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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to save 100 trees



What: Over 100, 25-foot-high Bulb Cypress Trees are being relocated as part of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise's (FTE) current Turnpike widening program, "Growing with Broward County."

When: 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday, May 10.

Where: Along the southbound lanes of the Turnpike, between the pedestrian overpass and the Sunrise Boulevard interchange (Exit 58).

DIRECTIONS: From Miami, head north on Florida's Turnpike, exit at Commercial Boulevard (Exit 62), turn around and enter the *southbound* Turnpike. Stay in the right lane and pull off onto the right-hand shoulder, south of the pedestrian bridge located at Milepost 59.

From Palm Beach County, enter the *southbound* Turnpike. Stay in the right lane and pull off onto the right-hand shoulder, south of the pedestrian bridge located at Milepost 59.

Why: In addition to the landscape enhancements that will be made after each phase of construction is complete, FTE is spending over \$100,000 to save and relocate 100 trees. Fifty trees will be relocated to Broward County's Quiet Waters Park. Quiet Waters Park lost a large portion of its canopy due to last year's active and intense hurricane season. The other 50 trees will be relocated and permanently placed on the Turnpike's right of way near I-595.

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