

2008 UCF Grant Recipients

Organization	Funding	Region	Project Type	Description	Contact Information
The City of Jefferson	\$4,780	Athens area	Management Plan/Inventory	This project will include a baseline tree inventory and assessment of trees within Jefferson's rights-of-way and park lands, GIS overlay maps, and management prescriptions.	Barbara Johnson (706) 367-9888 barbarajohnson3@hotmail.com
The City of Social Circle Tree Board	\$4,500	Athens area	Ordinances & Policies	The City of Social Circle Tree Ordinance will be revised by a certified arborist consultant. The project will be a collaborative effort between the local tree board, designated consultants, City officials and City Council.	Crenan Mills Tree Board Chairman (770) 464-2222 crenanmills@yahoo.com
The University of Georgia	\$17,787	Athens area	Information & Education	This project will provide assistance to Master Gardener volunteers, local tree commissions, and professionals in the area of community tree data collection and map making using readily available global positioning systems (GPS) and geographic information systems (GIS) software. This project also includes the development of an adaptable customized "form" for collecting tree information in the field using ArcPad GIS software, in combination with a website with instructions and supplemental information on conducting tree surveys. The third portion of this project includes hands-on workshops and training sessions held in conjunction with the Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Urban Forest Council, the Georgia Master Gardeners, and the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.	David Berle Professor (706) 542-5939 sponprog@uga.edu

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Augusta State University	\$5,700	Augusta area	Management Plan/Inventory	The ASU Campus Tree Inventory and Management Plan project proposed by Augusta State University will include a professional tree inventory of all University maintained trees, a tree management plan, and a map booklet to be used by University staff for tree management activities. The project will increase public safety and enhance University tree planning and care for the long-term.	Max Brown Grounds Supervisor (706) 667-4047 mpbrown@aug.edu
Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful	\$5,000	Columbus & Albany area	Professional Staffing	To promote the resource management of Albany's urban forest through the continued employment of a City Arborist.	Julia Bowles Executive Director (229) 430-5257 jbowles@dougherty.ga.us
St Teresa's School	\$7,000	Columbus & Albany area	Making the Shade	The project would enable the school to plant 50 shade trees in and around playground areas, the athletic field and in the school courtyard. It will also provide hands-on, interdisciplinary educational opportunities for all students.	Linda Groarke (229) 436-0134 lgroarke99@att.net
The City of Albany	\$7,200	Columbus & Albany area	Management Plan/Inventory	Create a phased management plan with the initial phase including the assessment of the city's downtown district and employ a UGA student intern trained for street tree inventory. The intern will train the city arborist and personnel so that future street tree inventory phases may be conducted by city staff.	Ili Si Malone City Arborist (229) 883-6950 imalone@dougherty.ga.us

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Trees Columbus, Inc.	\$20,000	Columbus & Albany area	Information & Education	Trees Columbus proposes to work with the Georgia Urban Forest Council to produce one 10 minute video and a series of 3 public service announcements (PSAs) related to development and urban forestry. The video will highlight innovative best practices in site planning and development from around the state and be used as an education and outreach tool with the development community including city staff, developers, engineers, builders, and contractors. The PSAs are intended to raise grassroots awareness and public support for more "tree-friendly" development.	Dorothy McDaniel Executive Director (706) 571-0436 Treescolumbus@bellsouth.net
Heritage Elementary School PTA Board	\$5,000	Macon & Middle GA	Making the Shade	To plant shade trees at the playground and the bus pick up area.	Dawn Willis PTA Buildings and Grounds Chair Member (478) 477-3232 dwillis@masmacon.com
Clayton County Community Development	\$10,000	Metro Atlanta	Professional Staffing	The purpose of this project is to supplement the salary of an Urban Forester to enforce the mandates of Clayton County's newly revised tree ordinance.	Beverly Ramsey (770) 473-3835 Beverly.Ramsey@co.clayton.ga.us
Gwinnett Technical College	\$8,855	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Gwinnett Technical College will complete an inventory of all trees in the maintained areas on campus using GPS, GIS, and digital imaging technology with the results to be made available as an educational and community resource. This crucial information will be shared through a website, geo-referenced maps, and self-guided tours.	Aaron Poulsen Grounds Specialist (770) 962-7580 apoulsen@gwinnettech.edu

