

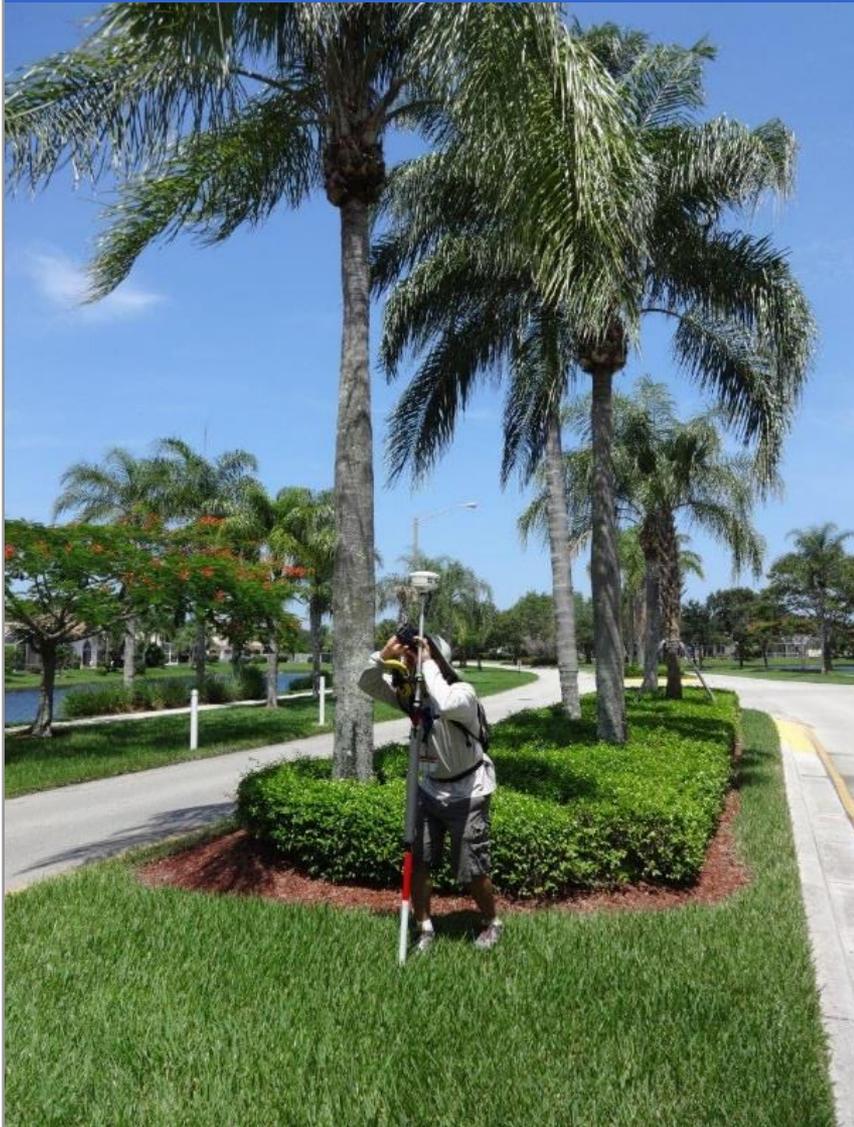


Tracking Miami-Dade County's Tree Canopy
Getting to the Root of the Issue



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Tree Inventories

- Assess individual trees
- Usually public space trees
- Roadway rights of way
- Parks
- Municipal properties
- Data can include:
 - Species
 - Size
 - Condition
 - Maintenance needs
 - May also include environmental services

