Delray Beach Historical Society Educational Heritage Gardens

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Project Overview

Our three historic cottages are brimming with history exhibits, classes, workshops and lectures year-round. Our vision is to transition the campus into a destination for locals and visitors alike to experience peace, tranquility and most importantly, learn about local history through nature. Our Heritage Garden will provide a unique and fascinating peek into what our first inhabitants encountered, how the first settlers lived and built the town and how natural resources contributed to food sources, medicine and the economy.

With development on the rise and green space dwindling in South Florida, we have an added incentive to educate visitors about how native plants and Florida-friendly gardens can be a gateway to sustainability and critical for protecting our coastlines and our inland developed areas. Many of the founders who built Delray from the ground up relied on the generous bounty that came from the land and ocean for survival. As part of our vision for education and outreach, we want to provide an outdoor, interactive experience that engages and inspires visitors of all ages to preserve our history, cultural heritage, and planet for future generations.

The Heritage Educational Garden will feature a series of garden vignettes spread across our 34,000 square foot campus. Each vignette will be themed around a story from our local history or a demonstration of a particular natural habitat from pioneer days or an important statement about conservation and sustainability.

Our Vignettes and specific garden areas are identified as follows:

- 1) Oak Hammock
- 2) Forested Lowland
- 3) Sand Pine Scrub
- 4) Pollinator Garden (Bee, Butterfly and Hummingbird)
- 5) Pine Flatwood
- 6) Fruit Tree Grove
- 7) Pineapple and Tomato Farm (Raised Beds)
- 8) Turn of the Century Herb Garden
- 9) Heritage Beauty Garden One (Corner of 1st & Swinton with sign)
- 10) Heritage Beauty Garden Two (Entrance to Cason Cottage)
- 11) Cinnamon Bark Tree Entrance (Main entrance to campus off 1st Street)
- 12) Fence Perimeter Plantings

Maintenance Plan

Our grounds are maintained regularly by the City of Delray Beach. This includes mowing, trimming, clearing out beds, basic irrigation and mulching. However, with the introduction of our expansive specialty gardens, we are building in long-term maintenance plans led by professional native plant caregivers. Our funding plans have maintenance and targeted irrigation costs built in to ensure survival and sustainability of the Heritage Gardens throughout the seasons.

In addition, the Delray Beach Historical Society has formed a "Garden Club" made up of enthusiasts and master gardeners who can oversee the care of the Heritage Gardens, direct volunteers and keep the professional team on schedule and address issues that may arise.

Funding Sources

The Delray Beach Historical Society has received a grant from the Grass River Garden Club for \$15,000 and the DBHS has raised \$28,000 as of June 1, 2019 through fundraising efforts.

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Campus Areas of Opportunity

























CASON COTTAGE MUSEUM PLANT PALETTE

Pine Flatwood Species



Wax Myrtle tree



Silver Saw Palmetto



Gallberry



Fetterbush



Tarflower



Coontie



Palm Beach Cap Boulder



Coral Rock Boulder

CASON COTTAGE MUSEUM PLANT PALETTE Forested Lowland



Pond Cypress



Fakahatchee Grass



Ferns



Palm Beach Cap Boulders



Red Maple



Cocoplum



Cordgrass



Black Plastic Landscape Pond with Aerator

PLANT PALETTE Scrub Species



Sand Pine



Sand Live Oak



Gopher Apple



White Sugar Sand



Scrub Palmetto



Florida Rosemary



Prickly Pear Cactus



Devilwood

CASON COTTAGE PLANT PALETTE

Butterfly/Pollinator Species



Bahama Cassia*



Coontie*



Dwarf Ruellia



Blue Porterweed



Lantana depressa*



Passion Flower vine



Pentas 'Grafitti'



