



PHS Islands Landscape Projects for 2009

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2009 Project Priorities for Palm & Hibiscus Islands

These priorities were established by the Landscape Committee prioritizing our landscape projects and considering the 67 responses to our community landscape opinion poll. Since 2007 was the year to improve Palm Island Park, the Palm Island entrance area and the east and west medians, the focus is now requested on Hibiscus Island.

In priority order:

- 1. Hibiscus Island Entrance Sign Area.**
Landscape improvement for more dramatic impressive entrance. Many of the plants behind the entrance sign have reached the end of their life span and need to be replaced.
- 2. Hibiscus Island Park.**
To enhance the natural beauty of our islands, we need to address the look and feel of the current park as it is viewed from a passing car or as one walks in it. We want to maintain the feeling of spaciousness and use simple, easy to maintain landscaping. We would like to keep the space as open as possible and limit the number of walkways as the grass is very appealing without too much hard scape.

Some ideas for consideration:

- Central courtyard or oval of flowering plants. Perhaps elevated so that the plants can be seen as drive by.
 - a. Surrounding oval, use pavers or gravel for walking. At least 4

benches for sitting around the planting.

- b. Radiating pathways from the street to the central courtyard and the benches

Another idea:

- Create a natural setting of trees, flowering plants, benches with a master plan in mind. Perhaps rough out a design, location and type of trees to be planted. Could these trees be planted in 2008 as part of the Reforestation program? Then fill in the remainder of the plan in 2009 budget?

Any additional trees planted in the Hibiscus Island park to be consistent with the overall design of the HI entrance area (any replacements to the Hibiscus and other vegetation around the utility equipment). Have an overall master plan and not have to force location of flowering plants, benches, etc. according to trees that might have been haphazardly placed.

- Please note: we are completely open to your excellent design ideas!

- 3. Adult exercise stations or parcours in Palm Island Park,** in the grass area next to the water. These would be interspersed among the newly planted trees.