

2009 UCF Grant Recipients

Organization	Funding	Region	Project Type	Contact Information	Description
Atha Road Elementary School	\$5,000	Athens area	Making the Shade	Pam Arnold Teacher, 5th grade (770) 266-5995 parnold@walton.k12.ga.us	We wish to plant trees to provide shade on the school grounds of Atha Road Elementary. Planting trees in our target area will provide cooler and cleaner air for everyone on campus.
Atlanta Botanical Garden	\$20,000	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Kathryn Straw Manager, Corporate and Foundation Relations (404) 591-1535 kstraw@atlantabotanicalgarden.org	With the opening of new facilities and renovation of the Southern Seasons Garden, construction of the Canopy Walk and expansion into Storza Woods, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens is increasing its educational offerings to include immersive woodland experiences for the Garden's visitors. These programs - including visitor education, school programming, and continuing education - are designed to create public awareness of the value of trees and forests.
City of Berkeley Lake	\$15,000	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Rebecca Spittler City Council Member (678) 657-3545 councilspittler@berkeley-lake.com	The purpose of this project is to complete the Urban Forest Assessment project started last year as an i-Tree Pilot Project with the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station and then take the results to develop a Street Tree Master Planting Plan, Best Practices recommendations for sustaining the Berkeley Lake greenspace, educate our citizens and revise our current tree ordinance.
City of Fayetteville	\$12,500	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Eldridge Gunn Director of Planning & Zoning (770) 719-4178 egunn@fayetteville-ga.gov	This project will develop a tree inventory plan and tree management plan in the City of Fayetteville. And it will promote and increase awareness of tree conservation among the community's citizens and developers.
City of Gainesville	\$7,400	North GA	Professional Staffing	Jessica Tullar Special Projects Manager (770) 531-6570 jtullar@gainesville.org	The City of Gainesville proposes to develop an arborist training and certification program to enhance the knowledge and technical skills of those involved in critical decisions affecting the urban and community forests. The initial focus of this program will be to provide training for current staff of Gainesville, Hall County, and other municipalities within Hall County from the Planning, Public Works, Public Utilities and Parks and Recreation departments.
City of Jefferson	\$19,565	Athens area	Professional Staffing	Barbara Johnson Vice Chair, Jefferson Heritage tree Council (706) 367-9888 barbarajohnson3@hotmail.com	The purpose of this project is to fund the professional expertise of a consulting urban forester to coordinate all key elements of a comprehensive and sustainable community forest management program in the City of Jefferson.

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City of Jefferson	\$2,000	Athens area	Making the Shade	John Ward City Manager (706) 367-5121 jward@cityofjeffersonga.com	Hughley Park is a community playground used throughout the year primarily by families and children living in the housing complex nearby and by youth involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Jackson County. The quality playset, basketball court, and picnic sites have no tree canopy to provide healthy shade, which limits the time the park can be safely used, particularly in spring and summer.
City of Jesup	\$7,900	Savannah & Coastal area	Professional Staffing	Crystal Gill Downtown Director (912) 427-1313 cgill@jesupga.gov	The Council will employ an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist to provide services to local community. The Arborist will also conduct classes for the staff on tree maintenance. With the help of the Arborist, the Tree Board will be conducting a public campaign of the value and benefits of trees.
City of Pine Lake	\$8,500	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Phillip Howland Director of Administrative Services (404) 292-4250 plboss@bellsouth.net	To conduct a comprehensive tree inventory for the city. To retain a City Arborist to assist with the management plan, comprehensive tree inventory educational workshops and refine the Tree Ordinance.
City of Sandy Springs	\$20,000	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Michael Barnett Arborist (770) 206-1572 michael.barnett@sandyspringsga.org	We are requesting assistance with completing a tree inventory, assessment, and survey of Lost Corner Preserve - an exceptional piece of property that forms a perfect nexus with our community's goal to increase tree canopy. The project will provide the vital information the City needs to maintain the Preserve's natural elements.
City of Smyrna	\$15,000	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Kenneth Suddreth Director of Community Development (770) 319-5387 ksuddreth@co.smyrna.ga.us	This will be Phase II of the baseline tree inventory which was begun during 2008 from a 2007 GUFCA grant. A Management Plan for Phase I & Phase II will be added to this submittal. Educational brochures geared toward Smyrna's revised Tree Ordinance will be designed for developers, builders, and the design professionals, in addition to a second pamphlet for the citizens of Smyrna to understand their urban forest canopy.
City of Suwanee	\$7,500	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Wes Rogers Senior Environmental Planner (770) 904-3381 wrogers@suwanee.com	The City of Suwanee proposes to conduct a city-wide inventory of all street trees and trees within city-owned property in order to provide data for an Urban Forest Management Plan. The inventory will include a survey of the location of all street and city trees and will be converted into a GIS layer for use in the management of the City's Urban Forest.
City of Sylvania	\$4,425	Savannah & Coastal area	Ordinances & Policies	Phyllis Butts Project Manager (912) 564-2055 sylvaniadps1@windstream.net	An ordinance is simply legal provisions adopted by the local or community government to provide authority, define responsibility, offer guidance to residents, and establish minimum standards for a community's tree program. A community's tree ordinance should be developed for that particular community.

