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County Trims Hazardous Tree Limbs on Johns Island

Federal grant funds assist in the trimming of 127 trees on scenic roads

With the help of federal funds, [Charleston County Government](#) recently completed a project to trim hazardous limbs on 127 trees on two highly traveled Johns Island roads.

The work is a result of \$21,000 in grant funds that the County received from the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) (ARRA) Financial Assistance Program for Forest Health Enrichment administered through the [S.C. Forestry Commission](#) and funded by the [U.S. Forest Service](#).

Crews trimmed limbs from 89 trees on Bohicket Road and 38 trees on River Road. Bohicket Road was the first state-legislatively-designated scenic highway in South Carolina. Both roads are designated as scenic roads by the County. The designation requires the protection of all trees that are six inches or greater in diameter breast height (DBH) located within the right-of-way, under the provisions of the [Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance](#).

“These unique scenic roadways are a valuable natural resource to the state of South Carolina and to Charleston County and its residents,” said [Dan Pennick, Charleston County Zoning & Planning Director](#). “The ARRA grant provided an opportunity for Charleston County to preserve the quality and cultural resource of these magnificent scenic roadways, while making them safer for public travel.”

Supplemental funding for the project came from the Charleston County Tree Fund, which was established to receive funds from tree removal tree violation fines and as a form of mitigation when planting of required trees is impractical for a site. The fund is established exclusively for public beautification through the planting and pruning of trees in Charleston County.

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