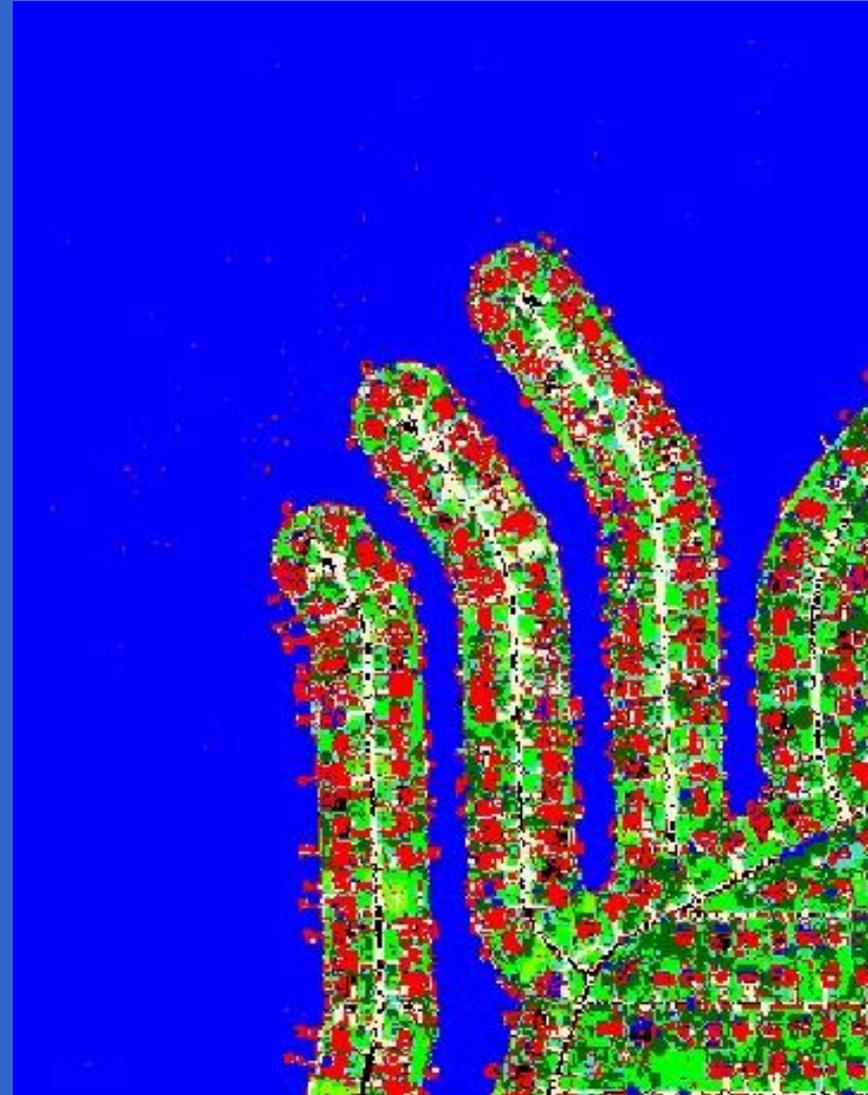


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Canopy Studies

- Assess larger areas
- Public *and* private trees
- Different methods result in different types of data sets. Can be customized to meet needs of study.
- Data may or may not include:
 - Canopy size
 - Other land class sizes
 - Species
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 - Condition
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 - Environmental services