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Mansfield Elementary School	\$5,000	Metro Atlanta	Making the Shade	To plant shade trees on the campus of Mansfield Elementary School for the purpose of providing a play space which is cooler and has a cleaner air space.	Alicia Lindsey Teacher (770) 784-2948 lindsey.alicia@newton.k12.ga.us
National Wildlife Federation	\$20,000	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Funding from the 2008 Urban and Community Forestry Program will support the National Wildlife Federation in engaging underserved Atlanta teens of color in the development and implementation of a youth-led and driven Atlanta Metro community education and media outreach campaign to raise awareness about the environmental, health, and economic benefit of trees and the greater need for community action to preserve and restore Atlanta's diminishing urban forest. This community education and media outreach campaign will include communications skills and environmental leadership training, forestry career mentoring, and youth-led community action project development engaging over 600 youth leaders and 100+ adult volunteer participants in NWF's Earth Tomorrow Program.	Na'Taki Osbourne Jelks Manager, Community and Leadership (404) 876-8733 osborne@nwf.org
Rolling Hills RC&D Council, Inc.	\$19,825	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Rolling Hills RC&D will conduct a comprehensive urban forestry educational program will be developed and provided throughout a nine county region. The programming will be three fold - targeting homeowners, local government, and tree related businesses.	Johnny Groover President (770) 749-0444 admin@rollinghillsrcd.org

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The City of Dallas	\$7,000	Metro Atlanta	Organizational Development	The Dallas Tree Board requests funding to assist with internal board development, training for new board members, and strategic planning for the development of a work plan. Through this first year, the board will also begin their community outreach and educational programs through various media and Arbor Day activities.	David Clabo City Manager (770) 443-8110 dclabo@dallas-ga.gov
The City of Oxford	\$8,400	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	The project will provide three (3) tree board development sessions, three (3) community-wide tree care workshops, coordination of a regional community forestry roundtable, and will assist the community in developing a tree planting program.	Eve Mullen Chair (770) 784-8242 emullen@emory.edu
The City of Pine Lake	\$10,500	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	To prepare a management plan for Pine Lake's street trees. To conduct a comprehensive inventory of Pine Lake's urban forest. To retain a City Arborist to assist with the management plan, comprehensive tree inventory, the Tree Conservation Ordinance, and educational workshops.	Phillip Howland City Manager (404) 292-4250 plboss@bellsouth.net
West Atlanta Watershed Alliance	\$18,182	Metro Atlanta	Organizational Development	Urban families are increasingly removed from day-to-day contact with the natural world; this phenomenon is exacerbated in underserved communities. Such discontinuity results in citizens who lack fundamental experience, skills, and knowledge necessary to create environmentally sustainable communities. WAWA's project to foster urban forest education and stewardship in underserved Atlanta neighborhoods will empower youth and adults in West Atlanta to become more knowledgeable and responsible environmental stewards who protect their health at home and in their community, focusing on preserving the urban forest.	Bruce Morton Executive Director (404) 752-5385 bmorton@wawaonline.org

