

November 5, 2021

Mr. Vernon Bryant
Executive Director
The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation
12520 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL 33774-3602

Re; Administrative Waiver of Section 138-3654 for the
 Majeed Discovery Garden at the Florida Botanical Gardens

Dear Mr. Vernon,

The County is in receipt of your request for consideration of a waiver from the Land Development Code Chapter 138-3654, which requires the preservation of native trees and replacement of removed trees as it pertains to the construction of the proposed Majeed Discovery Garden at the Florida Botanical Gardens.

Based on the documentation you provided in your waiver request, to meet the requirements of the code the Foundation would need to replace a net of 314 inches or pay into the County Tree Fund a total of \$56,000. Furthermore, the County Land Development Code Chapter 166-83 (f)(3) provides authority to the County Administrator to waive requirements of Chapter 166-81 and specifically section 138-3654 when it is in the welfare of the public or its citizens.

Your letter makes mention of the mission of the Florida Botanical Gardens to build a world class botanical garden with a diverse plant collection. Pinellas County recognizes the broad community support for this project and the Majeed Discovery Garden's benefits to the experiential learning of our young children. As such, I am in agreement with your request and hereby grant the requested waiver.

Sincerely,

Barry Burton
Pinellas County Administrator