RESOLUTION B-27-008
AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 129.06, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to amend its budget for the current fiscal year as follows:

a) Appropriations for expenditures in any fund may be decreased and other appropriations in the same fund correspondingly increased, provided the total appropriations of the fund are not changed.

b) Appropriations from reserves may be made to increase the appropriation for any particular expense in the same fund, or to create an appropriation in the fund for any lawful purpose.

c) Unanticipated revenues, including increased receipts for enterprise or proprietary funds, may be appropriated for their intended purpose, and may be transferred between funds to properly account for the unanticipated revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida that the 2026-2027 budget is hereby amended in accordance with FS 129.06 as described in the description and specified in the budget adjustment batch file listed below:

District(s): 1
Department: PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Fund: TREE TRUST
Description: Transfers $21,285 from reserves in the Tree Trust fund to the Tree Trust Operations: Parks LS account key for the purchase and installation of Live Oak and South Florida Splash Pine native trees within Hidden Harbor Park.This funding will support the restoration and enhancement of approximately 9.2 acres of native costal habitat communities as part of the Hidden Harbor Park Native Tree Restoration Project.

The Tree Trust application is being presented to the Board along with this budget amendment.

Batch ID: JY90426A Reference: BU26000640

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THIS 20th DAY OF October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Colonneso
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

TREE TRUST APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Date of Request: 08/25/2026 **Requested by:** **Kyle Fowler** **Phone Extention:** 6069

Fiscal Year monies to be used: FY27

	Description:	Number:
Fiscal Year approved in CIP		
Master Location Name	Hidden Harbor Park	
Project Summary Name	Hidden Harbor Park Native Tree Restoration	
Job Name		
Fund Number/Name for Job:		

Project Start Date: 6/1/2027

Expected Start & Completion Dates Start: 6/15/2027 End: 9/30/2027

Commission Districts (x #'s) **1** 2 **3** 4 **5** All

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (Include written description of project scope).

If different phases are anticipated, please provide relevant information.

The project consists of vegetative enhancement to improve the ecological function and aesthetic value of an approximately 9.2-acre area within Hidden Harbor Park. The proposed planting is intended to help restore and enhance native coastal habitat communities through the contractual installation of two tree species: Live Oak (Quercus virginiana) and South Florida Slash Pine (Pinus elliottii var. densa). The different container sized pines are to establish a staggered age class pine stand for a more natural-looking forest structure. Establishment of these native trees

Type	Size	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Live oak (*Quercus virginiana)*	7 gal	60	$25.00	$1,500.00
South Florida Slash Pine	1 gal	330	$10.00	$3,300.00
South Florida Slash Pine	3 gal	190	$6.50	$1,235.00
South Florida Slash Pine	7 gal	130	$25.00	$3,250.00
Contractual Labor for plant installation and plant procurement		1	$12,000.00	$12,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED				$21,285.00

	Description:	Number:
Alternative Funding Sources if partially funded:		

Grant: Description: Number:

Natural Resources:

	_____	Date _____	ALL	PARTIAL
Operations approval	_____	Date _____	ALL	PARTIAL
Fiscal approval	_____	Date _____		
Account set-up by Finance	_____	Date _____		
Applying Department Notified				

Approved in Open Session 10/20/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

October 20, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject
Approval of FY27 Tree Trust Fund Application for Hidden Harbor Park Native Tree Restoration; and Adoption of Budget Resolution B-27-008, Sherri Swanson, Ecological & Marine Resources Division Manager - Countywide

Category
CONSENT AGENDA

Briefings
Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information
Sherri Swanson, Ecological & Marine Resources Division Manager
Whitney Costner, Ecological Program Manager

Action Requested
- Approve funding in the amount of $21,285.00 from the Tree Trust Fund for plant materials and contractual plant installation associated with the Hidden Harbor Park Restoration Project.
- Adoption of Budget Resolution B-27-008, requesting to place funds in the Parks Landscape Tree Trust Fund account key.