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City of Tifton	\$10,000	South GA	Management Plan/Inventory	Bert Crowe Recycling Superintendent & Keep Tift Beautiful (229) 391-3947 bcrowe@tifton.net	This project the second phase of tree inventory data collection for the City's tree management program that aligns with the City's goals for the State program Preserving Tree Legacy. Phase Two will continue the city-wide tree inventory of public streets that began in 2009 and has helped the City document tree resources and plan for and prioritize future tree plantings and management activities. Planned future phases of this project may include the development of a resource-based tree management plan and coordination with the City's tree ordinance.
City of Young Harris	\$9,000	North GA	Information & Education	Andrea Gibby Mayor (706) 379-3171 agibby@mindspring.com	The Children's Interpretive Walk at Corn Creek Preserve is a project to foster education, cultural awareness, and environmental connectivity in the rural mountains. The preserve will provide a connection between environment, wildlife, trees, and humanity. This preserve strives to empower children and adults to become more knowledgeable of trees, the benefits of tree canopies, and forest resources, thus protecting the future of our mountains.
Coastal Georgia RC&D Council	\$20,000	Savannah & Coastal area	Professional Staffing	Gene Oliver RC&D Coordinator (912) 459-2070 goliver@isavannah.net	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.
College of Coastal Georgia	\$6,000	Savannah & Coastal area	Management Plan/Inventory	Rebecca Yeomans Assistant Professor of Biology (912) 279-5338 ryeomans@ccga.edu	The purpose of the CCGA grant is to secure the assistance needed to complete a forest resource and canopy assessment of our intact forest stands (Year 1 grant). The data resulting from the assessment will be used as a decision-tool for short and long-term management and development plans for expanding to a 4-year college and to guide establishment of protected set-aside natural areas for teaching, research and recreation.
Dalton Public Works Department	\$20,000	North GA	Management Plan/Inventory	Kris Thomas City Arborist (706) 537-2843 kthomas@cityofdalton-ga.gov	The goal of this project is to map and inventory Dalton's street trees to identify our maintenance and planting needs, and to obtain empirical data on the value of these trees to our community. The GIS data gathered from this project will be merged with the other GIS layers that have been created for our city. This tree inventory will give our city's leaders a new tool to help them make environmentally sound decisions.
Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors	\$12,060	Statewide	Information & Education	Crista Carrell Executive Director (706) 424-9154 ccarrell@gacds.org	The GACDS Community Forestry Training Program will use presentations, interactive exhibits, articles, brochures, websites, and a resource guide to raise GACDS members and school students' awareness of the benefits of community forestry. The program will strengthen community forestry efforts throughout the state by providing volunteers with the necessary information and resources to sustain community forestry programs.

