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TREE PLANTING IN BUSINESS 85 CLOVERLEAF AT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EXIT

HIGH POINT, NC (February 8, 2017) – The North Carolina Department of Transportation is planting a variety of different trees in the four large areas that make up the interchange at I-85 Business and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

The project was initiated last spring at the request of High Point resident Jim Morgan, who reached out to City of High Point Transportation Director Mark McDonald and High Point Beautification Supervisor Rebecca Coplin about improving the aesthetics of the interchange. McDonald and City of High Point Parks and Recreation Ground Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Bodenheimer then met with North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 7 Engineer Mike Mills and Roadside Environmental Engineer Ken Taffer about ideas for improvement. All parties agreed on a proposed landscaping scheme, and Phase One of the project began in fall 2016. The first phase included cutting back overgrown vegetation, grading and planting wild flowers. Phase Two is now in progress with the tree plantings and will be completed by the end of next week. The interchange enhancement is being funded through NCDOT Enhancement Funds at a cost of \$74,000.

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