



Georgia Tree Council 2nd Quarter Program

Bulloch County Center for Agriculture

151 Langston Chapel Rd.

Statesboro, GA 30458

May 14, 2025 10am-3pm

Workshop: Storm Readiness, Response, and Recovery in Community Forests Program Agenda

10:00 – 10:10 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**

Seth Hawkins, UCF Coordinator, Georgia Forestry Commission; Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency Representative; Robert Seamans, Past-President, Georgia Tree Council

10:10 – 10:30 a.m. **Host City/County Presentation**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Storm Mitigation Planning Group Exercise**

Attendees will be put into groups to represent a hypothetical city. All groups will be assigned the same type of natural disaster to form a Storm Mitigation Plan specific to that disaster type. Facilitators will be helping answer questions and guide group discussions. The storm mitigation planning process will be facilitated within GFC's existing storm mitigation planning resources.

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **Groups Report Out/Group Discussion**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Community Forest Storm Response Group Exercise**

Groups will decide best approaches to disaster response and recovery based on their storm mitigation plans developed earlier. The focus will be on utilizing existing GFC and local resources.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Groups Report Out/Group Discussion & Adjourn**