



**SARASOTA COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
MANGROVE TRIM PERMIT**

PERMIT NO.: 21-101372-RR

APPROVAL DATE: May 20, 2021
EXPIRATION DATE: May 20, 2026

OWNER:

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Inc.
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PMT LICENSE NO.: PMT2017-052

STAFF COMMENTS: This is to certify that the Sarasota County Environmental Protection Division has reviewed the application and plans submitted by Marc Ebling of Suncoast Environmental Group, Inc. on behalf of Fishermens Bay Homeowners Association, Inc., date stamped May 14, 2021, for height reduction trimming of mangroves located on a mangrove peninsula owned by the HOA waterward of 8810 through 8846 Fishermens Bay Drive, Sarasota. The attached plans conform to the requirements of Chapter 54, Article XXXV, of the Sarasota County Code of Ordinances. This permit is subject to the attached stipulations and the required inspections contained therein.

NOTICE: In addition to the requirements of this permit, there may be additional restrictions applicable to this property that may be found in the public records of this County. The issuance of this permit does not relieve the owner(s) from any other permitting requirements of any other concerned local, State, or Federal agencies, where applicable.

If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact Staci Tippins, Environmental Protection Division, at (941) 200-0863 or stippins@scgov.net.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE: TRACT A DEDICATED TO PROPERTY OWNERS VALUE REFLECTED IN INDIVIDUAL LOTS IN FISHERMENS BAY OR 2831/2595

LOCATION: Mangrove peninsula seaward of the properties located at 8810 through 8846 Fishermens Bay Drive, Sarasota.

PRE-TRIM SHORELINE CONDITION: The mangrove peninsula measures approximately 400 feet in length and is separated from the properties at 8810 through 8846 Fishermens Bay Drive by a narrow, man-made canal and boat basin. The landward side of the peninsula is lined

by a multi-family boat dock with several mooring areas. Constructed within the mangrove peninsula is a boardwalk leading to a fishing pier that extends 100 feet into the bay on the waterward side of the peninsula. The maintenance dredge of the canal and boat basin, construction of the multi-family boat dock, and construction of the fishing pier was authorized under WNCA Minor Work Permit No. 88-12.

A portion of the mangroves located on the peninsula waterward of 8834 and 8846 Fishermens Bay Drive have been previously trimmed without authorization. The remaining mangroves located on the peninsula measure approximately 18 feet in pre-trim height and have not been previously trimmed. The northern tip of the peninsula is publicly owned and is not eligible for trimming. Several small uninhabited, publicly owned mangrove islands exist waterward of the mangrove peninsula and are not eligible for trimming. An 80-square foot Conservation Easement dedicated to the State of Florida, Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund was granted through Official Record No. 90009075. The mangroves within the Conservation Easement area are not eligible for trimming.

The peninsula consists predominantly of red (*Rhizophora mangle*), white (*Laguncularia racemosa*), and black (*Avicennia germinans*) mangroves. Some nuisance/invasive species, including Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), Senegal date palm (*Phoenix reclinata*), and carrotwood trees (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*) are present within the portions of the peninsula with higher elevations near the northern tip and southern neck where the peninsula attaches to the upland. Two ridges of spoil from the maintenance dredge project run the length of the peninsula.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TRIMMING: The applicant is proposing to maintain the existing trim areas at a height of 6 feet and trim the new trim area to a height of 14 feet, as measured from the substrate. An area of mangroves on either side of the new trim area will remain untrimmed, representing 35% of the mangroves along the shoreline by area. The mangroves located at the northern tip of the peninsula will remain untrimmed. The authorized height reduction trim will take place in one trim event and will be maintained at the post-trim height of 14 feet.

Existing Mangrove Configuration:

Maximum depth of mangroves: Approximately 85 feet

Maximum height of mangroves: Approximately 18 feet

Proposed Mangrove Configuration:

Existing Trim Area: 6,545 square feet

New Trim Area: 11,962 square feet

Total Trim Area: 18,507 square feet (65%)

No Trim Area: 9,969 square feet (35%)

Post-trim height of mangroves: 14 feet

Required Inspections: Contact Staci Tippins at (941) 200-0863 to schedule the following required inspections.

1. Pre-trimming inspection
2. Post-trimming inspection
4. Mitigation inspection

GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. This permit may be used only once for the above-referenced property to trim mangroves as described in the attached approved plans.
2. Permits shall remain valid for five years from the date of issuance. The administrator may extend a permit for a period of one year past the expiration date of that permit upon review of a written request for the extension. A fee will be associated with this extension.
3. All trimming authorized by this permit shall be directly supervised or conducted by a Professional Mangrove Trimmer licensed in Sarasota County.
4. The height and configuration of mangroves trimmed in accordance with this permit may be maintained under an exemption as outlined in Section 54-1076. Maintenance of the permitted configuration shall not result in alteration or defoliation of mangroves. The configuration may need to be modified if maintenance cannot be performed without causing alteration or defoliation.
5. Trimming must be conducted in stages so no more than 25% of foliage is removed annually.
6. No mangrove shall be trimmed so that the overall height of the mangrove is less than 6 feet, as measured from the substrate.
7. The administrator may authorize the transfer of a permit to a new owner of a permitted property upon review of a written request for transfer. The written request must include proof of ownership and a fee will be associated with the transfer.
8. The use of herbicides or other chemicals on mangroves is prohibited.

MITIGATION STIPULATIONS:

1. All nuisance/exotic vegetation growing within 30 feet of the riparian mangrove fringe or mangrove swamp, including but not limited to Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), carrotwood (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*), Australian pine (*Casuarina spp.*), Chinese tallow (*Sapium sebiferum*), or punk tree (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), shall be removed. The shoreline or swamp shall be maintained free of these species in perpetuity.
2. Any alteration or defoliation that occurs as a result of trimming authorized pursuant to this permit shall be mitigated in a manner that is consistent with Section 54-1080 of the Mangrove Code.