Pipevine



Plumbago



Thryallis

^{*}Native Plants

CASON COTTAGE PLANT PALETTE

Butterfly/Pollinator Species

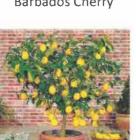


Firespike

CASON COTTAGE PLANT PALETTE Fruit Tree Species



Barbados Cherry



Meyer Lemon



Calamondin



Carambola



Key Lime



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CASON COTTAGE PLANT PALETTE

Heritage Gardens



Beach Lily*



Blue Porterweed



Coontie*



Dwarf Firebush*



Dwarf Yaupon (Ilex Schillings)*



Beauty Berry*



Cocoplum*



Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass*



Dwarf Ruellia



Horizontal Cocoplum*

CASON COTTAGE PLANT PALETTE Heritage Gardens



Lancewood*



Marlberry*



Sunshine Mimosa*



Palm Beach Cap Boulders



Lantana depressa*



Necklace Pod*



Thryallis



Jamaica Caper*

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CASON COTTAGE MUSEUM PLANT PALETTE

Oak Hammock Species





Cocoplum



Muhly Grass



Saw Palmetto



Ferns



Palm Beach Cap Boulder

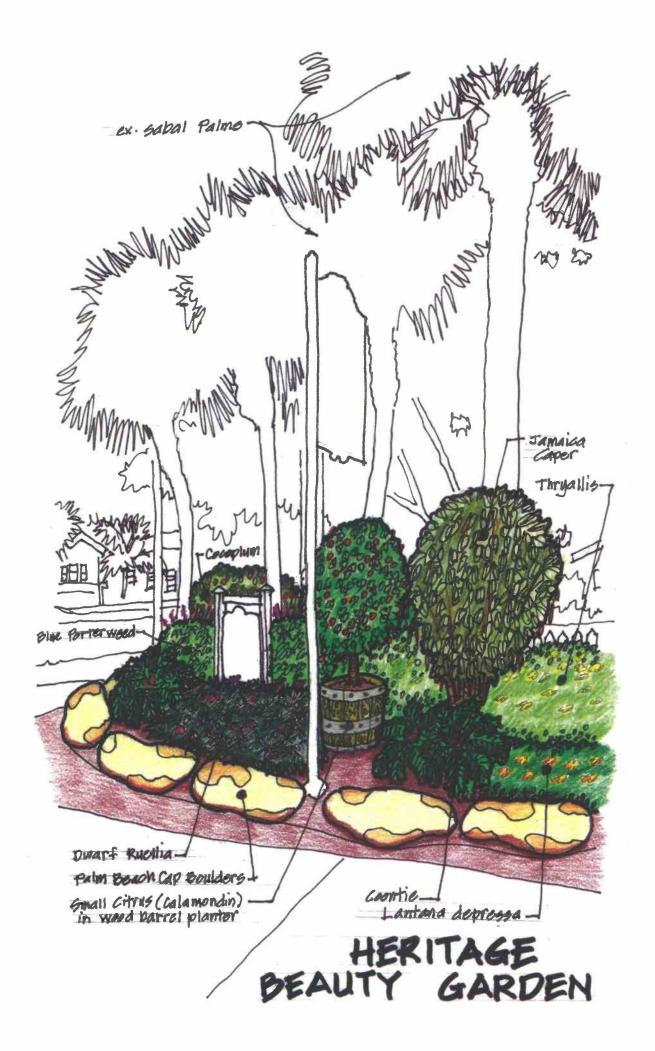
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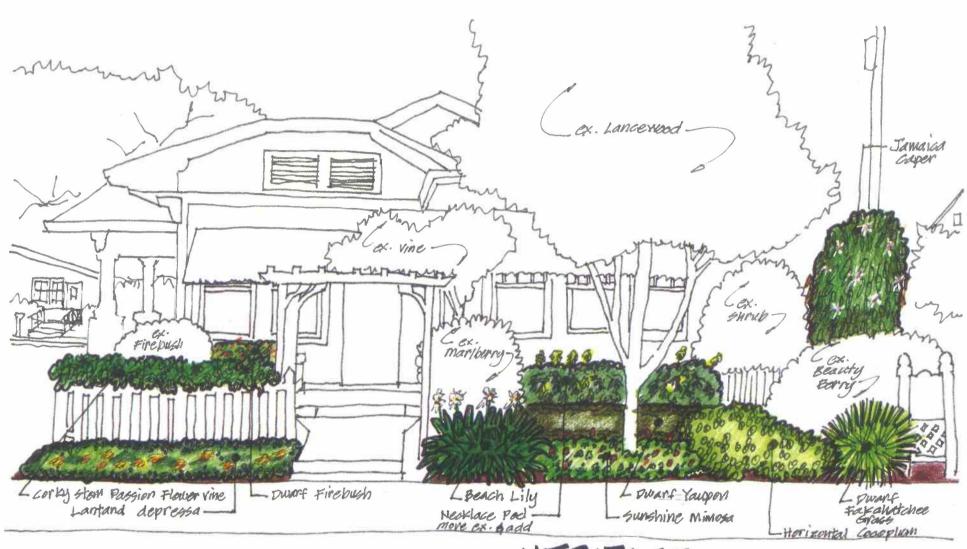


