

2006 UCF Grant Recipients

Organization	Region	Project Type	Description	Contact Information
Athens-Clarke County Trees for Tomorrow Program	Athens area	Organizational Development	The design for the Trees for Tomorrow program is two-fold: 1) to provide a mechanism to convert monetary donations into tree planting on public land, and 2) to provide income to sustain the Community Tree Council's tree planting program. The first planting site of the new donor program will be at the regional A-CC Ben Epps Airport.	Maureen O'Brien Policy Committee Chair (706) 254-8685 information@athenstrees.com
Clayton County Planning and Zoning	Metro Atlanta	Ordinances & Policies	The purpose of this project is to revise the Clayton County Tree Preservation and Replacement Ordinance.	Dervin Spell Senior Planner (770) 473-5860 Dervin.Spell@co.clayton.ga.us
Coastal Georgia RC&D Council	Savannah & Coastal area	Professional Staffing	This Circuit Rider Urban Forestry project uses a local certified arborist to provide professional guidance to city and county governments in Coastal Georgia. Included are developing tree ordinances, Tree City USA applications, tree inventories, and education on the need to preserve trees in urban settings.	Gene Oliver Coordinator (912) 459-2070 goliver@isavannah.net
Columbia County-Community & Leisure Services	Augusta area	Professional Staffing	To assist in the funding of a Community Forester position for Columbia County, Georgia and insure the tree ordinance is adhered to and enforced.	Barry Smith Division Director (706) 868-3484 bsmith@columbiacountyga.gov
Georgia Arborist Association	Statewide	Organizational Development	This project is designed to increase awareness and effectiveness of the Georgia Arborist Association, Inc. by hiring a part-time Executive Director. Part-time paid staff will enable the association to more effectively accomplish its mission of bringing together tree care professionals and tree enthusiasts for the improved health and protection of Georgia's trees.	Chris Barneycastle President (678) 386-8623 chris@barneycastle.net

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Georgia Southern Univ. Research & Service Foundation	Savannah & Coastal area	Information & Education	Bulloch County needs comprehensive, integrated planning and management to help identify, manage, and celebrate tree cover. Tree Smarts III will address this need by identifying tree resources, training professionals in best planning and management practices, developing and implementing clear policies and ordinances and continuing to increase public concern for forest resources.	Wayne Becker Executive Director - GA Southern Botanical Grdn (912) 871-1149 wbecker@georgiasouthern.edu
Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful	Columbus & Albany area	Professional Staffing	To promote the resource management of Albany's urban forest through the employment of a City Arborist.	Judy Bowles Executive Director (229) 430-5257 kadb@surfsouth.com
Keep Bartow Beautiful/Bartow County Government	North GA	Information & Education	The project is designed to promote and increase awareness of tree conservation within the community.	Sheri Henshaw Keep Bartow Beautiful Director (770) 387-5167 henshaws@bartowga.org
Keep Hall Beautiful	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	The purpose of this grant is to develop a local model urban and community forest management plan, with a concentration on Green Street Historic District, Main Street Square and Glenwood Park in Gainesville, Georgia.	Rick Foote Natural Resources Coordinator (770) 535-8284 rfoote@hallcounty.org
Oxbow Meadows Environmental Center	Columbus & Albany area	Information & Education	A Georgia Arbor Day presentation by Billy B. (Bill Brennan), a famous educator/entertainer, will enlighten local youth and educators with song and dance program entitled "The Singing Tree". A series of family programs, educator and youth leader training sessions, a professional workshop, and a library series on trees for after-school children will highlight additional interactions set to energize and inform the urban community of the importance of trees.	Becky Champion Executive Director (706) 687-4090 champion_becky@colstate.edu

