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30 TREES ADDED TO TULE HIKE & BIKE TRAIL

ROCKPORT, TX – As part of its ongoing commitment to beautification and in honor of Arbor Day, the City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department has planted 30, 8-10 foot crape myrtle trees along a half mile section of the Tule Hike & Bike Trail near the Community Aquatic and Skate Park. Earlier this year, the department planted 10 crape myrtle trees.

According to Parks Director Rick Martinez, the trees were selected for their hardiness, quick growth and blossoms. “Not only will they provide a gorgeous vista as walkers and bicyclists traverse the one mile trail, they will also add some much needed shade on this part of the route,” he noted.

Every November, the city observes Arbor Day with a major planting of trees. Rockport’s active efforts and participation in this national observance has also qualified it as a Tree City USA Community. There are over 3400 national communities and 85 Texas communities recognized by this organization that meet standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. Rockport, which has been recognized for 17 years, is the only community in the Coastal Bend to have been achieved this award.

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Note: Parks employees planting the trees: Joe Samora, Steve Arocha, Fidel Garcia and Juan Corado