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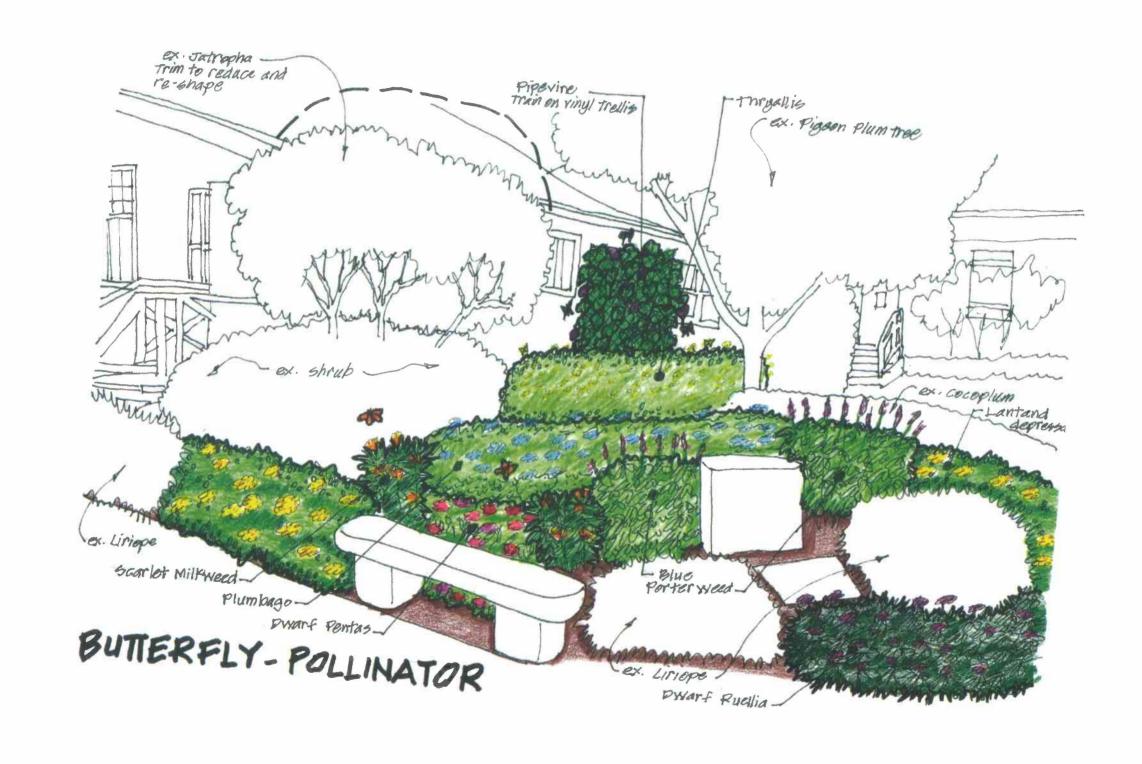


