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**CENTRAL PARK GETS NEW TREES THANKS TO  
TREE REPLACEMENT FUND**

*Project is first to use these funds, is at no cost to taxpayers*

**FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia** – The parking area at Central Park will soon have improved landscaping, thanks to the county’s tree replacement fund. Eighty-three trees are slated to be planted in the Central Park parking area beginning this week. These trees were purchased using money from the county’s tree replacement fund.

The tree replacement fund was established in the late 1990s. For almost all development, compliance with the county’s tree ordinance and replacement of trees is accomplished by saving existing trees combined with new on-site landscaping. In some cases, however, these two techniques still cannot bring the site in compliance with the tree ordinance. In those cases, developers are only allowed to pay into the fund as a last resort. The planting at Central Park will be the first project to utilize the funds, and will use approximately one-third of the available funds. The project is being completed at no cost to taxpayers.

“This project really illustrates the tree replacement fund dollars at work,” County Arborist Greg Wallace said. “The funds can only be used for trees planted on public property. This is a project that members of the tree commission and county staff thought was very worthy.”

The planting of trees in the Central Park parking lot will help fulfill part of the park’s original plan.

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“Trees in this parking area were part of the original landscaping design, but had to be removed from the project due to budgetary restraints,” Director of Parks and Recreation Jerry Kinsey. “So needless to say, we are very excited about the addition of these trees.”

The trees being planted at Central Park include seventeen (17) Willow Oaks, thirty-eight (38) Red Maples and twenty-eight (28) Zelkova trees. Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department staff members will plant the trees.

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