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CITY TO BEGIN TREE REPLACEMENT AND PRESERVATION ON MAIN STREET

Project designed to maintain downtown tree canopy and enhance urban landscape

GREENVILLE (SC) The City of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department will begin a two-month tree replacement and preservation project on Main Street the week of February 2 – 6. The City's goal is to maintain the tree canopy and surrounding landscape and to preserve the aesthetics of Main Street for years to come. While the project will involve removal of some trees, those trees will be replaced with more suitable species, utilizing the most current urban tree planting technology available. The objective is to increase the trees' growing space, improve the soil conditions and remove sidewalk trip hazards.

While closure of some sections of sidewalk will be necessary, access to downtown businesses will remain open and every effort will be made to minimize the impact of construction on merchants and their customers. Pedestrian safety will also be a top priority and steps will be taken to ensure that pedestrians are able to walk and cross safely. The City has contracted with Schneider Tree Care to perform the tree work, and a Schneider representative will be in communication with affected business to keep them informed about all aspects of the project.

One component of the project will include removal of aging maple trees in the 100 block of South Main Street between Court Street and McBee Avenue (102 – 130 South Main Street), and in the 100 block of North Main Street between Coffee Street and West North Street (103 - 111 North Main Street). The maples will be replaced with Allee elm trees and holly shrubs. Some sidewalk closure and removal may be required and parking bays in this section will be closed temporarily. In addition to the tree work, the City will also be replacing the metal railing in this area.

Another component of the project will include restoration of oak trees at the following locations, and closure and removal of some sections of sidewalk may be required.

- 36 South Main Street – 1 Oak
- 102 South Main Street – 1 Oak
- 5 North Main Street – 1 Oak
- 100 North Main Street – 2 Oaks
- 131 North Main Street – 2 Oaks
- 128 North Main Street – 2 Oaks

In addition to the tree and sidewalk rehabilitation work, Schneider Tree Care is also scheduled to begin mistletoe removal and crown cleaning of all oak trees along Main Street between Court Street and Beattie Place. This work requires that pruning be done using hand saws, so depending on where the crews are working, temporary closures of parking spaces, sidewalks and lanes of traffic on side streets may be necessary.

For more information, contact Dale Westermeier, the City's Parks & Grounds Administrator, at 467-4350.

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