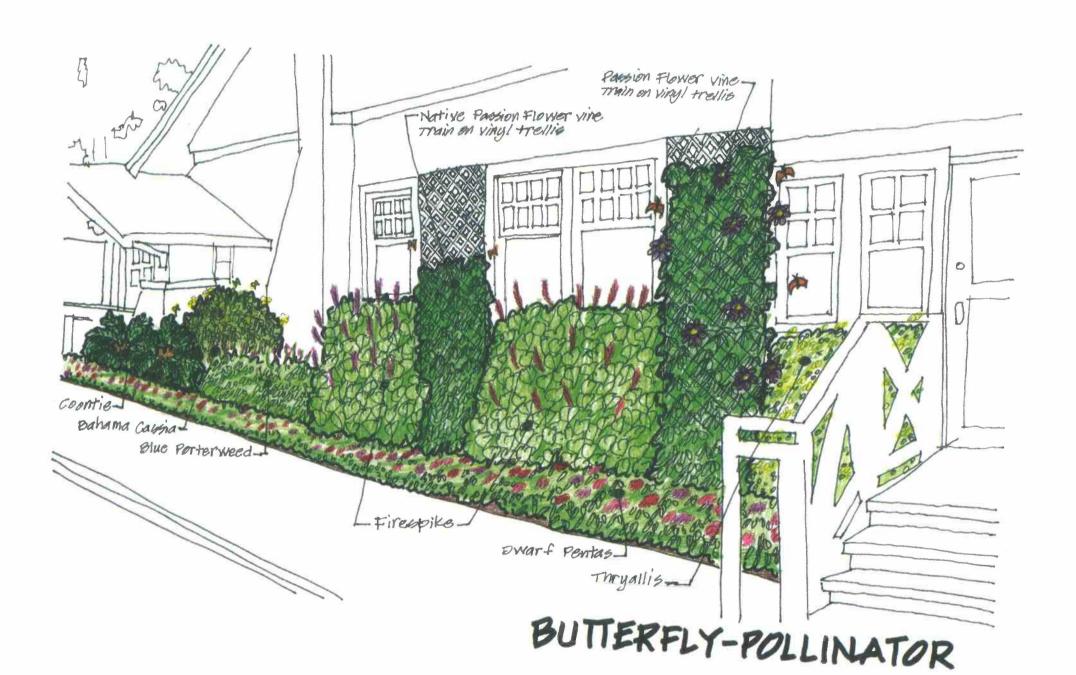
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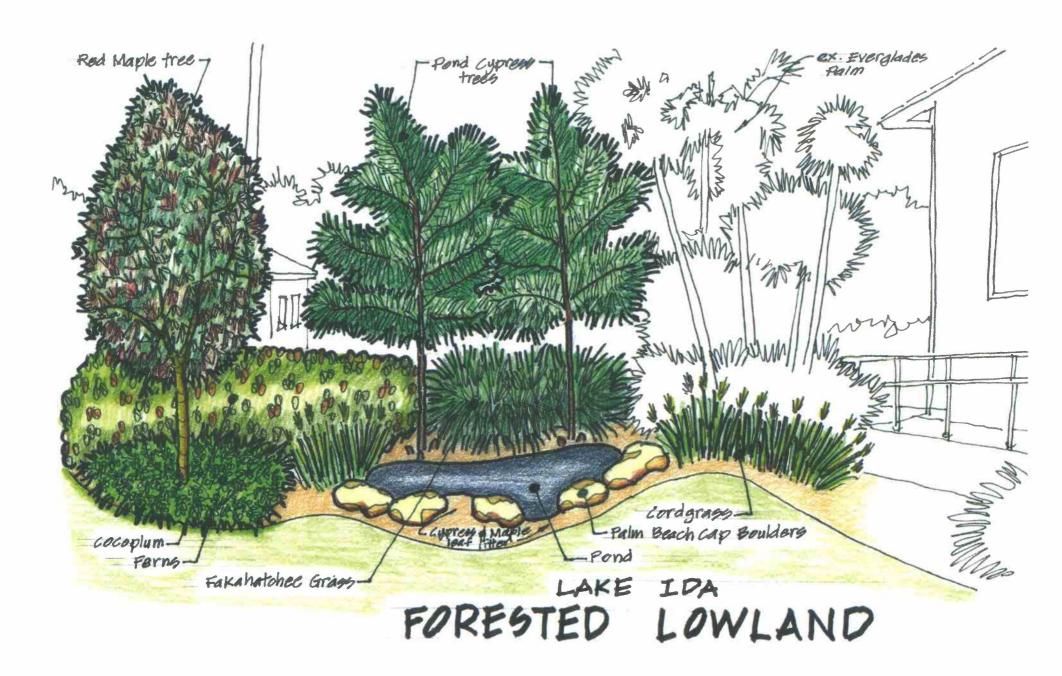


