

# AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

Urban Design Kilday Studios assisted the American Orchid Society with the due diligence and governmental approvals needed to construct a new and expanded facility in western Delray Beach, on the grounds of the Morikami Park.

Services provided included working with the Society, the County, the project architect and engineer, and the contractor to analyze the placement of the building within the park and to develop a site layout for the building, parking, gardens and greenhouses that maximized opportunities for display and education, yet minimized the impacts on the existing park. The site layout complimented the existing park improvements and addressed compatibility with the adjacent residential development.

Additional services provided included the preparation of a feasibility analysis regarding land use and zoning, a confirmation of the applicable processes, and meetings with Palm Beach County staff to identify and resolve development issues. UDKS developed the final site layout plan, prepared the necessary development order approval applications, coordinated the processes and represented the project during the public hearing and final site plan approval processes.

**Client:** JCD Group, Inc.  
**Site Area:** 5 acres  
**Architect:** Jones + Song

**Building Area:** 46,300 sf total  
visitor center - 8,000  
admin./office - 7,000  
book warehouse - 15,000  
greenhouse - 16,300



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