Attachment(s): Approved Site Plan: 4 pages



Staci Tippins
Environmental Specialist II
Environmental Protection Division

Sarasota County Property Appraiser



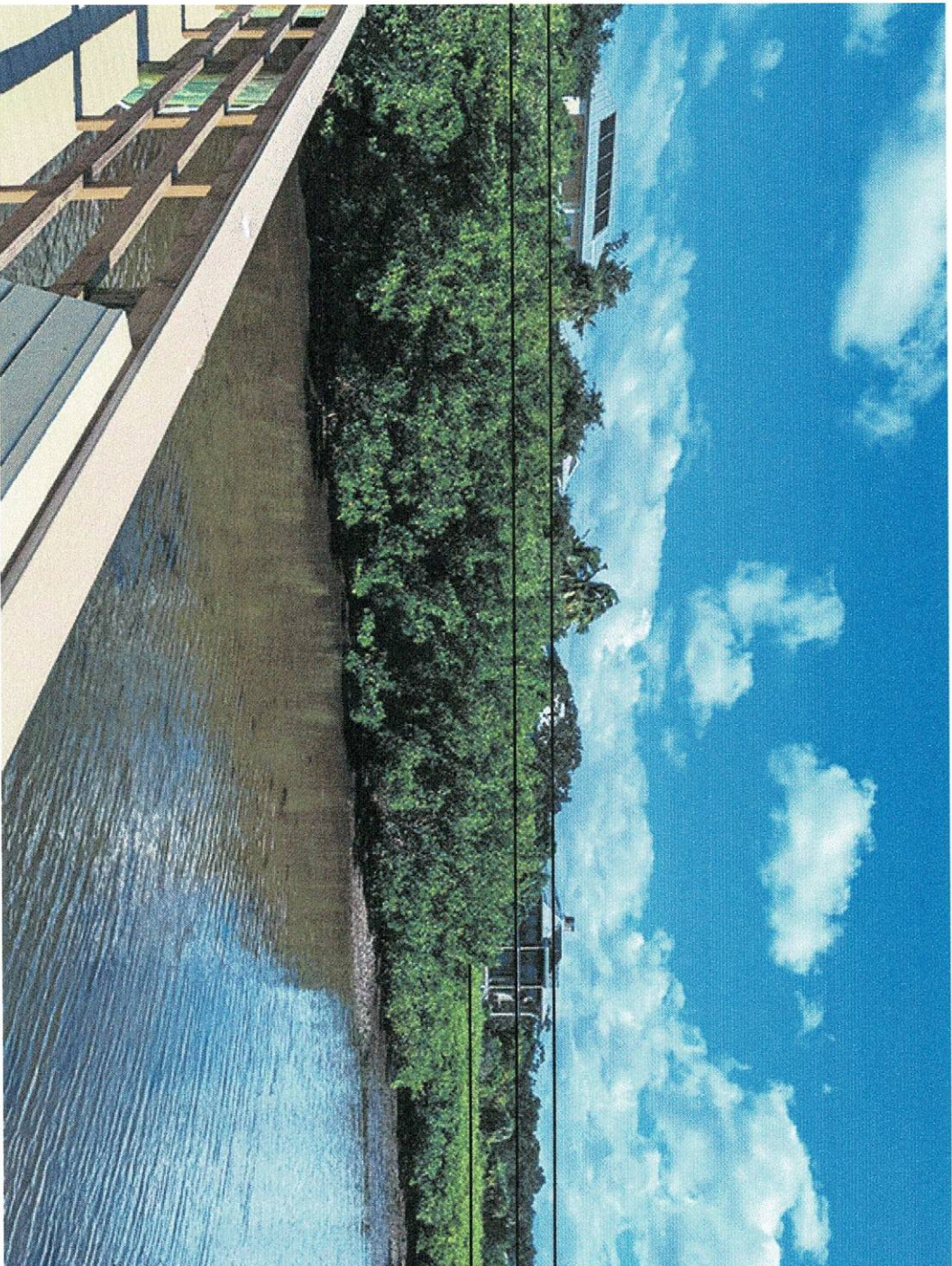
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- No trim area - 9,969 square feet (35%)
- New trim area - 11,962 square feet (42%)
- Existing trim area - 6,545 square feet (23%)

Total mangrove area: 28,484 square feet
Trim area: 65%
No trim area: 35%

Photo 3

Trim the mangrove by no more than 25% of the foliage to a height no lower than 14 feet. The historically trimmed hedge will remain at 6 feet.



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18' Current height
14' Desired height

Historically maintained at 6 feet.

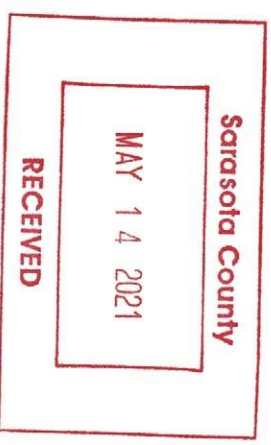


Photo 2

Trim the mangrove by no more than 25% of the foliage to a height no lower than 14 feet.



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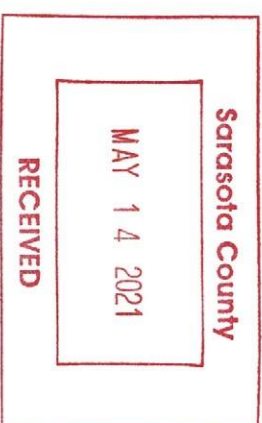


Photo 1
No trim area



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