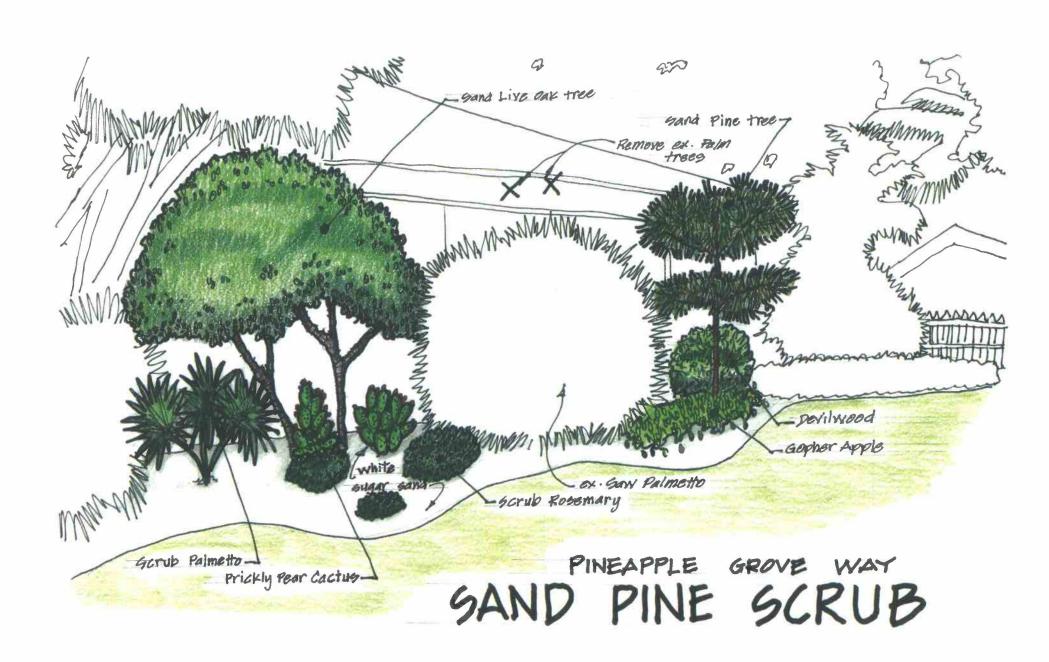


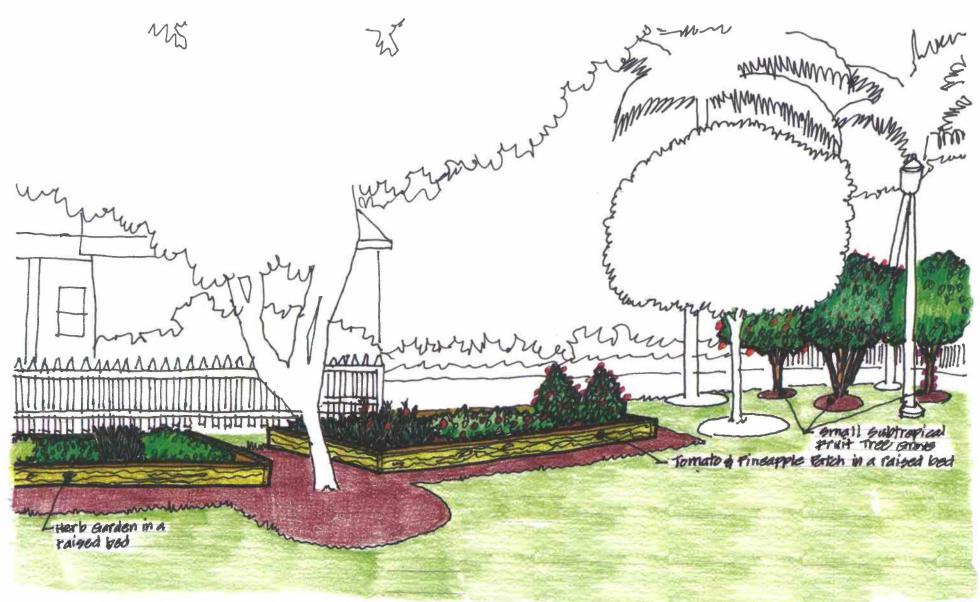
