

Land/Tree Clearing at VKBP - City of Miami Project

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Immediately following a meeting between City of Miami Parks Director Ernest Burkeen and VKBPT staff (Tuesday, May 31, 2005) Raul Garcia and other Parks' staff met with VKBPT staff at the beach park to discuss and tour the clearing brush and other invasive exotic plants.

The May 31st meeting outlined \$200,000 for the project that would come from the City of Miami Parks Department for VKBP. To the Parks Director's knowledge the 200k did not exist in their current 2004-05 budget and may have to come from other sources to begin work this fiscal year. They would also move to place the 200k in their future budget requests.

On Thursday, June 2, 2005 Garcia and his staff met with Trust staff and toured the property to finalize the Scope of Work that would be included in the City of Miami Land Clearing Project. The 200k project would only clear heavy under brush and "Brazilian Pepper" from the shoreline area (coastal dune area) specifically and clear around significant recreation features in limited areas of the park. Those areas are around the carousel building; a small area at the North end of the parking lot; around the picnic shelters; and an area shown in the master site plan as the location for the "new picnic shelter." (See map & aerals)