

What is Carolina Forest?

Carolina Forest is a 12,000 acre land tract that is pre-planned, and provides a fixed 20 year development plan, which has been pre-approved by Horry County. This means that for the first time in county history, a huge tract of land will be developed in an orderly, structured manner. It assures that necessary infrastructure and public services are prepared for in advance. Residents will know in advance where commercial growth will take place, where parks, schools, fire departments, churches and offices will be located. All 12,000 acres will provide roadways without commercial signage, and will include sidewalks connecting all of the communities together.

The developer, International Paper expects that:

A 1500 foot wide Greenway has been left, which passes through the entire tract, and which is intended to let the wildlife (deer, bear, turkey, bobcat, etc.) move freely within a defined protected area.

There will be approximately 40 residential neighborhoods containing various styles and price ranges, when all is completed.

The overall density on the entire 12,000 acre tract cannot exceed three units per acre and 46% of the tract will be open space (Conservation Area).

Eleven miles of roadway are now open and more is to be constructed in the near future.

Estimates suggest that in the end, Carolina Forest may provide 26,000 homes, for a total population of 56,000 people.

There is land reserved for a total of four elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. One of each is already built and are among the top rated in the county.

There will be five fire stations located in such a way that emergency response will be provided to any place in Carolina Forest, within three minutes.

Ten golf courses are expected and there are over 96 acres designated for parks and recreation.

A new shopping center is has just been completed at the entrance to Carolina Forest at 501. It's anchor is a 65,000 square foot Kroger food store, which is at this time the largest food store in Horry County. Blockbuster Video, Firehouse Subs, a Deli and a Pizza parlor are also located within shopping center and other vendors are scheduled to open soon. First Union Bank is under construction and will be open in the near future.

A new Post Office has just been completed and is now open for business. Across the street from the Post Office, Coastal Federal Bank has just completed a new branch office that will serve Carolina Forest.

The "Town Center" @ Carolina Forest will be the primary commercial location and will contain numerous shops, restaurants, boutiques etc. In addition, a new bridge will cross the Intracoastal Waterway from the Town Center to 62nd Avenue N. in Myrtle Beach providing even easier access to and from Carolina Forest.

For easy access now, Carolina Forest Parkway intersects with River Oaks Blvd. which comes out on 501 next to Bob Evans, across from The Waccamaw stores. It is a convenient route which takes you through Carolina Forest and then past River Oaks and The World Tour golf courses.