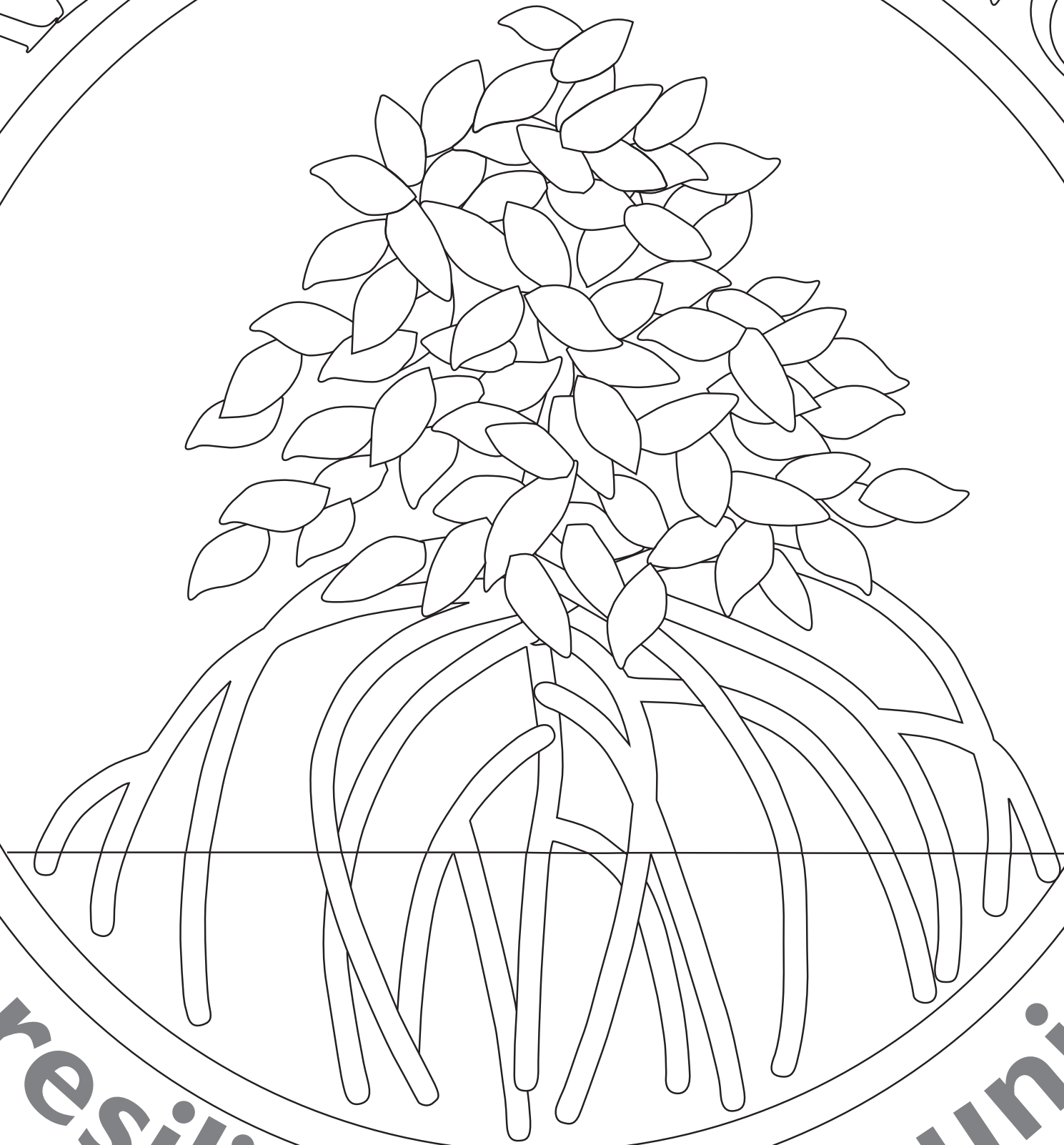


Magical Mangroves

COLORING CONTEST*

TARPON SPRINGS



a resilient community

the red mangrove

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Cool stuff about the Red Mangrove

Did you know the Red Mangrove...

- Is a native plant - that means that it gets along with its surroundings and does not hurt anything?
- Is called the Walking Tree because it stands in water on its long roots "legs"?
- Has tangled roots that protect baby fish till they are strong enough to move out to sea?
- Lets oysters, clams, crabs, sponges, and shrimp cling to its roots as a home?
- Builds land by encouraging sediment (loose soil) to collect around its roots?
- Is being studied by scientists all over the world for the many things it does?
- Can protect sea grasses and coral reefs from sediment and land toxins?
- Protects our shores from strong wave and wind damage?
- Has a canopy of leaves and branches providing homes to many bird families?
- Has leaves that filter the carbon in our air which helps us breathe better?
- Has laws in Florida that help protect it because it is so important to us all?
- Is such an important tree that Tarpon Springs has adopted it as its special City tree?

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