

Alliance Speaking Out for the Microclimate and Delray Beach
Following Channel 12 Interview with the Alliance,
Delray Beach City Commission Chooses to Save the Trees

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DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (CBS12) – A workshop on Tuesday plans to discuss a proposal that if passed would remove hundreds of trees.

There are 174 trees that line Swinton Avenue, with 33 of them within the Old School Square Historical District. A proposal stemming from 2015 plans to wipe them out by next year.

“The trees, the area is just beautiful,” said Dr. Lori Vinikoor, a bicyclist and longtime resident. “It would be an affront to the allure of Delray Beach and also a travesty to the microclimate that we’re trying to conserve.”

The initial \$2 million project suggests decreasing the width of the current road to add bicycle lanes and wider sidewalks on Swinton Avenue.

“These are the trees they’re taking out in my front yard... this just doesn’t make any sense,” said Charlotte Danciu, an attorney whose law office is located in the historic district.

On Tuesday, city commissioners will consider the proposal once again, but with some changes created with outraged neighbors in mind.

The new proposal plans to only remove 30 trees, none of them from the historic district.

However, neighbors say that may not be enough.

“There are other lanes to take, other roads to take,” Vinikoor said.

The new proposal comes with a slightly smaller price tag at \$1.6 million.