, the block of trees would be ready. We are now in mid-June and we await the results of our pilot program. I would like a public update on what they have found regarding tree-plantings on concrete street, and lessons learned as we move forward.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N /A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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North Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Strategic Connection

Neighborhoods - Enhance the beautification, physical appearance and cleanliness of neighborhoods.

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Attachment A: North Beach Pilot Program Expansion Map and Illustrations



Figure 1. Additional planting pits could be located on 78th and 79th Streets, between Byron Avenue and Harding Avenue.



Figure 2. Additional planting pits could be located on 80th Street, between Carlyle Avenue and Byron Avenue.

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Figure 3. Additional planting pits could be located on 78th and 79th Streets, between Dickens Avenue and Byron Avenue.

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Figure 4. Representative tree from initial NoBe pilot on 78th Street between Carlyle Avenue and Byron Avenue.

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Figure 5. View facing northwest of initial NoBe pilot on 78th Street between Carlyle Avenue and Byron Avenue.



Figure 6. View facing southeast of initial NoBe pilot on 78th Street between Carlyle Avenue and Byron Avenue.

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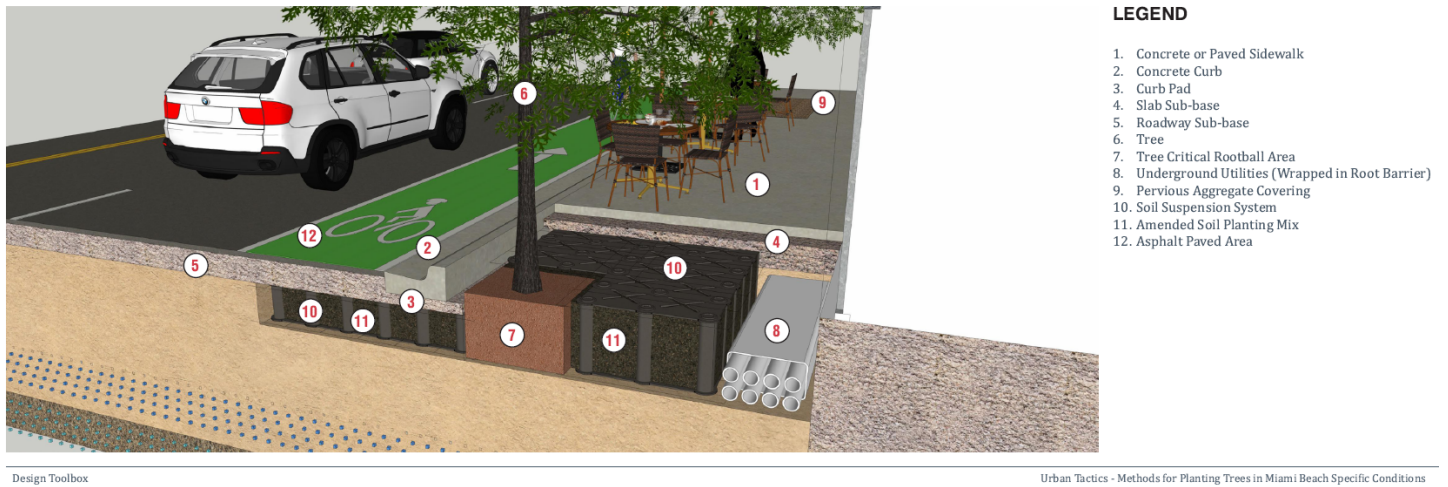


Figure 7. Methods for planting in commercial street frontage of 6-10 feet widths without curb-side parking, as per the Urban Forestry Master Plan adopted in 2020.

