

## 2007 UCF Grant Recipients

Organization	Region	Project Type	Description	Contact Information
American Chestnut Foundation, Georgia Chapter	North GA	Information & Education	This project will be for the purpose of controlled pollination and harvest of existing pure American chesnut trees which have identified within Georgia. The nuts will then be collected in the Fall. Both the pollen and the nuts will be utilized in our existing backcross orchards, to continue work toward developing a blight resistant American chesnut tree.	Carolyn Hill Chapter President 706-629-2124 gatacf.president@yahoo.com
Athens-Clarke County Community Tree Council	Athens area	Management Plan/Inventory	Locate and define potential tree planting opportunities on public lands to serve as receiver sites for trees provided by the "Trees for Tomorrow" (TfT) program. Each site will be mapped, evaluated, and prioritized regarding its contribution and compatibility with existing land use, growing site potential to support trees, and the availability of native species to populate the site. A specific high priority site design and implementation plan will be developed and used as a model for other sites.	Bob Barker Program Coordinator 706-354-0359 bbobjoyce@yahoo.com
Atlanta Botanical Garden	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	This project includes a comprehensive inventory, in electronic format using the most current GPS and GIS technology, of all trees over 8" caliper DBH (diameter at breast height) in the woodland areas ("Storza Woods") if the Atlanta Botanical Garden, enabling the Garden to develop short and long term management plans for its urban forest.	Jamie Blackburn Curator of Woodland Gardens 404-591-1581 jblackburn@atlantabotanicalgarden.o
Bibb County Cooperative Extension Service	Macon & Middle GA	Information & Education	The Macon Tree Trail, which will be established along the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, will educate the public on the importance of the urban forest. This information will be conveyed with tree ID signs, brochures, a web-page, Podcasts, and tree rambles.	Karol Kelly Bibb County Extension Agent 478-751-6338 karolk@uga.edu

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Center for Urban Agriculture, UGA	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	The Five Year GFC Plan (2007-2011) calls for greater awareness of and access to sources of professional urban forestry and arboricultural expertise, specifically stating, "We seek to increase awareness of and access to professionals by certifying 300 landscape professionals through Georgia Certified Landscape Professional (GCLP) Program." This program promotes the use of best management practices in creation of sustainable landscapes. Tree protection is a critical component that needs to be better emphasized through a written chapter, Web CT module and addition to the examination process.	Todd Hurt Public Service Assistant 770-229-3251 thurt@uga.edu
Cherokee Elementary School	North GA	Making the Shade	Planting trees for Shade benefits for elementary school students. Trees would be planted in groups to create islands of shade for students to play and study in during school and recreation periods.	Janice Stewart Science Teacher (770) 846-7760 jstewart@polk.k12.ga.us
City of Cartersville	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	The purpose of the tree inventory is to determine the extent and condition of the public tree resource so that a public tree management strategy can be developed.	Richard Osborne City Planner 770-387-5614 rosborne@cityofcartersville.org
City of College Park	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	This project is a Parks Tree Canopy Master Plan that will produce a parks tree inventory, a parks tree preservation and protection plan, and a parks tree planting program.	Bill Johnston City Planner (Strategic Planning Initiatives) (404) 684-9391 spi.johnston@mindspring.com

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City of Douglasville	Metro Atlanta	Professional Staffing	City of Douglasville's Tree Conservation Ordinance Part-Time Arborist	Michelle Wright Planning Director 678-715-6081 wrightm@ci.douglasville.ga.us
City of Harlem	Augusta area	Organizational Development	The Harlem Tree Board project is a collaborative effort of the city of Harlem and partner agencies to set up guidelines for the protection, preservation, and renewal of trees in the city of Harlem. The project will include establishment of a tree board, training for appointees, and a demonstration planting.	Denise Carter  706-556-0043 dcarter@harlemga.org
City of Jesup	Savannah & Coastal area	Professional Staffing	The project will consist of acquiring services of a certified arborist, developing a tree house, volunteer training, and tree identification signs.	Crystal Gill Downtown Director 912-427-1313 cgill@jesupga.gov
City of Norcross	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Category 1: Management Plans Including total tree inventory, overlay maps, strategic management plan, street tree program, new planting sites, maintenance specs and tree maintenance workshop.	Jennifer Peterson Director of Community Development 678-421-2027 jpeterson@norcross-ga-gvt.com
City of Pine Lake	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	To educate and inform residents and builders to the importance of trees in our community. To establish a tree board and put in place an enforceable tree ordinance that is supported by an educated populace and enforcement agency. To preserve and restore our tree canopy and reduce the amount of impervious surfaces in Pine Lake.	Phillip Howland Pine Lake Director of Administrative Services 404-292-4250 plboss@bellsouth.net