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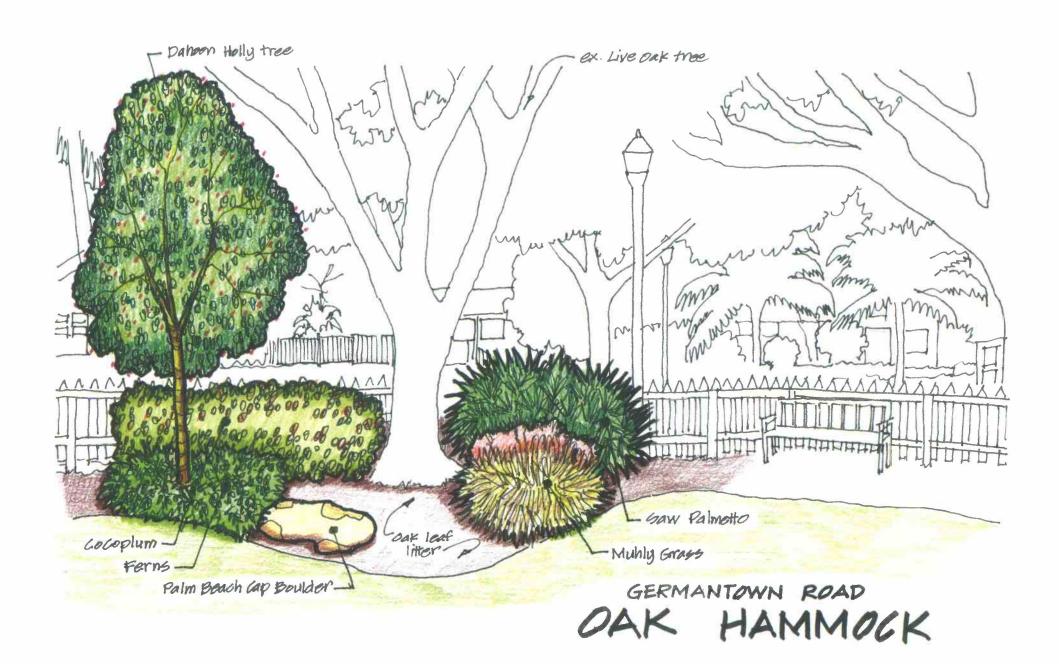