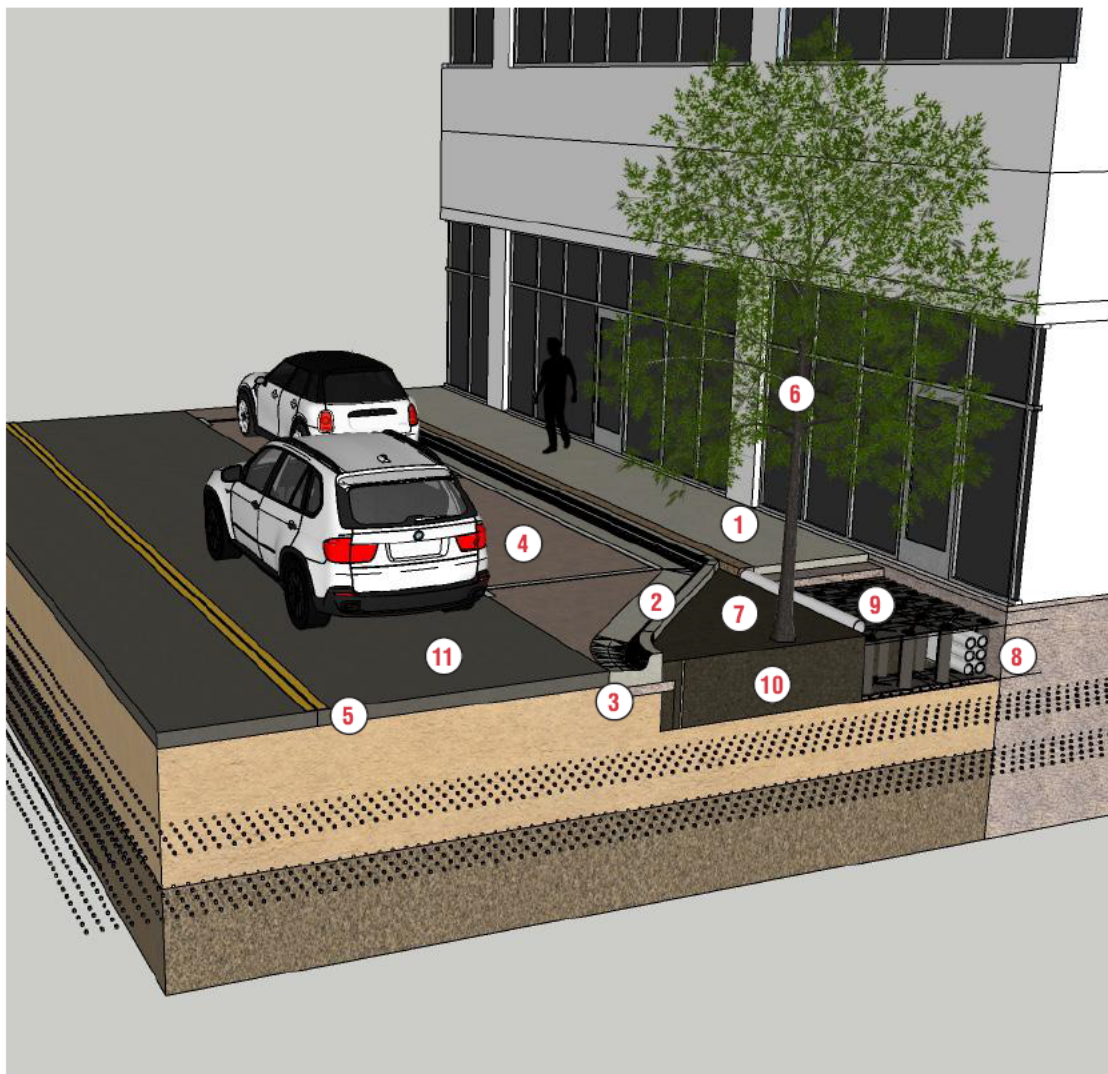


Figure 8. Methods for planting on all street frontages as per the Urban Forestry Master Plan adopted in 2020.

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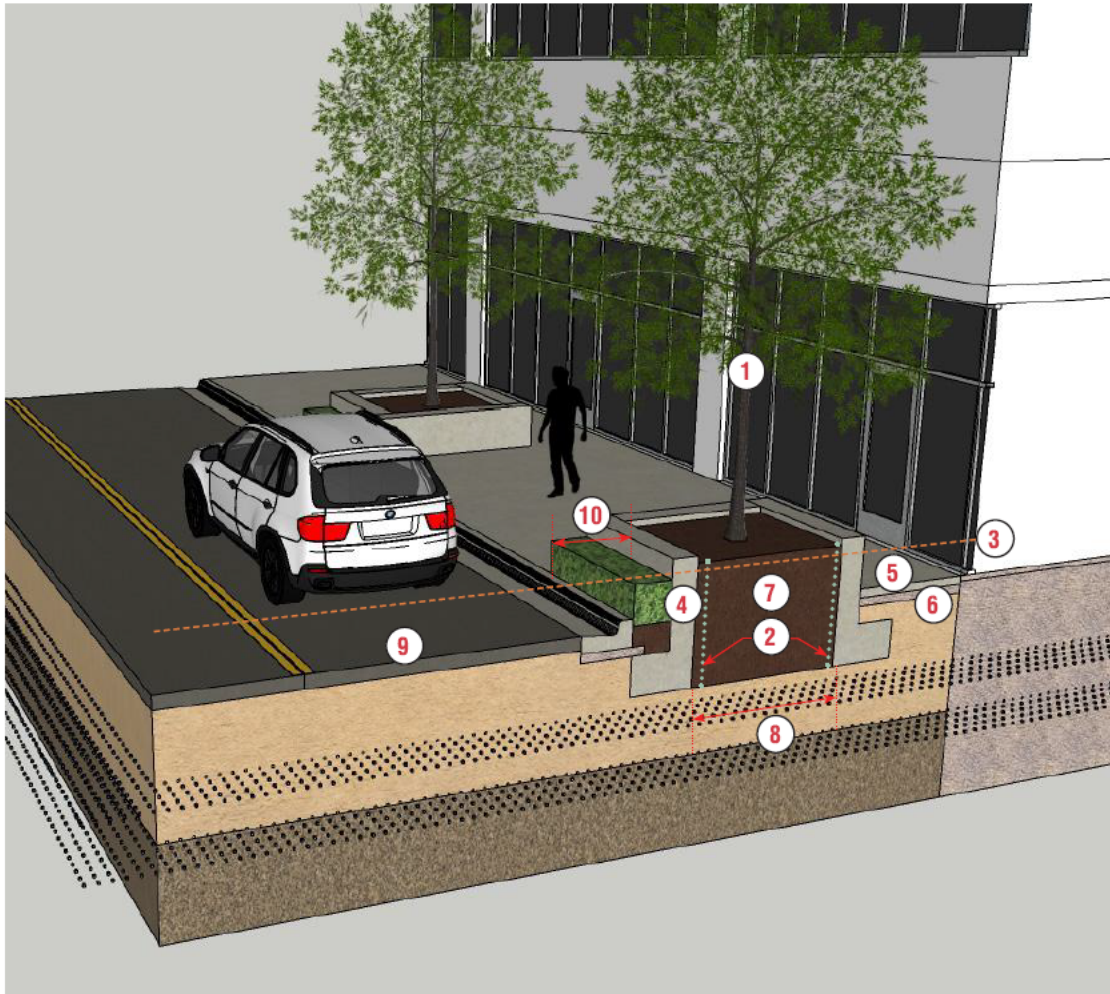


Figure 9. Methods for planting on all street frontages where remaining walkable area meets the minimum required A.D.A. clearance requirements, as per the Urban Forestry Master Plan adopted in 2020.

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North Shore D Neighborhood Improvement Project Limits