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City of Statesboro Tree Board	Savannah & Coastal area	Ordinances & Policies	To revise 12 year old ordinance from one of a "band aid" approach that does not follow consistent sound management practices. An ordinance should reflect on Best Management Practices that improves the community forest. Education of public officials, developers, and community is critical to ordinance effectiveness.	Henry Clay Vice-Chairman 912-764-6640
Clayton County Community Development	Metro Atlanta	Professional Staffing	The purpose of the project is to hire an Urban Forester to enforce the mandates of Clayton County's newly revised tree 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 project will continue to provide professional arborist services to communities in the coastal region that have traditionally not used arborists. These services have already had a significant impact on the awareness of the need to preserve trees and protect urban forests in several coastal communities.	Gene Oliver Coordinator 912-459-2070 goliver@isavannah.net
Georgia Arborist Association	Statewide	Organizational Development	This project is designed to increase awareness and effectiveness of the Georgia Arborist Association, Inc. by retaining 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 betterment and protection of Georgia's trees.	Chris Barneycastle Immediate Past President 678-386-8623 chris@barneycastle.net
Georgia Envirothon	Statewide	Information & Education	The Georgia Envirothon is a high school competition that promotes stewardship of natural resources and teaches teamwork. The Georgia Envirothon seeks funding to support and advance this competition and encourage more high schools to participate.	Kim Thompson Treasurer (Pine Country RC&D Council) 912-529-6652 kimberly.thompson@ga.usda.gov

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Georgia Perimeter College	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	The goal of the Georgia Perimeter College TCTM Project is to develop a tree management plan to aid in the planning and development of the college as it continues to grow. It will also address the maintenance of existing trees on Decatur, Clarkston, and Dunwoody campuses and will improve understanding of the benefits of tree cover in GPC communities.	Sharon Topping Grounds Manager 678-891-3968 stopping@gpc.edu
Hands on Atlanta	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	In partnership with The Conservation Fund, Georgia State Parks, The Home Depot, and Trees Atlanta, Hands on Atlanta will mobilize 750 trained citizen volunteers to help plant 4,000 native trees at Panola Mountain Park during the 2007-08 planting season. This initiative is also designed to educate volunteers about the importance of urban forests and tree cover.	Brenda Tran Associate Director of Foundation Giving 404-979-2852 btran@handsonatlanta.org
Jekyll Island-State Park Authority	Savannah & Coastal area	Information & Education	The purpose of this program is to educate the residents and businesses on Jekyll Island about the interface of their landscaped areas and gardens with the surrounding forest, emphasizing landscaping practices that will maximize the use of native trees and habitat and minimize threat from forest fires.	Christa Frangiamore Conservation Manager 912-635-4113 cfrangiamore@jekyllisland.com
Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful	South GA	Professional Staffing	To promote the resource management of Albany's urban forest through the continued employment of a City Arborist.	Judy Bowles Executive Director 229-430-5257 kadb@surfsouth.com
May Howard Elementary School	Savannah & Coastal area	Making the Shade	Making the Shade at the Hawk's Nest will enhance the health, well-being, academic, and social achievements of elementary school students attending May Howard Elementary School (Savannah-Chatham School District, Chatham County, Georgia) by increasing the amount of tree cover on the school's existing playground areas.	Susan Daly Science Lab Teacher (912) 898-3925 susan.daly@savannah.chatham.k12.g