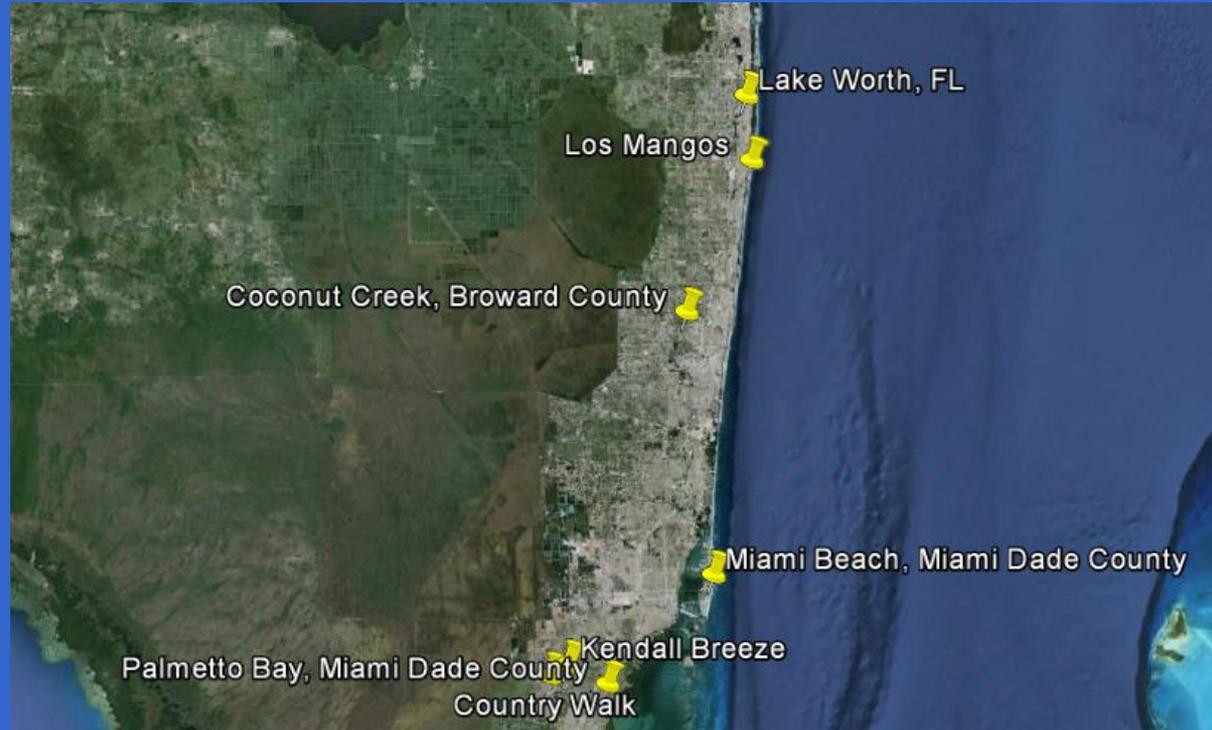
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- Country Walk
- Kendall Breeze

Other South Florida:

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- Lake Worth
- Los Mangos



Total trees... +/- 50,000



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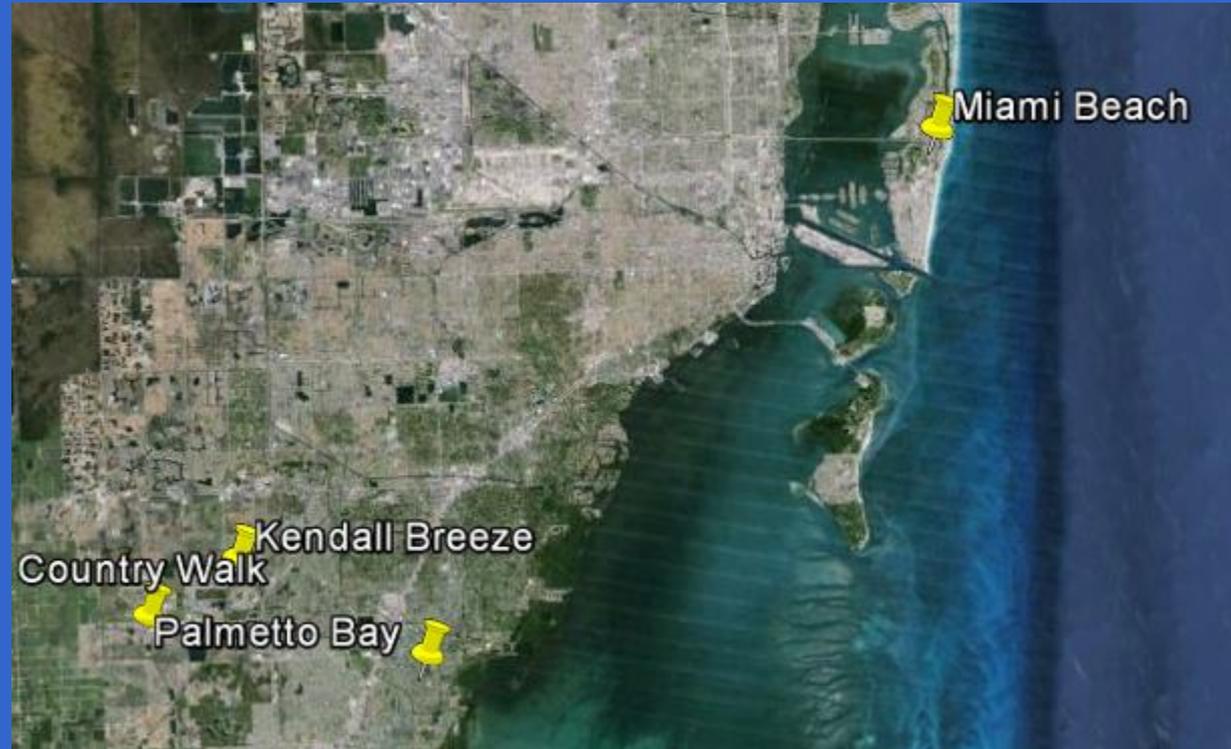
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What did we learn?

