

Tesoro CDD (Community Development District)

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We mentioned that the work of the Tesoro CDD requires close and beneficial interaction with the POA and the Tesoro Club. Tesoro CDD works closely with a State required oversight company Government Management Services (GMS) that helps to manage our site with regular inspections, advice, information and oversight. They help us to ensure our work is done in compliance and correctly to preserve our beautiful areas! Our collaborative board relationship with these professionals, in particular the Senior District Manager Jason Showe and the Field Director Alan Scheerer, means we get responses quickly and continual support in our quest to improve Tesoro CDD. The Board and Staff continue to work towards the improvement of all the Tesoro CDD. For additional information on the CDD, please visit TesoroCDD.com.

Our work in the CDD has been onerous since we set out to improve Tesoro and the CDD areas just over 2 years ago. It is really difficult to work in the summer in Florida in waterways and overgrown areas, and we need to give recognition to the team that has done the work. This is not just “rip, strip and clip” work where the area is cut down with chainsaws and equipment. Our permit only allows us to remove invasive growth, and to trim different native trees and bushes in specific ways. The work is not simple, particularly in water areas and islands. First the team cut the undergrowth so they could see what trees and plants were there. Then invasive plants and trees were removed and hauled by skiff to the land where they were chipped and disposed of. The remaining native trees and plants were trimmed, as allowed by permits, and the debris was again moved to the shore and chipped. All this in the heat of the Florida summer and the rains! That is specialized, difficult hand work most of the time. We are fortunate to have such a company in Native Lands who specialize in this type of work and have the skills and understanding of what is permitted in one of its owners, Ronnie Howell, who manages Tesoro.

If one looks at the work done, Google Earth gives a great view of the timeline. First is the 2019 version of our Mitigation Cell around one of the premier golf course holes (# 7 of the Palmer Course). This is followed with a today version of the same area. Much of the waterway was covered with red algae and looked horrible. This shows just how much was removed, cleared, and opened with much more water area present and the trees and bushes trimmed and thinned. This has attracted far more birds, but also made for a spectacular view. In fact, one of the early pioneer owners of a home on this waterway commented that it had “never looked this good.”

2019 Mitigation Cell view



2024 Mitigation Cell view



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