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Westcott Esplanades Receive a Forest Facelift

The City of Houston, together with Guaranty Bank and Temple-Inland Forest, will give two Westcott Esplanades a Forest Facelift on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Following a brief ceremony, Mayor Bill White and 200 volunteers will plant 2,006 Loblolly Pine Trees, native to Houston, on the medians near Westcott and Durford.

"When these trees grow tall, the Westcott esplanades will not only be beautiful but will provide environmental benefits for us all," said Mayor Bill White. "Guaranty Bank and Temple-Inland have shown their commitment to Houston, it's citizens and our City with their donation. They've been great corporate sponsors of Tour de Houston and now these trees are further evidence of their commitment to the city."

Guaranty Bank and Temple-Inland choose to give the 2006 Trees to the City and the Mayor as a gesture of appreciation. "As these trees grow, we at Guaranty Bank and Temple-Inland will look with pride at what we and the City of Houston have been able to accomplish working together," said Robert Greenwood, President Commercial Banking for Guaranty Bank. "We are committed to continuing that relationship and helping to build a Houston that is both economically and environmentally sound. In a few years these trees will transform the surrounding landscape providing a place of tranquility and beauty to the neighborhood."

When these trees mature they will serve as a green corridor from I-10 to Memorial Drive and will connect the beautification project under way at the Washington and Westcott roundabout.

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