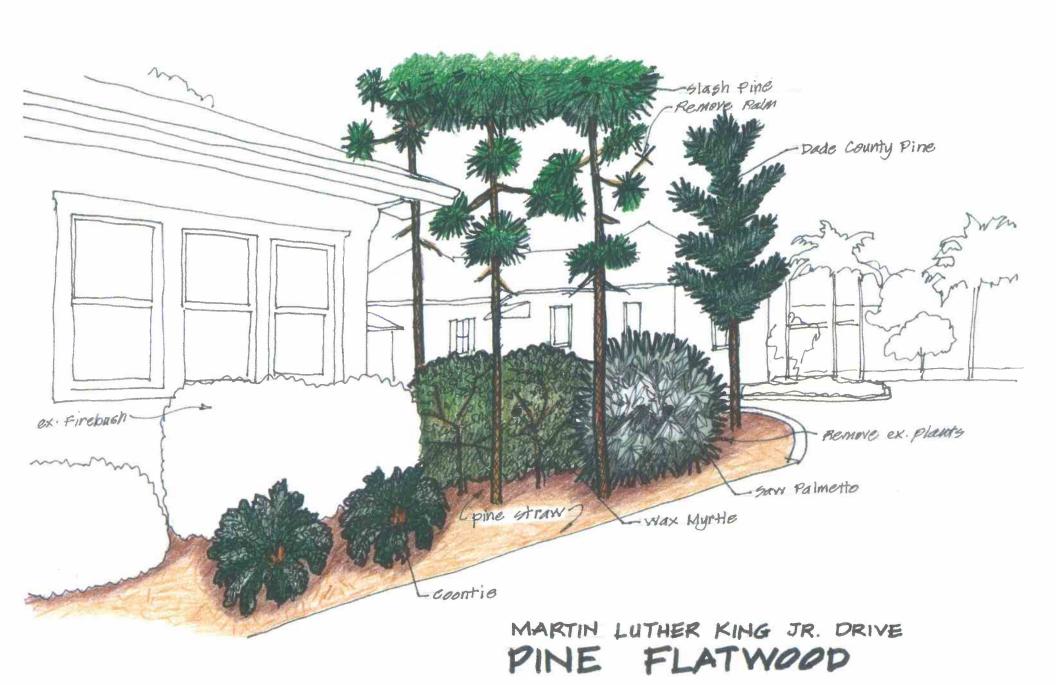






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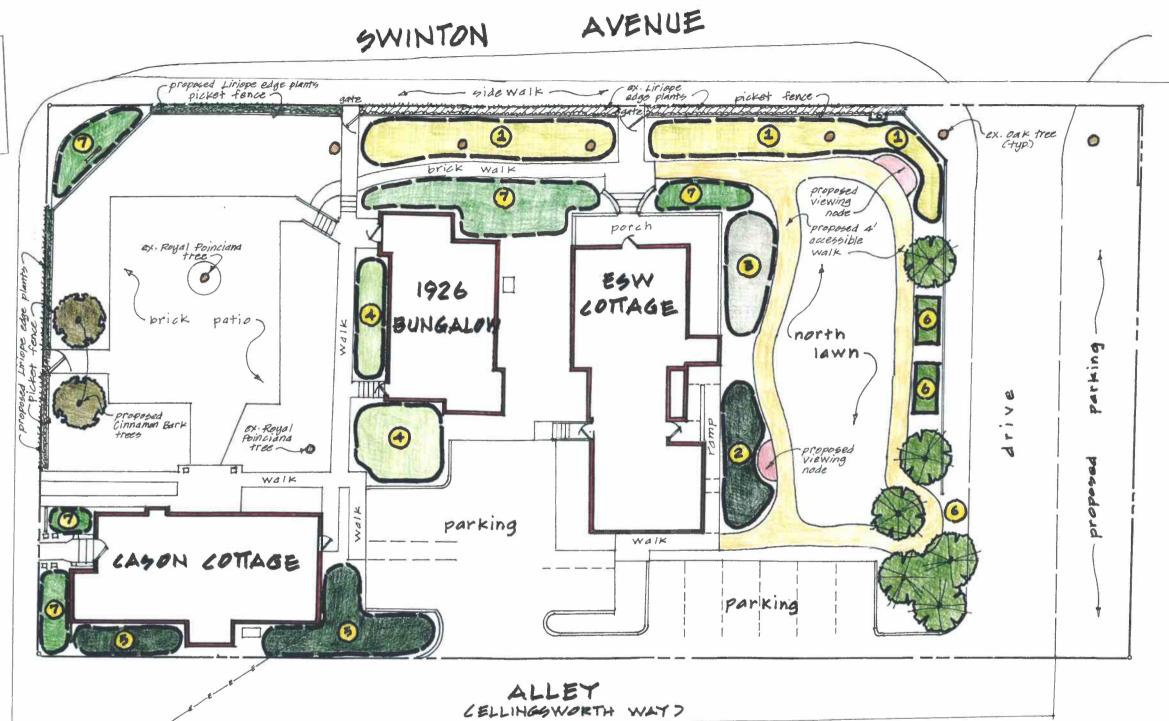




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DELRAY BEACH

HISTORICAL

GOCIETY

scale: 1"=10'-0"

HERITAGE

GARDENS

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GARDEN VIGNETTES

Germantown Road OAK HAMMOCK

Lake Ida

Turn of the century HERB GARDEN-PINEAPPLE TOMATO FARM FRUIT TREE GROVE



Pineapple Grave Way SAND PINE SCRUB

SORESTED LOWLAND



"Native Plant" for curb Appeal"

Martin Luther King Jr. Drive PINE FLATWOOD

BUTTERFLY - POLLINATOR



