



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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To: Personnel Concerned

From: Rod DeLostrinos, Community Services Deputy Director

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Reference: Flexi-Pave Installation in the City of Key West, Florida

The Community Services Department of the City of Key West performs a myriad of functions. One of its responsibilities is landscaping, so naturally the department was asked to determine what the best most economical material to use as tree surrounds on our "main street," Duval Street.

In previous years the City had numerous incidents involving slip, trips, and falls in the tree surrounds. This condition led to costly litigation. A number of potential solutions were tried to include small stones, mulch, asphalt, and metal grates. No one option proved to be the total solution.

That is to say until we found a product called Flexi-Pave. A trial tree surround was filled with Flexi-Pave and monitored for a year. Aside from the occasional spraying, the tree surround required virtually no maintenance. This trail led to use paving the remainder of the tree surrounds on Duval Street with Flexi-Pave. Today we continue to use Flexi-Pave around our plantings and have no safety issues to date. According to our Urban Forestry Manager, Cynthia Domenech Coogle, the porosity of the material has had a significant positive impact on the foliage.

Additionally, we have used another version of the Flexi-Pave in the playground of our largest city park. The results were astonishing. Now we have a safer, nicer looking, low maintenance playground.

I would like to extend an invitation to all to visit the Southernmost City in the Continental United States and see what a positive difference Flexi-Pave has made in our community.

Very Respectfully,


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