- Diversity is HIGH in Miami-Dade County (182), yet still a few tree species dominate
- Not always the best condition
- Trees are often planted where they shouldn't be (under power lines, in small spaces).



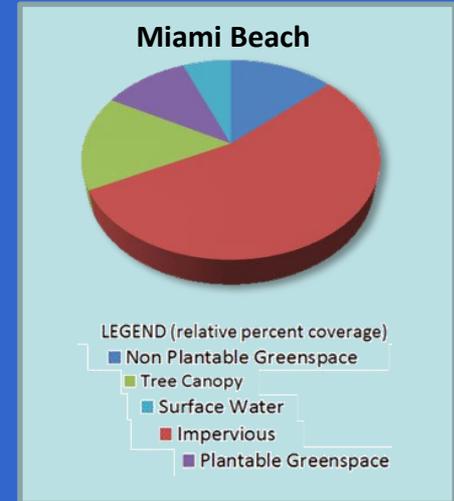
Recent Canopy Studies

Miami-Dade County

- Miami Beach (i-Tree Canopy)

Other South Florida

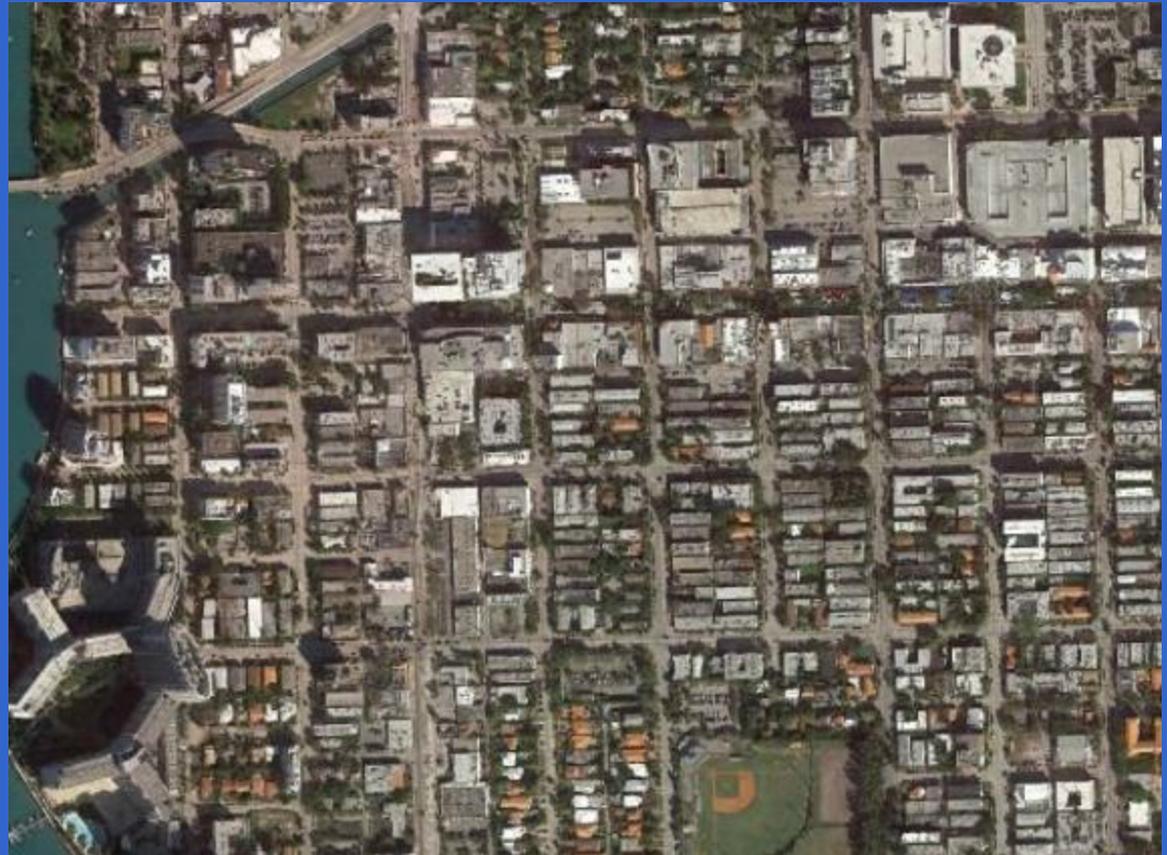
- Lake Worth (i-Tree Canopy)
- Davie (i-Tree Eco)



