

MARINA GARDENS

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

Marina Gardens is an award winning luxury townhouse community fronting the Soverel Marina in The City of Palm Beach Gardens; a place of rich textures, lush subtropical landscape and the charm of old world Mediterranean architecture. This dramatic location, with outstanding water views, also had to address and screen an adjacent industrial boat yard. The site plan is a dense urban framework of sixty eight, two and three story units on 7.26 acres of waterfront property.

Urban Design Kilday Studios' landscape concept for Marina Gardens includes a required 90% diverse and coarse textured native planting palette within a classical architectural context. A number of existing large specimen Live Oak trees, most relocated on site or preserved in place with the construction of tree wells, create a sense of grandeur throughout the landscape.

The entry approach is flanked by elegantly up-lit curved palms, specimen plants and flickering gas lights in copper fixtures. White trellises over the coral and blue granite entry sign feature colorful cascading Bougainvillea. At the gated entry, residents and guests enter an intimate coastal hammock courtyard and pass under the large limbs of the relocated Live Oaks.

The landscaping around the homes and within the internal green spaces features contrasting plant material combinations and the use of tall and dramatic specimen materials. These urban spaces are accented with colorful concrete pavers for the roads, driveways and pedestrian walkways. Fountains are incorporated in the lake and rotary motor court to further enhance the Marina Gardens experience. UDKS' synthesis of planting, hardscape, fountain, and detailed design make Marina Gardens a signature project.

Client: Mutual Land Development Company

Site Area: 7.26 acres

Dwelling Units: 68

Architect: Quincy Johnson

Awards: Gold Prism, FNGA Native Landscape Design

