

I hope some of you have had the opportunity to visit Buck Griffin Lake this week to see how beautiful the transplanted palms look. The St. Joe Buffer Preserve took many of the plants as well.

We are grateful for the care the Patrick Farrell, Jeremy Norton and GCPS have taken in executing this project. They worked nights...at times well into the night...and had minimal impact on business. This could have been a high-impact process, and they made it seem as if the exchange happened virtually overnight! We also want to thank the City, and John Grantland in particular, for the wonderful and timely cooperation.

Lots of work has gone into repair of the existing irrigation and converting it to a drip system. It is estimated this will save up to 70% in water. Speaking of irrigation, we want you all to know that the removed palm trees were irrigated via drip system the entire time they were uprooted. They have been given every opportunity to survive the process.

We appreciate the kind consideration given to those who did the work as well as the compliments on the product. They have worked very hard and have provided us with a beautiful product. Thanks to Erin Searcy, who provided us with a wonderful, practical and beautiful design.