Cover Class	Percent Canopy Coverage/SE		
	Entire City	City Parks	City Properties
Tree Canopy	15.4±1.14	17.0±1.19	16.1±1.16
Plantable Greenspace	10.9±0.99	28.6±1.43	20.7±1.28
Non-Plantable Greenspace	13.2±1.07	30.6±1.46	6.21±0.76
Impervious Surface	54.4±1.58	18.6±1.23	54.1±1.58
Surface Water	6.10±0.76	5.3±0.71	2.9±0.53

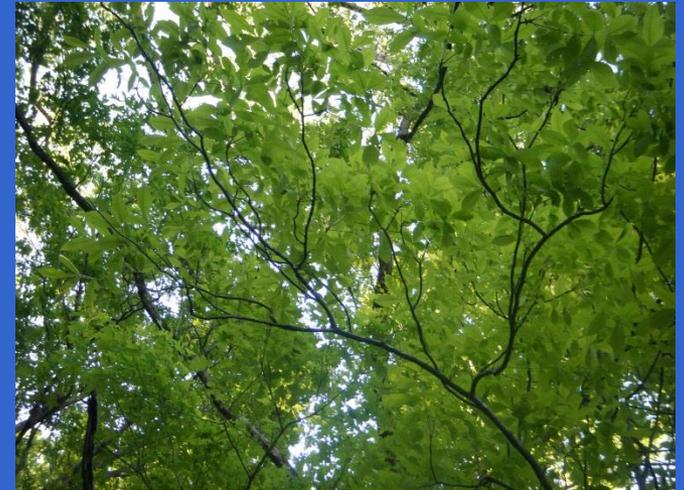
What did we learn?

- In some regions, tree canopy has bounced back to pre-hurricane levels
- Some, but not much space is available for planting new trees in public spaces



What are the goals?

- Maintain existing tree canopy
 - Tree protection codes (and code compliance)
 - Landscape requirements
 - Maintenance and management
- Increase tree canopy coverage
 - Million TREES Miami Campaign - plant 1 million trees by 2020 in order to achieve a 30% tree canopy cover
- Assess and track canopy



