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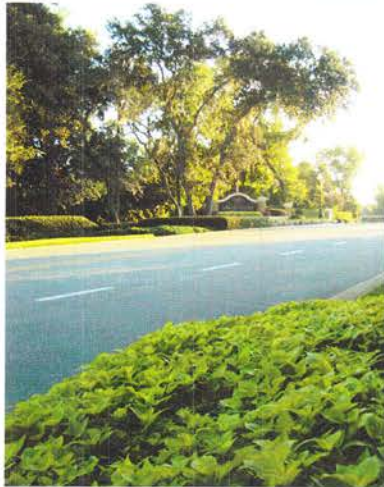
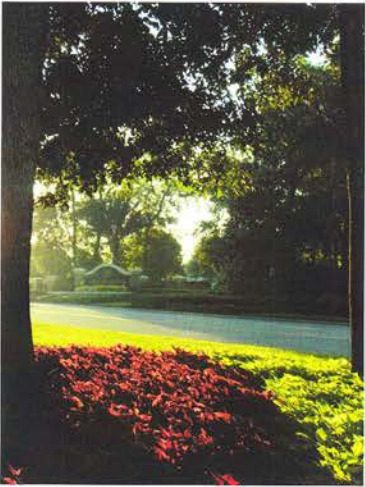
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Grand Haven CDD
Palm Coast, Florida
Commercial Landscape Management
Multi-Use

General Project Description

Grand Haven, located in Palm Coast, Florida, is just like its name implies – it is an immense and impressive property that is a sanctuary and home to 4,700 people. The client’s objective for the property is to provide residents with a high-end landscape that welcomes them home each day. The objective also encompasses the property theme, which is a resort-style landscape among a woody, rustic and natural setting. An example of this theme includes incorporating highly manicured turf with a background of stately, majestic oaks. Combined, Grand Haven has more than 27 acres of three turf types – Bahia, Bermuda and St. Augustine. It also has 525 palms, with 55 of those being specimen palms needing increased maintenance. Also, 1,495 trees complement the existing oaks found in the natural landscape. Nineteen acres of ornamental beds are maintained throughout the property. Finally, 10,000 annuals are installed twice a year.



Mowing the entire property takes two and a half days to complete using a full crew with the croquet courts receiving twice-a-week mowings. Palms are fertilized four times a year and pruned annually. Ornamentals and groundcovers are pruned every 5 weeks. The site and ornamental bed detailing takes place at the same time as every mowing with frequencies depending on the area and turf type. Vine removal encroaching from the natural landscape is performed as needed. Irrigation is checked monthly.

Grand Haven was established and built in 1998. Since that time, the landscape has been properly maintained, but very little improvements or enhancements have been completed. Now in its thirteenth year, the landscape is in the process of being revitalized through the installation of new plant material that is drought-tolerant and Florida Friendly. Another step in this revitalization process is replacing all irrigation heads to mp rotators for more efficient watering and to conserve water. During this step, more than 1,000 irrigation heads will be replaced. Also, when ornamental beds are completely redone, drip irrigation is used.

The vast landscape found throughout Grand Haven is maintained by a full-time account manager, full-time detail crew, part-time mow crew, irrigation superintendent and fert/spray superintendent. This team works closely together to ensure the client’s objective and expectations are exceeded.

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