

Policy on Transplanting Native Plants for Landscape Use

We are presently engaged in developing a policy statement regarding the transplanting of native plants from the wild for use in the developed landscape. We need the experienced voice of those who know Florida native plants, whether trees, shrubs, or herbaceous materials, and can comment specifically on their requirements, limitations, and benefits.

Some years ago, my frustration with the lack of available information drew me to attempt some generalizations, in the hope of generating discussion and information on transplanting indigenous species. We need to base our opinions and decisions on factual reports, data, and experience of those vitally involved in the transplanting or the protection of native plants and habitats.

The Native Plant Society membership, and those of us who attempt to manage or protect the remaining undeveloped or revegetated native habitats, need the guidance of a wise and just policy to refer to under fire of vested interests and public

interests.

The best policies, the best arguments, the fairest judgments are those based upon factual data. Attitudes toward the land must ultimately be based on attitudes toward life. We ask you to send us both, right away...factual information on transplanting natives, and your strong feelings about what should be moved, under which circumstances, and what plants or ecosystems should not be disturbed, horticulturally or philosophically.

We don't wish to control or tailor your response in any way, anything and everything will be useful...a photocopy of a research report or newspaper article, a reference to someone or somewhere to get info, your notes from a field trip or correspondence to a developer or city councilman. We need it! Please send it right now. Call me anytime at work, 7am to 7pm, at (904) 396-9665. My address is 6170 Riviera Lane, Jacksonville 32216.

Thank you for your cooperation.

• Joseph A. Cascio
Landscape Committee Chair

14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WETLANDS RESTORATION AND CREATION TAMPA, FLORIDA MAY 14-15, 1987

Sponsored by the Hillsborough Community College Environmental Studies Center, this annual conference provides a forum for the nationwide exchange of results of scientific research in the restoration, creation, and management of freshwater and coastal wetlands systems.

Those interested in presenting a paper are invited to submit an abstract approximately 250 words by February 6, 1987. Topics include freshwater, estuarine, and marine wetland systems; marsh, mangrove, and seagrass restoration, and management techniques.

Send abstracts to, or contact for more information: Fred Webb, Director of Economic Development, Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus, 1206 North Park Road, Plant City 33566.