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Autumn Hall's "Save Tree Mandate" Earns Awards from Wilmington Tree Commission

Development acknowledged for tree preservation and use of native species

June 2, 2008 – On June 3, at the Wilmington City Council meeting, developers of Autumn Hall will be appearing before the Wilmington Tree Commission to receive awards and recognition for the effects of its "Save Tree Mandate." Having saved more than 200 trees in its first phase alone, Autumn Hall has achieved streetscapes and parks that hardly appear new for the mature trees that appear throughout. The community will win two awards: one for outstanding tree preservation, the other for outstanding use of native trees. Raiford Trask, developer of Autumn Hall, will receive the awards along with the community's arborist Scott McGhee.

Mr. Trask, with Mr. McGhee's guidance, challenged his construction team, city officials and utility providers to reconsider typical development practices and apply more advanced tree-friendly techniques. As a result, the 200-plus trees saved in the first phase were spaded and replanted elsewhere in the community for a more mature streetscape, or were simply left in place, thus forcing the re-direction of roads and utility lines. Some mature stands of trees determined the location of parks, while others, due to their majesty, simply rendered lots unbuildable. Mr. Trask says he expects that similar practices through the second and third phases of the project will result in another 200 trees being saved.

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The awards are presented annually by the Wilmington Tree Commission (WTC) which was established by the Wilmington City Council in 1996. The commission presents awards in up to nine categories for properties located within the city of Wilmington. The awards and criteria for nominations recognize outstanding tree preservation, outstanding landscapes and outstanding commitment to tree maintenance. Autumn Hall was unanimously approved by the WTC for both awards.

About Autumn Hall

Autumn Hall is located just 1.5 miles from Wrightsville Beach and minutes from historic downtown Wilmington. When complete, the project will include 300 single family residences and 200 multi-family units. Some 51 acres of parks, walking trails and green space, in addition to an eight acre lake, a first class tennis facility and a Creek Club on Bradley Creek will contribute to the community's natural and recreational amenities. Autumn Hall will also be home to a wide range of retail, dining and shopping establishments. For more information, visit www.autumnhall.com.

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