

Tree Fund Regulation- City of North Port

Sec. 45-13. - Establishment of tree fund.

There is hereby established a City of North Port Tree Fund to be administered by the City's Department of Financial Services. All mitigation fees and monetary fines for violations of this Ordinance or Chapter 21 of this Unified Land Development Code shall be deposited into this special Tree Fund. The Tree Fund shall be used to advance the stated intent of Chapter 45 by engaging in the following activities;

- (1) Purchasing property within the City to be used only for tree preservation purposes;
- (2) Planting trees from the Tree Priority List on public lands within the City according to the priorities identified in Policy 3.5 of the Conservation and Coastal Zone Management element of the Comprehensive Plan;
- (3) Educating the public on proper care of trees;
- (4) Maintaining tree health and safety on public lands within the City. Money used from the Tree Fund for the purpose of tree maintenance shall be used exclusively for those trees planted with Tree Fund money; and
- (5) Purchasing conservation easements on privately owned property within the City.