



GEORGIA FORESTRY
COMMISSION

GTC 2025 Q3 Virtual Program: Small City Urban and Community Forestry Development

Wednesday, August 6th 9 am – 12 pm via Teams

\$30 members/\$40 non-members

SAF Credits: 2.5 hours Category 1

ISA CEU Credits: TBD

9:00 am – 9:05 am

Intro and Housekeeping

9:05 am – 9:15 am

Why Do You Need a Community Forestry Program

- Overview of the Tree Program Development Steps and strategies for your Community's Capacity – *GFC Staff*

9:15 am – 9:30 am

How To Be a Tree Steward for Your Community

- Money Does Grow on Trees: How to Propose Funding a Tree Program - *Wei Zhang, Ph.D*

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Tree Board/Tree City USA

- Working with city leadership to create from scratch - *Tim Terilli*

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Tree Ordinances

- Tree Ordinance Overview – *GFC Staff*

10:30 am – 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Tree Inventories

- City's Experience/Use of free Inventory – *Elizabeth Rhoades*
- Hiring a Company – *Matt Carpenter*

11:15 am – 11:45 am

Contract vs Staff Arborist

- Contract Arborist – *George Barker, Natural Resources Consulting*
- Full-time Municipal Arborist – *Sandra DeWitt, Milton*

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Q&A/Wrap-Up/Survey

- Deep dive on these topics available based on interest
- Promote GTC membership benefits
- Survey & ISA/SAF QR codes