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Georgia Envirothon Council, Inc.	\$9,290	Statewide	Information & Education	Lee Carmon (706) 369-5650 lcarmon@negplanning.org	Redesign our website to facilitate better, more cost effective and environmentally friendly outreach to the environmental education community, participating students and their advisors and to facilitate recruitment of previously non-participating schools, particularly with 25% or greater minority populations.
Georgia Piedmont Land Trust	\$11,645	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Carol Hassell Executive Director (770) 945-3111 chassell@gplt.org	Create a first-in-Gwinnett project that showcases a "new" approach to sunburn landscapes, based on a tree and understory vegetation inventory. The project will demonstrate that a desirable suburban landscape can be both beautiful AND provide the support - through emphasis on native plants and trees, along with other principles - including species of beneficial pollinators and birds. Also resulting will be a blueprint for the responsible stewardship of the Kistner Center's natural resources.
Historic Oakland Cemetery	\$10,800	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Kevin Kuharic Director of Restoration and Landscapes (404) 658-6019 kkuharic@oaklandcemetery.com	The purpose of the project is to do an inspection and assessment of the mature trees at Oakland Cemetery to understand the quality and longevity of the existing canopy in order to formulate a long-term urban forestry management plan. Due to a devastating tornado in March 2008 which resulted in an abundance of dead hanging limbs, and the loss of 100 mature trees (approximately 40%) and dozens of smaller ornamentals, Oakland's canopy shrank drastically and literally changed overnight; therefore, the previous tree inventory became obsolete.
Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta	\$19,000	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Karen Kelly Director of Education (404) 659-5437 kkelly@childrensmuseumatlanta.org	Exploring trees Inside and Out was developed in response to the growing disconnect between children and nature and designed to help fill the void by allowing young children to interact with nature in a meaningful, hands-on way as part of the educational process. The exhibit presents a variety of educational concepts related to learning more about trees and their connection to the natural world so that everyone will be inspired to use their new-found knowledge at a park, at school and at home. Children will begin to understand and appreciate trees for the many roles they serve in their own realities - trees enhancing our communities, as food, as shelter for other living things, and as the basis for many of the materials we use in our homes today.
Macon State College Foundation	\$20,000	Macon & Middle GA	Management Plan/Inventory	Sue Chipman Executive Director (478) 471-2732 sue.chipman@maconstate.edu	The Macon State College Foundation seeks funding to provide a certified arborist to evaluate 100 campus trees and help develop a plan and provide direction for maintenance to ensure their preservation.

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Marietta Tree Keepers	\$7,000	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Holly Walquist Chairperson (770) 424-4664 mariettatreekeepers@comcast.net	The purpose of this application is to develop a program to educate residents about the importance of their existing tree canopy & replanting for the future. The program will include at least 5 workshops led by professionals on maintaining, selecting the right tree for the right location, and how to plant for the future canopy.
Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$2,939	North GA	Making the Shade	Kathy Thornton Administrative Assistant (706) 278-6595 kthornadmin@windstream.net	Provide a safe, fun and healthy environment for victims of domestic violence by providing a natural barrier and restoring the playground at the center.
Pelham Elementary School, Pelham City Schools	\$10,000	South GA	Making the Shade	Becky Davis Assistant Principal (229) 294-8170 rdavis@pelham-city.k12.ga.us	We propose to plant 60 shade trees on three playgrounds. Drip irrigation and protective devices will be installed by the Pelham High School FFA. Area businesses and civic organization will assist students with preparation, planting, instruction, and maintenance.
Piedmont Park Conservancy	\$20,000	Metro Atlanta	Management Plan/Inventory	Chris Nelson Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer (404) 875-7275 cnelson@piedmontpark.org	Piedmont Park Conservancy is currently engaged in a 53-acre expansion project. As part of these expansion efforts, a comprehensive tree inventory and assessment of the 2,100 existing trees on the 53-acre site must be conducted prior to the construction of the paths and trails, and prior to the installation of the additional native trees and plants. The inventory will also include an analysis of the environmental benefits of trees in the newly-expanded parkland.
Rolling Hills RC&D Council, Inc.	\$19,500	North GA	Professional Staffing	John Hendrickson RC&D Community Forester (770) 749-0444 admin@rollinghillsrcd.org	Rolling Hills RC&D will provide a circuit rider Certified Arborist to a nine county region in northwest Georgia with an addition of a regional urban forestry website. Assistance will be provided to Cedartown, Rockmart, and Dallas with the implementation of tree inventories on park regions. Additional tree inventory will be provided to Cedartown to include right of way trees within the city region.
Savannah Tree Foundation, Inc.	\$8,312	Savannah & Coastal area	Organizational Development	Adrienn Mendonca Communications & Operations Director (912) 233-8733 adrienn@savannahtreefoundation.com	The Savannah Tree Foundation will build a dedicated corps of volunteers for its core tree planting, assessment & maintenance programs by redeveloping its website and expanding its "Forestkeeper 1st Saturday" volunteer program to include a training module & recognition program. The STF will create a new, dynamic, social media content-rich website to reach a fore demographic of new residents and 18-45 year old volunteers and donors. The Savannah Tree Foundation will utilize expert advice to design and implement an in-depth volunteer training program called "Forest Stewards" to build a knowledgeable, dedicated corps of expert volunteers that can lead less experienced volunteers in special projects and ongoing programs, thereby increasing our organizational capacity.

