

# NATURE'S GRANDEUR



## A TREE STORY

The rings of a tree trunk are said to tell a tree's history and give insight into a tree's life like the pages of a book. For more than 75 majestic live oak trees, their history - their story - goes far beyond the distinguished rings that lie hidden within their massive trunks. Their story is one with not only a happy ending, but also a new beginning.

These mature southern shade trees will be unearthed and transplanted within the grounds of Grand Hampton, a 645-acre LandMar Group community dedicated to preserving the natural wonder and beauty of Florida's environment. Many of the grand oak trees are nearly a century old with broad branches draped with Spanish moss and thick canopies stretching almost 100 feet wide. These trees, whose very presence creates an inviting warmth and sense of a well established place, will give this new development the look and feel of a community that has seen many children grow from infants navigating their first steps to young adults leaving home to begin college. These trees will set the stage for an "Old Florida" feel at Grand Hampton.

It is difficult to imagine that transplanting trees of this size is even possible, but LandMar has spared no expense to make this seemingly impossible feat come to fruition. LandMar has ensured the survival and future of these beautiful oak trees while providing the utmost in pristine landscape scenery for Grand Hampton.

Preliminary research was conducted on each tree and the terrain to determine the health of the trees and structure of the roots. The roots of each tree were carefully pruned weeks prior to the actual careful excavation which required heavy machinery and a 10-man crew. The delicate roots and rich surrounding soil were wrapped with burlap and twine to maintain a stable environment throughout the transplant process. The trees, weighing greater than 10 tons, were loaded on trailers and transported like a moving forest to a custom-built nursery within Grand Hampton. In the nursery, the trees will receive special care including overhead irrigation and special fertilization to stimulate root growth until the construction phase is complete and they are ready to go back into the earth. The oaks will be replanted throughout Grand Hampton amidst the new landscaping at the community's entrance and amenity area.

During the weeks following the transplant, the trees will be meticulously monitored and maintained with careful attention being paid to the adjusting root system to ensure their health and stability.

Because of LandMar, these magnificent oak trees will flourish and live on for many generations to come along with the many undisturbed oak hammocks and cypress stands throughout the community. The residents of Grand Hampton will enjoy living in a natural club environment surrounded by a pictorial setting among brilliant live oak trees with quite a story to tell.



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