



Saving Nature At The VUE

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As the VUE continues to rise skyward we look back on the day a lone Reclinata Palm Tree, the only living thing on the job site except for the scurrying of craftsman and machines, was saved from obliteration by a move to the end of the Ritz Carlton driveway near 41.

The tree was rumored to be planted in the early 1900's, maybe predating the construction of John Ringling's hotel. Where will this "tree on wheels" end up next?

What was involved?

- 90 days of prep time
- 200 ton crane
- 68,000 lbs of palm tree
- Estimated cost to move: \$20-\$30 thousand dollars
- 200 gallons of water a day for a month
- The skill of Turner Tree & Landscape
- A job well done!

