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### **FIRSTCOAST HOMES DEVELOPING 500 LOTS IN CANE BAY *The Sanctuary at Cane Bay to open Early Summer 2007***

CHARLESTON – FirstCoast Homes, a Savannah-based home builder currently constructing in three communities in Berkeley County, is joining Centex, Del Webb and Sivica Communities in the development of the first phase of the much-anticipated Cane Bay Plantation.

FirstCoast has purchased 500 lots in the planned community located in Berkeley County that calls for 10,000 homes to eventually be built on 4,500 acres. The community will also include schools, churches, a hospital, a 120-acre lake, large amounts of green space and open land, and an extensive trail system linking individual neighborhoods, schools and commercial areas.

“This development will change the face of Berkeley County in years to come, in a good way,” says FirstCoast President Jeremy Graves. “Today’s homebuyers want communities where they can live, work, shop and send their kids to school without having to commute everywhere, and that’s what this community will offer.”

FirstCoast, along with Sivica Homes, is developing a neighborhood within the larger Cane Bay community called The Sanctuary at Cane Bay, which will include \$2 million in amenities, including a clubhouse, 5,000-square-foot pool, beach area around a lagoon, tennis court, sport court, volleyball pit, playground and gazebo. In addition, all homes in The Sanctuary will receive yard maintenance through the homeowners association.

The Sanctuary is designed for first-time and move-up buyers with homes starting in the \$180’s. The single-family Craftsman style homes FirstCoast plans to build will be part of a brand new product line being developed now. They will include large porches designed to enhance the feeling of community among neighbors as well such architectural details as arched openings, cedar shakes or brick ledge that accent vinyl siding, overhangs and carriage-style garage doors.

The homes will have between three and six bedrooms and include standard features normally offered as upgrades or options with other builders, such as marble vanity

tops, 9' smooth ceilings on the first floor, 6-panel smooth doors, hardwood floors in the foyer, a drywall finished garage, Category 5 wiring, dual-zone heating and cooling, personalized lighting and hardware packages and a smooth top range, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen, among others.

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“The design of The Sanctuary is very lifestyle-based, just like our homes. The goal is to incorporate resort-style living with affordable pricing,” says FirstCoast’s Katie Keenan.

The company anticipates opening in the fall of 2007, with plans to complete the neighborhood within five years. Keenan says sales should begin in May.

### **About FirstCoast Homes**

Based in Savannah, Ga., FirstCoast Homes specializes in building single-family homes and townhomes in the coastal areas of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Comprised of the area’s largest builder family, FirstCoast honors the traditions of fine home building with generations of experience. For more information, visit [www.firstcoasthomes.com](http://www.firstcoasthomes.com).

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