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Society of Municipal Arborists	\$10,000	Statewide	Information & Education	Jerri LaHaie Executive Director	Providing scholarships and sponsorship of the 2009 Society of Municipal Arborists Conference in Savannah, GA.
TG Scott Elementary School PTA Board	\$5,000	Macon & Middle GA	Making the Shade	Allison McCaskill Parent Volunteer (478) 808-1165 charlesjrallison@bellsouth.net	Planting shade trees around two playgrounds.
Trees Atlanta	\$20,000	Metro Atlanta	Information & Education	Regina Clifton Director of Development (404) 681-4892 regina@treesatlanta.org	Trees Atlanta's project will involve students from a minimum of four schools along the Atlanta BeltLine (see enclosed BeltLine brochure) to create management plans. This pilot program will focus on utilizing woodlands near schools for recreation, education, and the creation of wildlife habitats. Each plan will include a tree inventory and assessment and a GIS map identifying trees by species, size, and location.
Trees Columbus, Inc.	\$12,000	Columbus & Albany area	Information & Education	Dorothy McDaniel Executive Director (706) 571-0436 treescolumbus@bellsouth.net	Production of 6 total Public Service Announcements highlighting components of a tree-friendly development, right-of-way tree planting, and residential tree planting.
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	\$7,425	Athens area	Information & Education	Andrew Saunders Community Forestry Coordinator (706) 613-3561 forester@co.clarke.ga.us	We would like to create a user -friendly website for the ACC Community Tree Program that provides a wide variety of educational materials. The website will provide a centralized location where users can learn about the Community Tree Program, the Community Tree Management Ordinance, Arboriculture and Forestry.
University of Georgia Physical Plant Division, Grounds Dept.	\$17,000	Athens area	Management Plan/Inventory	Jennifer Perissi Landscape Designer/Project Coordinator (706) 542-9782 www.busfin.uga.edu/physical_plant	The aim of this project is to complete Phase II of an ongoing GIS tree inventory for the Campus Arboretum at the University of Georgia. Development of an accompanying tree care plan and renovation of an existing website for the arboretum walking tour will promote stewardship of this significant cultural and natural resource.

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Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	\$8,135	North GA	Ordinances & Policies	Jason Ulseth Technical Programs Director (404) 352-9828 julseth@ucriverkeeper.org	The purpose of this project is to provide assistance to Lumpkin County to help this local government administer and strengthen its programs, policies and ordinances related to tree protection, water quality and erosion and sedimentation control. A rapidly growing community in the headwaters of the Chattahoochee and Etowah River Basins, this 285-square mile community increased its population by about 16% from 2000 to 2005.
Wesleyan College	\$16,000	Macon & Middle GA	Management Plan/Inventory	Venus Roberts Assistant Professor of Environmental Science (478) 757-4021 vroberts@wesleyancollege.edu	The project involves estimating the functional value of Wesleyan College's forest through its provided ecosystem services such as non-point source pollution prevention, climate modification, storm-water benefits, and carbon sequestration, through the use of Urban Forest Effects Model (UFORE).
Wheeler County Board of Education	\$6,500	Savannah & Coastal area	Making the Shade	Gina Roe Curriculum Director (912) 568-7303 gfwroe@yahoo.com	The purpose of Wheeler County Elementary School's making the shade project is to plant sixty trees on the school campus to reduce surface temperature of playground equipment to reduce ultraviolet radiation exposure, to decrease ground level ozone, to improve air quality, and to improve energy conservation.