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## **HIGH-RISE PROJECT THREATENS CITY'S MAGNIFICENT "RAIN TREE"**

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*1987 City Commission resolution "protects" 127-foot-wide beauty*



## **MARINA LOFTS DEVELOPER WANTS TO DIG IT UP & TRANSPLANT IT TO A 90-FOOT LOT!**

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*Broward Vice Mayor Jacobs pushing to have  
tree declared "historic" by the County  
so it can't be moved*



This is a composite of five photos — and the tree still it doesn't fit! Measuring The Rain Tree are City Forester Gene Dempsey, left, and Mark Torok, Senior Forester with the Florida Forest Service's Everglades District. More photos from this day are below.

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**Rain Tree declared a "Florida Champion"  
(biggest of its kind in the state) in 1982!**

By CAL DEAL

# Champion Rain Tree

A champion rain tree is under threat to be moved to make way for a condo development.

By [Robert Nolin](#), Sun Sentinel

8:44 a.m. EDT, October 21, 2012



( Mike Stocker, Sun Sentinel / October 18, 2012 )



**Performing Arts Center**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**Marshall Point**

**Bryan Homes**

**FEC Tracks**

**Riverfront**

**Esplanade**

**36-STORY MARINA LOFTS SITE**

**RAIN TREE**

**600 FEET**

**Developer wants to move  
127-foot-wide Rain Tree  
to this small lot**

75th St

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SW 4th Ave

SW 5th St

Joshua D Rydel

SW 3rd Ave

SW 5th St

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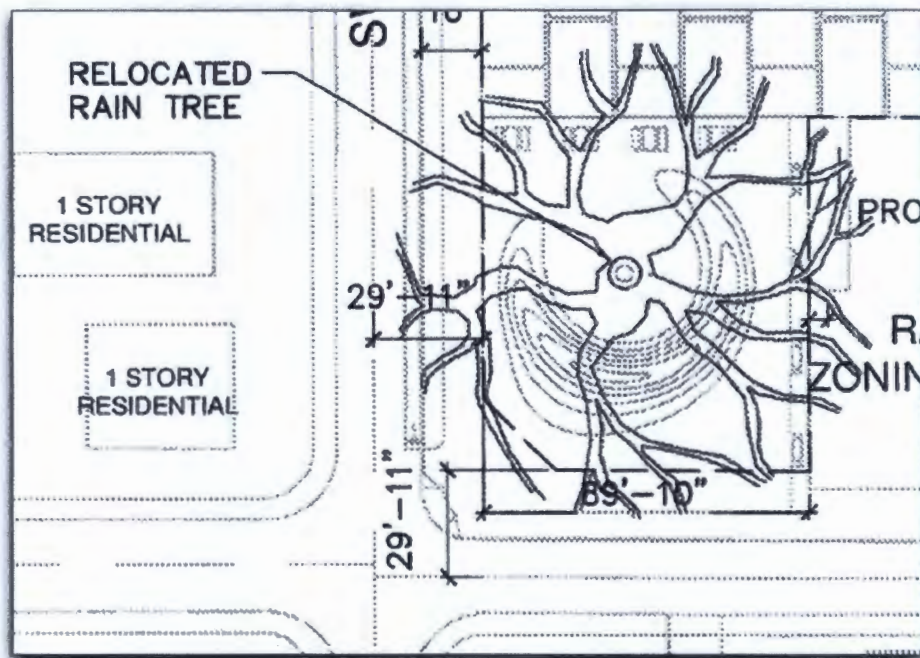
SW 48th Ave

SW 49th Ave

SW 50th Ave

## TINY LOT FOR A TOWERING TREE!

If the developer moves the tree to a small lot, as he is proposing, the tree would hang about 24 feet over the property line on the west side, and about 18 feet over the warehouse on the east side, according to the developer's site plan (below). The tree is 132 feet at its widest point.



RESOLUTION NO. 87-318

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN TREES LOCATED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO BE PROTECTED TREES, WHICH TREES MAY NOT BE REMOVED OR DAMAGED UNLESS APPROVAL HAS BEEN SECURED FROM THE CITY COMMISSION, IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 47-58.5(C) OF THE CITY ORDINANCES OF FORT LAUDERDALE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission passed Section 47-58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale on April 16, 1985, whereby certain measures, among others, were enacted to protect trees and landscaping existing in the City; and

WHEREAS, some trees are, due to their size, shape, character, age, historical significance and aesthetic value, locally unique examples of certain species, and as such, are practically irreplaceable and therefore deserving of protection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 47-58.5(C), the City Commission has the power to declare, by a Resolution, that certain trees are "protected trees" and that such trees may not be removed or damaged without the consent of the Commission, which must be secured by a Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Landscape Inspector of the City has recommended that certain trees in the City be declared "protected trees", since they are particularly worth preserving and protecting for the future enjoyment and benefit of the City's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Landscape Inspector has contacted the owners of properties upon which those certain trees are located, and such owners have concurred with the recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is desirous of acting upon such recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

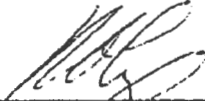
SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, does hereby declare that the tree listed below is a "protected tree", as that term is defined in Section 47-58.2(V), and that pursuant to Section 47-58.5(C) such tree shall not be removed or damaged unless such action has been approved by a Resolution of the City Commission. The Commission acknowledges that this tree lies upon the property designated below and that the owners of such property have concurred in the recommendation of the City's Landscape Inspector to preserve them:

Protected Trees


1. One Samanea saman (African Rain Tree)  
Location: In the eastern yard of 416 S. W. 4 Place  
Measurements:  
DBH - 60"  
Height - 76 feet  
Average spread - 112 feet

Significance: This tree is generally in good condition. It is being maintained as a yard shade tree where its canopy spread covers several homes. The tree is a Florida Champion having received this distinction in September 1982 from the Division of Forestry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of December, 1987.

  
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Mayor  
ROBERT O. COX

ATTEST:

  
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Asst. City Clerk  
JEAN M. MOWRY

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2.7 Create new "Rain Tree" pocket park



Existing Rain Tree

Rendering of proposed Rain Tree Park

