

# First round of homesites almost ready at Autumn Hall

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As the summer progresses, the site of the new Autumn Hall development on Eastwood Road will continue to progress as landscaping and entryways are installed.

Project manager Mike Brown said the landscaping and the monuments marking the entry of the main residential entrance, the Dungannon entrance, will be completed in the next six weeks. The road leading into the site has been paved and lined with trees.



“The whole thing is coming together; every time I drive out there, it looks more and more like a finished product,” Brown said.

Staff photo by Allison Breiner  
Jeff Bourgeois, left, and Ben Ward of Bridge Builders prepare to set a hand rail on Shell Bridge in Autumn Hall on Wednesday, May 28.

Many of the trees used in landscaping along the streets have been relocated from building sites within the development, preserving the trees and giving the streetscapes an older, more mature appearance. The relocated trees have been supplemented with nursery trees where the larger trees wouldn't fit.

Brown said the stormwater, sewer, water service, dry utilities and paving for the first phase of the development are more than 90 percent complete.

“That's the first 94 residential single-family homesites,” he said. “We're finishing those up, finishing the improvements for them so that we can file the subdivision plat with the city.”

When complete, the development will include approximately 500 homes — 300 single-family homes and 200 multi-family units — as well as retail and dining, parks, and walking trails.

Also under construction this summer is the bridge that crosses the main retention pond, which will feature columns at either end made of oyster shells and concrete. “It will have a good, classic, coastal look to it,” Brown said.

Notably, the retention pond will also serve as a source of water for irrigation. “The irrigation we're using is out of the stormwater ponds; that's an effort to try to reuse some of the water and keep costs down; it's a win-win for everybody,” Brown said.

The sales office opened in April, and the staff is working to secure reservations for the first round of homesites. About half of the inquiries at the sales office have come from the Cape Fear area, with most of the rest coming from the Triangle and from other mid-Atlantic states.