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National Wildlife Federation	Metro Atlanta	Organizational Development	Funding from the 2007 Urban and Community Forestry Program will support the National Wildlife Federation in implementing a year long focused study on the urban forest for 400 teen participants and 100 adult volunteers in the Atlanta Earth Tomorrow Program. Through this year-long study, we will increase awareness and bolster community interest in protecting the forested greenways and neighborhoods in the West Atlanta and South River watersheds through youth leadership training, forestry career mentoring, community education events, community and media outreach, and youth-led community action project development.	Na'Taki Osbourne Manager, Community & Leadership Development Prog 404-876-8733 osborne@nwf.org
Oconee River RC&D Council		Management Plan/Inventory	This project will develop a tree inventory plan and community tree management plan for the City of Monroe as well as provide urban forestry initiatives that will increase the awareness of the need for trees in striving communities.	Luther Jones Coordinator 706-769-7922 luther.jones@ga.usda.gov
Park Pride Atlanta	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	"Lead" Volunteers will be recruited and trained to lead volunteer projects of 10-200 volunteers. Training for Lead Volunteers will include effective volunteer management as well as hands on skills such as pruning and invasive identification and removal. Lead Volunteers will provide brief training for workday volunteers in hands on skills as well as about the economic and environmental value of trees.	Allison Barnett Director of Community Relations 404-817-6760 allison@parkpride.org
Rolling Hills RC&D Council	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	Rolling Hills RC&D proposes to provide arborist services to communities within Council region to create a safe, healthy, and attractive urban forest by promoting awareness and education of proper management techniques. Tree inventories will be conducted for the City of Cedartown, Dallas, and Rockmart.	Ginger Watson  770-749-0444 ginger@rollinghillsrcd.org
Russom Elementary School PTA	North GA	Making the Shade	Planting tree for shade benefits for elementary school students. Trees would be planted in groups to create islands of shade for students to play and study in during school and recreation periods and strategically placed for energy conservation.	Sherri McCoy PTA President (770) 917-8921 mccoytribe@bellsouth.net

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Smyrna Tree Board	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	This project will include a baseline tree inventory and assessment of trees within Smyrna's rights-of-way and public land. Educational brochures will be designed to educate design professionals, builders, and developers regarding proper tree conservation techniques, tree planting, and tree maintenance. An interactive educational DVD will be made for use by the citizens of Smyrna.	Kenneth Suddreth Director of Community Development 770-319-5387 ksuddreth@ci.smyrna.ga.us
Social Circle City Schools	Athens area	Making the Shade	To plant trees at the Social Circle Elementary School based on a plan to plant trees in strategic locations in the playground, parking lot, and selected buildings. Trees will also be planted in an area where two large oaks were removed prior to a building expansion project.	Betty Ray Superintendent (770) 464-2731 bray@scboe.org
Trees Atlanta	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Trees Atlanta urban forestry education center, TreeSource Center, will provide indoor and outdoor learning areas with exhibits to educate children and adults about the benefits of trees, how to plant trees, and how we may preserve and care for our urban trees.	Regina Clifton Development Director 404-522-4097 regina@treesatlanta.org
Trees Columbus, Inc.	Columbus & Albany area	Organizational Development	Trees Columbus, Inc. proposes to produce five (5) 30-second television spots focusing on planting, supporting, and sustaining our urban forest. In addition, Trees proposes a flash-based website upgrade to provide broader e-communication capability and streaming video of these and previously produced videos.	Dorothy McDaniel Executive Director 706-571-0436 Treescolumbus@bellsouth.net
University of Georgia - Institute of Ecology	Athens area	Information & Education	The project will develop a training program for local and regional planners which will increase their understanding of ecological processes, ecosystem services, and resource protection. Participants will get hands on experience with new GIS data such as forest canopy and impervious surface cover, habitat and biodiversity distributions, which can be towards better planning in their communities.	Liz Kramer Public Service Assistant 706-542-3577 lkramer@uga.edu

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University of Georgia - River Basin Center	Athens area	Management Plan/Inventory	This project will prioritize, for time and resource-strapped land trusts, those private lands in the Upper Oconee Watershed that provide multiple ecosystem services - including water supply and quality, air quality and cooling, and habitat. In addition the project will evaluate the ecosystem services protected via easements currently held by the land trusts by analyzing the location of the parcels and the terms of the easements. The information will be used by the Oconee River Land Trust and the Athens Land Trust to target limited resources to the protection of the most environmentally critical land and development of the most effective easement recruitment and public campaigns.	Laurie Fowler Director for Policy 706-202-9949 lfowler@uga.edu