



GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION *protecting and conserving Georgia's forests*

Community Tree News

A newsletter for Georgia's tree board members. Inside this issue: Tree City and Tree Campus USA certifications, Arbor Day 2019, Tree Board Roundtable Recap, and Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives.

Tree City USA Certifications

In 2018, these communities met the four program standards and have been certified as a Tree City USA. Welcome eight **new** cities and congratulations to the nine communities receiving a **Growth Award!** Georgia Forestry Commission will recognize new and recertifying communities at the statewide Arbor Day celebration on February 7 in Duluth.



TREE CITY USA®

Acworth, **Albany**, Alpharetta, Arcade, Ashburn, Athens-Clarke County, **Atlanta**, Augusta, **Avondale Estates**, Baldwin, Ball Ground, Berkeley Lake, Bethlehem, Blairsville, Bostwick, Bowman, Brookhaven, Brunswick, Buckhead, Calhoun, **Camak**, Canon, Canton, Carlton, Carnesville, Cedartown, Chamblee, Chattahoochee Hills, Chickamauga, Clarkesville, Clayton, Cleveland, Columbus, Commerce, Conyers, Cornelia, Covington, Crawfordville, Dahlonga, Dalton, Darien, Dawsonville, Decatur, Demorest, Doraville, **Douglasville**, Dublin, Duluth, Dunwoody, Eatonton, **Elberton**, Ellaville, Fayetteville, Flovilla, Forsyth, Fort Oglethorpe, Fort Stewart, Fort Valley, **Gainesville**, Gordon, Gray, Grayson, Greensboro, Griffin, Hahira, Hapeville, Harlem, Hartwell, Helen, Hephzibah, Hiawassee, Hinesville, **Holly Springs**, Homer, Homerville, Irwinton, Ivey, Jackson, Jefferson, Jekyll Island, Jesup, Kennesaw, Lavonia, Lexington, Lilburn, Locust Grove, **Loganville**, Louisville, Luthersville, Lyerly, Macon, Madison, Mansfield, Marietta, Moxey, McIntyre, Metter, Milledgeville, Milton, Monroe, Montezuma, **Monticello**, Moody AFB, Moultrie, Mountain Park, Newborn, Newnan, Norcross, **Norwood**, Odum, **Oxford**, Peachtree Corners, Pelham, Porterdale, Robins AFB, **Rome**, Roswell, Royston, Rutledge, Sandersville, Sandy Springs, Savannah, Screven, Siloam, Sky Valley, Smyrna, Snellville, Social Circle, St. Marys, Statesboro, Suwanee, **Tallulah Falls**, Thomaston, Thunderbolt, Tifton, Toccoa, Trenton, Tybee Island, Union Point, Valdosta, Vienna, Walnut Grove, **Warner Robins**, **Warrenton**, Washington, Waynesboro, Winterville, **Woodbine**, Woodland, Woodstock, Woodville, Yatesville, Young Harris.

Flags, plaques, stickers and/or other recognition materials for the 2018 year will be shipped to the closest Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) office (Athens, Marietta, Stone Mountain, Milledgeville, Helena, Waycross, Statesboro, Rome, Camilla, Gainesville, Americus, Newnan).

A GFC staff member will contact you and arrange for the pick-up or delivery of your materials this week. Contact Bonny Adams (badams@gfc.state.ga.us, 478-751-3498 or 3485) or Susan Granbery, (sgranbery@gfc.state.ga.us, 478-283-0705) with questions.

[Tree City USA Program Standards](#)

Tree Campus USA Certifications

Welcome **LaGrange College** and **Georgia Gwinnett College!**

This year your materials will be shipped to a regional GFC office. 2018 recertified campuses: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Agnes Scott College, Albany Technical College, Berry College, Clayton State University, College of Coastal Georgia, East Georgia State College, Emory University, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gwinnett Technical College, Mercer



[Tree Campus USA Program Standards](#)

Statewide Arbor Day Celebrations



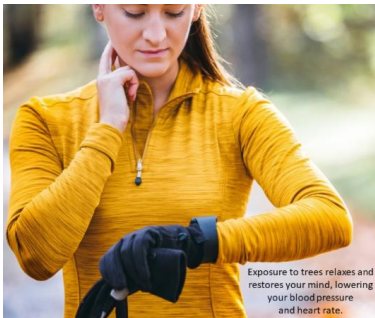
On Thursday, February 7 in Duluth and February 21 in Woodbine, special activities will mark Georgia's Arbor Day. Tree City USA communities, Tree Campus USA colleges and universities, and a Tree Line USA utility company will be recognized for the number of years they have each been a part of the Arbor Day Foundation's program. Photos will be taken with State Forester Chuck Williams on February 7. #GAarborday

[Register at www.gufc.org](http://www.gufc.org)

[Click here](#) for Arbor Day events across the state.

Tree Board Roundtable Recap

The Tree Board Roundtable discussion at the Jekyll Island Club in November focused on highlighting programs that get members involved in local tree boards. Some of the projects discussed included Rome's tree walks, Savannah's tree planting projects with utility partners and youth groups, Toccoa's dogwood replanting project with the Women's Club and the Jefferson Heritage Tree Council's tree sale. Despite challenges, the projects wouldn't have been possible without building good relationships and partnerships. To build community locally, many tree boards have been inviting students to join for sharing their new ideas and comfort with social media and new technology.



**Trees care for
your heart**



#HealthyTreesHealthyLives

Exposure to trees relaxes and restores your mind, lowering your blood pressure and heart rate.

The Southern Group of State Foresters has launched the [Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives](#) campaign and invites you to share the impact of trees on your health on social media and with your doctor. Get a prescription for nature during your next medical visit.

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