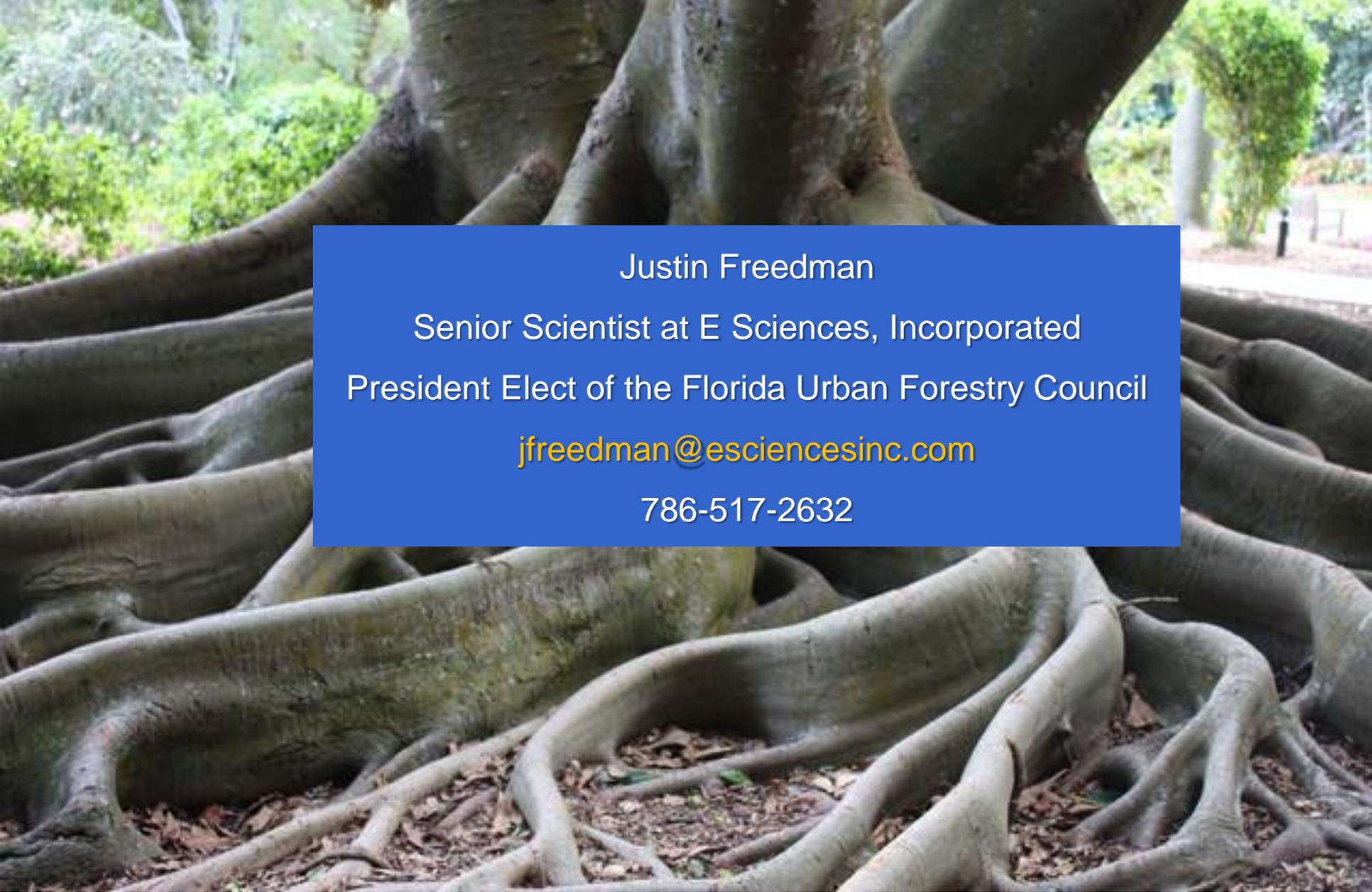
Recommendations

- Coordinate efforts across the County (and region)
 - Tree protection, tree planting
 - Education
 - Work with cities, HOAs, private, state and federal land owners
 - Coordinate canopy assessment activities
- S.O.A.P.
- Add resiliency to tree canopy
 - Address threats of new pests, development, increased flooding (coastal and otherwise), invasive species
 - Add diversity, re-assess tree lists
- Assess role of invasive trees and their replacement in the canopy
- Find ways to get more trees into the urban forest
 - Maximize available public space responsibly (right tree right place)
 - Give trees to residents (Fort Lauderdale)
 - Plant trees in private residential lots (Orlando)
 - Multi-purpose trees (fruit and nut trees)



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