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Volunteers with Beautify Carolina Forest project recently gathered to plant flowers in the River Oaks Drive median.

Beautify Carolina Forest completes latest phase

Beautify Carolina Forest completed its latest phase of the median beautification project in Carolina Forest last weekend.

Fifty-six sabal minor palms, 36 knock-out roses and 34 daylilies were added to seven existing crape myrtle trees and three little gem magnolias on the River Oaks Drive median in front of the Food Lion shopping center.

The planting bed was also sculpted and topped with 21 yards of cypress mulch.

The Carolina Forest median beautification project is a multi-year, phased project that will augment and refresh existing median landscaping, and gradually landscape three other medians on Carolina Forest Boulevard and River Oaks Drive.

The improvements to the medians will make these heavily traveled roads more aesthetically pleasing, create a traffic calming effect, and improve the overall image of the Carolina Forest community.

The plants and trees will provide seasonal interest, are drought tolerant, hardy to this climate and were chosen to minimize site concerns.

The median beautification project, approved by the county planning and engineering departments, is considered to be one-third complete and has a total cost of \$25,000.

Additional phases of the project will be to add 24 sabal palm trees, scores of knock-out roses, ornamental grass and mulch to supplement the existing crape myrtle trees on Carolina Forest

Boulevard between Covington and SpringLake, and on River Oaks Drive, in front of BelleGrove.

Upcoming phases are the costliest and will have to wait until additional funding is obtained.

Besides the dedicated and passionate volunteers, this project was funded by a \$2,500 Palmetto Pride Community grant.

To contribute to the beautification project, or make a tax-deductible donation, or if you have a beautification idea, visit www.beautifycarolinaforest.org or our Facebook page, Beautify Carolina Forest.

Concept drawings of the completed median beautification project can be seen at the bottom of our website photos page.