Let’s Bring Galveston Back

Lyda Ann Thomas, Galveston Mayor: Even though we’re going to miss our trees, the future will look bright because the trees are definitely going to be replaced.

Jackie Cole, Galveston Island Tree Conservancy: We’re probably looking at planting over the next 10 years 50,000 trees.

Cathy Conlon-Townsend, Galveston Island Tree Conservancy: People are understanding more and more there was that initial hope that when that little bit of green showed on the trees that they were going to be back and be fine and now people are understanding and they can see that the trees are truly dead.

Jackie Cole: The sooner we get started planting the quicker we’ll have our beautiful canopy back again.

Cathy Conlon-Townsend: Texas Forest Service is not going to cut down a tree unless it is absolutely necessary. They’re just as much tree huggers as the rest of us.

Jackie Cole: We’re going to need the help of everyone to replant this island.

Lyda Ann Thomas: The resiliency of this population here on the island and those who are not here but want to come back cannot be measured. Let’s stay together. Let’s stay focused. Let’s move forward. Let’s bring Galveston back.