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TOWNS RECEIVES PLAN FOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION

Towns County has become the first county in Georgia to be presented a Georgia Forestry Commission "Community Wildfire Protection Plan" (CWPP). The plan provides a detailed assessment of areas in the county that are at risk of sustaining damage from wildfire, and strategies for mitigating that risk.

"The Georgia Forestry Commission is proud to roll out this plan for Towns County," said GFC Chief Ranger Tony Harkins. "As the agency responsible for protecting Georgians from wildfire, we are committed to establishing Wildfire Protection Plans in every Georgia County. Towns County is leading the way in proactive planning to prevent the devastation of wildfire."

The plan was formally delivered on January 14 to representatives of agencies that participated in the CWPP process.

"This is a milestone in an ongoing process," said Towns County Commissioner, Bill Kendall. "There's lots of work left to do for everyone involved to make our county's communities safer from wildfire."

Several Towns County communities have expressed interest in joining the national "Firewise USA Community" fire prevention program. Managed in Georgia by GFC, the program works with local communities to enhance fire mitigation through construction techniques and relationships with firefighting agencies.

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