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Turnpike Trees Relocated for Interchange Expansion Village of Wellington Becomes Greener

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. - The Village of Wellington has recently become the recipient of 21 royal palm and multi-trunk veitchia palm trees donated by Florida's Turnpike. The need to relocate them arose as Turnpike engineers began preparing the site for modifications to the Lake Worth interchange in Palm Beach County.

"We are always pleased when we can find a new home for these beautiful trees," said Bruce Mantell, Environmental Services Manager for Florida's Turnpike. "The Village of Wellington was able to remove and relocate the trees within a few days of learning that they were available," continued Mantell, "thus making way for the installation of the fence to secure the property."

Nearly 450 trees have been relocated from Turnpike property to neighboring municipalities during the past three years. Most of the trees have been of the palm family, but live oaks and native gumbo limbos and bald cypress have also been donated.

It is anticipated that more trees along Florida's Turnpike will need to be relocated in the next few months, specifically in the Lake Worth area. Local municipalities and non-profits interested in removing, transporting and relocating these trees are asked to contact Laila A. Haddad at Florida's Turnpike Public Information Office, 954-934-1280 or email Laila.Haddad@dot.state.fl.us.



Village of Wellington Public Works Department crew removing palms from Turnpike right-of-way. The trees were relocated Wellington and will be used to beautify their municipality as well as adding greenery and shade.