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Georgia Chapter, The American Chestnut Foundation	\$4,028	North GA	Information & Education	This project will be for the purpose of controlled pollination, pollen collection, and harvest of existing American chestnut trees which have been identified within Georgia. Both the pollen and the nuts will be utilized in our existing backcross orchards, to continue the work toward developing a blight resistant American chestnut tree.	Mike Hinson Chapter President (706) 234-6698 ga@acf.org
Mt. Vernon Elementary PTO	\$7,000	North GA	Making the Shade	Dry, barren and desolate would be how to describe the Mt. Vernon Elementary School playground in 2007. But 2008 and beyond there is a new vision at work. Tree surrounded unique playground pieces and walking trails are the plan to promote healthy recreational living while enjoying and preserving the nature we are so graciously granted.	Stephanie Usrey Playground Committee Chairperson (770) 530-1735 usrey1@charter.net
North Hart Elementary School	\$5,000	North GA	Making the Shade	The proposed project will focus on planting shade trees on our new community fitness trail stations that desperately need shade. The project will also include planting shade trees on the new playground structures near the fitness trail on the playground. This will provide a healthier and more comfortable play and exercise area for the children of the community.	Dr. Barba Setchel Principal (706) 856-7369 bsetchel@hart.k12.ga.us
The City of Dahlonega	\$20,000	North GA	Professional Staffing	We will issue a Request for Proposals and contract with a professional arborist to do the following: 1. Assess the condition of our inventory of trees 2. Perform and supervise needed pruning, removal, and routine maintenance 3. Create an annual maintenance plan 4. Create a plan for replacement of lost trees and for strategic planting of additional trees	Joel Cordle Better Hometown Director (706) 864-6133 joelcordle@cityofdahlonega.com

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The City of Rome	\$20,000	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	The purpose of this project is to develop a Community Tree Management Master Plan which will serve as a roadmap for the maintenance and upkeep of the City of Rome's Urban Forest. The City of Rome has been a Tree City USA for the past 18 years. With the recent addition of a full-time, ISA-certified municipal arborist to the City's staff, it is now possible to advance urban forestry operations to the next level.	Mary Hardin Thornton Executive Director (706) 236-4456 mthornton@rome.ga.us
Coastal Georgia RC&D Council	\$20,000	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 Southern University Research & Service Foundation	\$15,000	Savannah & Coastal area	Information & Education	TREES will provide outdoor educational, interactive exhibits based on Project Learning Tree Environmental Education Activity Guide lessons with emphasis on the value of community forests to wildlife and humans. TREES will also provide training for Georgia Southern University Wildlife Center staff in health monitoring of a community forest, invasive species control, and the development of educational resources available through the Center's website and existing iPod tour. The project will culminate with a special event to kick off the opening of the exhibits and implementation of the educational resources.	Krista Weatherford Education Program Coordinator (912) 478-7482 kweatherford@georgiasouthern.edu
The City of Jesup	\$7,750	Savannah & Coastal area	Ordinances & Policies	The City of Jesup's Tree Board requests funding for a revision of the Tree Ordinance ratified by the City of Jesup in 1976. At the time the ordinance was approved by the council it was a positive action for the community, however it is now apparent that the primary goal is effective management of local tree resources, not just regulation.	Crystal Gill Downtown Director (912) 427-1313 cgill@jesupga.gov

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The City of Sylvania	\$5,000	Savannah & Coastal area	Management Plan/Inventory	A street tree inventory establishes a baseline. You cannot manage the community forest effectively unless you know its condition. Tree inventories are an essential tool of good management.	Phyllis Butts Project Manager (912) 564-2055 sylvaniadps1@windstream.net
The City of Tifton	\$20,000	South GA	Management Plan/Inventory	This project is Phase One of a proposal multi-phase management project that aligns with the City's existing goals for the program, Preserving Tree Legacy. Phase One consists of a community-wide tree inventory of public streets and the acquisition and implementation of tree management software to document existing tree resources, increase public safety, and plan for and prioritize future tree plantings and management activities. Planned future phases of this project include the development of a resource-based tree management plan and coordination with the City's tree ordinance.	Bert Crowe Executive Director (229) 391-3947 bcrowe@tifton.net
Thomas County Cooperative Extension	\$3,775	South GA	Management Plan/Inventory	The Thomasville Tree Mapping and Education project will include a tree workshop. GPS Mapping and inventory tree canopy in two of Thomasville's public parks, and an urban forestry field day. This project will educate the public on the importance of urban forests and the tree inventory will create awareness of local tree canopy.	R.J. Byrne UGA Extension Agent (229) 225-4130 rjbyrne@uga.edu
Georgia Arborist Association	\$5,000	Statewide	Professional Staffing	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 President (678) 386-8623 chris@barneycastle.net