



# Oakland Park Gravel On Swale



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# Gravel

- Low maintenance.
- Low cost.
- Provides additional area for parking.
- Beautification.



## City's Concerns:

- Can impede drainage.
- Cars spew gravel into roadway and sidewalk.
- Can be washed into drains, pipes and waterways.
- Can be unsightly if not maintained.



# Sec. 24-94 – Current City Code for Swale Areas are:

Primarily intended for drainage.

- Loose gravel, rock, or other unbound materials are **prohibited**.
- Asphalt or removable concrete/grass pavers are allowed with City permit.
- Must be maintained by abutting property owner.



# Most Cities Prohibit Gravel

## City of Plantation

- Generally gravel is not allowed on swale areas. If swale area creates ponding of water for more than 72 hours, property owner must reconstruct swale or city will reconstruct and place lien on property for remediation costs.

## City of Fort Lauderdale

- Parking for single family uses may have a gravel surface, but not in swale area.
- If pavement footage in the swale area is 50% or more of the frontage on the right of way, a French drain stormwater system is required.

## City of Pompano Beach

- Generally gravel is not allowed on swale areas.



# Residents' Challenges

- Lack of knowledge.
- Expensive investment.
- Perceived disparate treatment.



# Next Steps:

## Public Outreach Regarding Gravel Use:

- i. New Resident Welcome Package
- ii. Notices in Utility Bill
- iii. Newsletter
- iv. City Website
- v. Outreach to businesses in Oakland Park that sell gravel material