Enabling/Regulating Authority
Florida Statute 125
Land Development Code Section 700.3

Applicable Advisory Board
N/A

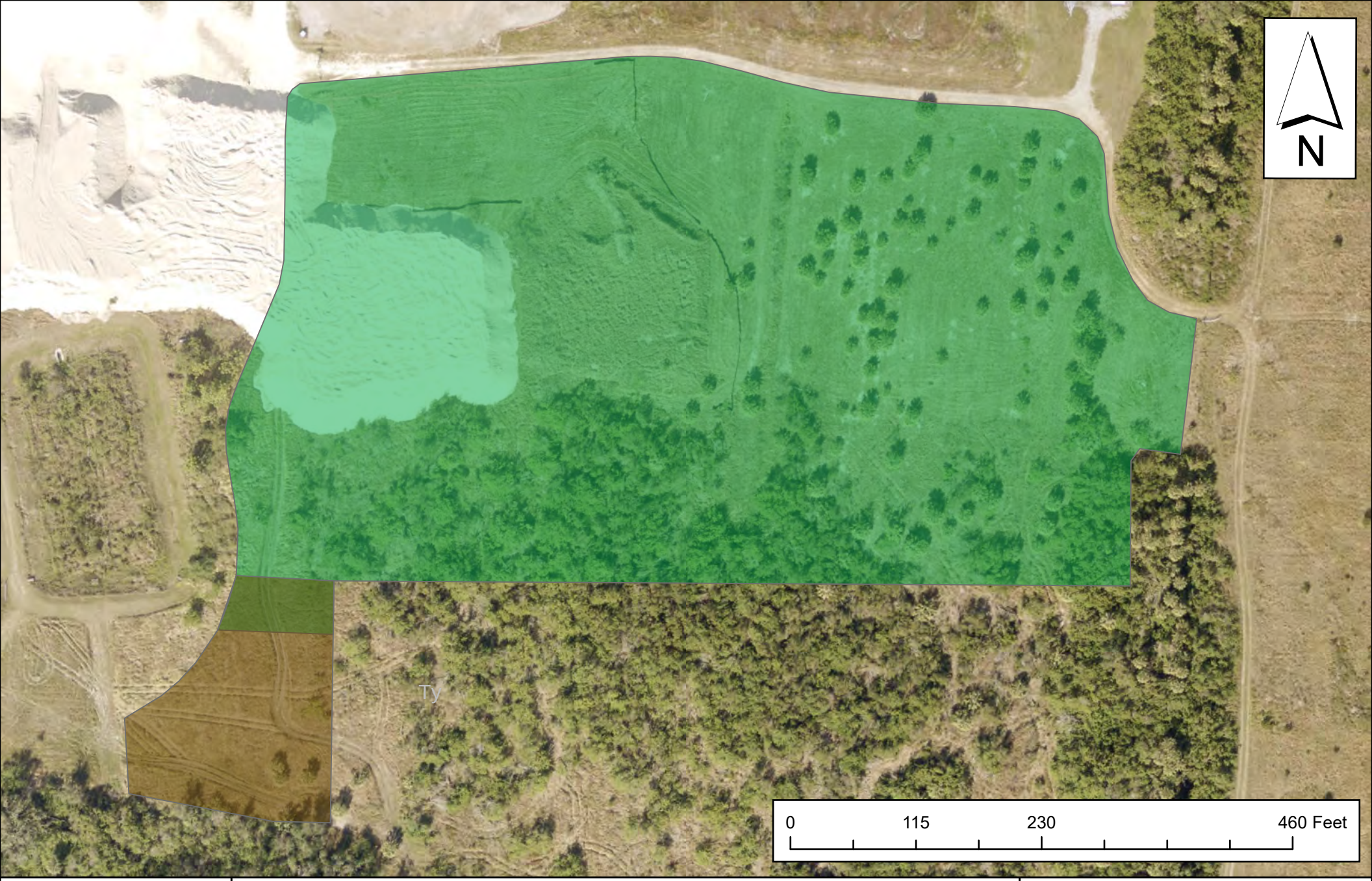
Background Discussion
The project will enhance the ecological function and aesthetics of approximately 9.2 acres within Hidden Harbor Park near the parks entrance and adjacent to the parks amenities. The area was previously dominated by invasive cogon grass (Imperata cylindrica), with coverage approaching 100 percent across much of the site. Herbicide treatment has been initiated, with follow-up treatments planned to control cogon grass and prepare the site for restoration. Through the Tree Trust Fund Program, the Department will establish Live Oak (Quercus virginiana) and South Florida Slash Pine (Pinus elliottii var. densa) as dominant tree species, using varied container sizes to create a natural, staggered forest structure. Establishment of the tree canopy will provide the foundation for future groundcover and midstory restoration, improving habitat, ecological function, and the visitor experience.

Attorney Review
Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records
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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name
$21,285.00 – 141.0990002 – Tree Trust Fund

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs
N/A



Hidden Harbor Park Native Tree Restoration

8/19/2026

Manatee County

Natural Resources Department

Ecological & Marine Resources Division

Legend

- Live Oak Area - 0.73 ac
- Slash Pine Area - 8.5 ac