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Rolling Hills RC&D Council	North GA	Professional Staffing	Rolling Hills RC&D proposes to provide arborist services to communities in the nine county Council region to encourage proper urban tree management and increase Tree City USA participation. In addition, a Certified Arborist course will be offered to educate individuals that are involved in critical decisions that affect trees.	Cindy Haygood RC&D Coordinator (770) 505-4288 cindy@rollinghillsrcd.org
The City of Alpharetta	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	A tree inventory and management plan will be created for five city parks.	Amanda Day Grants Administrator (678) 297-6018 aday@alpharetta.ga.us
The City of Dahlonega	North GA	Ordinances & Policies	Recent growth in Dahlonega, Georgia has caused a need to revise the current tree ordinance.	Richard Stewart Projects Manager (706) 864-6133 cityofdahlonega@alltel.net
The City of Douglasville	Metro Atlanta	Ordinances & Policies	Revision of the City of Douglasville's Tree Conservation Ordinance.	Michelle Wright Planning Director (678) 715-6081 wrightm@ci.douglasville.ga.us
The City of Fort Valley	Macon & Middle GA	Organizational Development	This project will facilitate the start-up of a Fort Valley Tree Board.	Loraine Khoury Executive Director, Downtown Development (478) 825-5986 lkhoury@fortvalley.net

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The City of Hapeville	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	We have two "nature" parks, Master Park on King Arnold Ave. and Cofield Park on Lake Dr, which both need new master plans (both have faced years of neglect).	Mike Rast City Administrator (404) 767-1537 mrast@hapeville.org
The City of Jesup	South GA	Management Plan/Inventory	The project will consist of acquiring the services of a landscape architect to develop a master plan for 6 acre Greenway park.	Crystal Gill Downtown Director (912) 427-1313 cgill@jesupga.gov
The City of Marietta	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	This project will include the development of a tree preservation and protection master plan, educational materials, job training and the production of a video to educate our citizens and development community on the importance of protecting the city's resources.	Brian Binzer Director, Department of Development Services (770) 794-7217 bbinzer@marietta.gov
The City of Richmond Hill	Savannah & Coastal area	Management Plan/Inventory	After completing a successful tree inventory in 2003, the City of Richmond Hill intends to conduct an assessment of the trees in the city limits and newly acquired annexations and publish results to the Web.	Jan Bass Community Development Specialist (912) 756-6459 jbass@coastalnow.net
The City of Toccoa/GA Conservancy Blueprints	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	To bring the Georgia Conservancy Blueprints Program to the City of Toccoa and Stephens County.	Connie Tabor Downtown Development & Planning Director (706) 282-3269 ctabor@cityoftoccoa.com

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The Museum of Arts & Sciences	Macon & Middle GA	Information & Education	To educate and promote awareness of urban and community forestry issues to Central Georgia. This will be accomplished by conducting two workshops, hosting an educational exhibition, and providing educational programming. Target audiences will be tree professionals, underserved surrounding community governments, voters/taxpayers.	Mary Lee Irby Development Director (478) 477-3232 mlirby@masmacon.com
The University of Georgia	Statewide	Ordinances & Policies	The project will provide a comprehensive analysis of land cover change in Georgia over the last 5 years. The data can be used for a number of statewide planning activities, such as the land conservation partnership, water planning, and wildlife planning. The data can be used for a number of local initiative such as tree ordinance analysis and development.	Liz Kramer Public Service Assistant (706) 542-3577 lkramer@uga.edu
Trees Atlanta	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Trees Atlanta is designing a tree education center as part of its new facility that will house its administrative offices and program operations. The center will provide indoor and outdoor classrooms. The proposed funding will support the conceptual plan for exhibits and workshops to educate children and adults about the benefits of trees, how to plant trees and how we may preserve and care for existing trees.	Greg Levine Program Operations Director (404) 522-4097 greg@treesatlanta.org
Trees Columbus, Inc.	Columbus & Albany area	Information & Education	Trees Columbus and the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission propose to partner in the production and taping of 7 :30 second spots which address urban forestry issues such as pruning tips, the economic impact of trees, how trees improve air and water quality and Arbor Day.	Gena Taylor Executive Director (706) 571-0436 Treescolumbus@bellsouth.net
UGA WSFNR Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education	Savannah & Coastal area	Information & Education	To create a demonstration area showcasing the resource value of trees in suburban housing developments.	Gail Lutowski Program Specialist I (912) 330-0531 glutowski@forestry.uga.edu

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Whitfield County Board of Commissioners	North GA	Ordinances & Policies	To prepare a local ordinance that will require minimum landscaping and tree retention/planting for commercial and multi-family developments; and to prepare an ordinance of minimum guidelines for developments on steep slopes, including provisions for tree canopy retention.	Jim R. Davis County Administrator (706) 275-7500 jrdavis@whitfieldcountyga.com