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# Saving Trees at Autumn Hall Discovers a Champion

Eastwood Road's tree-friendly community boasts largest Red Bay in the state

One of the first trees tagged by developer Raiford Trask as a "do not touch," the enormous Red Bay's estimated crown spread of 46 feet and circumference of 121 inches surpasses the previous record holder by almost 50% in circumference and double in crown spread. Arborist for the project, Scott McGhee's gut told him the stately giant might be a champion. His instincts and measurements were confirmed by the NC Division of Forest Resources on March 17th.

Although Trask couldn't have anticipated finding a champion amongst the many trees protected under the "save tree" mandate in his development, it is no surprise that one of the old beauties flourishing on the property measured up. An outdoor enthusiast himself, Trask's mission was to preserve natural resources on the site while providing residents with an open invitation that celebrates outdoor recreation. Designed to encourage walking instead of driving, the mixed-use community includes 51 acres dedicated to 11 parks, an 8-acre lake, and a multitude of trails winding throughout. With no home more than 400 feet from a park, residents can enjoy a leisurely walk, or travel all the way to nearby Wrightsville Beach on the connecting multi-use public walkway.

Boasting a world class tennis center, club house, extensive commercial and business center, and elegant shopping and dining, residents will be able to take care of daily errands without ever needing to leave "home." Unless of course, one of the errands includes taking a canoe or kayak from Autumn Hall's Creek Club along Bradley Creek, and for the real adventurer, out to the ocean.

*Autumn Hall is located on Eastwood Road in Wilmington just 1.5 miles from Wrightsville Beach. The community is in its first phase of construction, with reservations for home sites underway. For more information visit [AutumnHallExperience.com](http://AutumnHallExperience.com) or call 910-799-8755.*

