







GTC & GAA Georgia Tree Conference Trees Unite Us

November 4th, Social at Fall Line Brewery, Macon 5-7pm

SAF Credits: 7.5 ISA CEUs: 6.5

Day 1 November 5th

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome-General Session (GTC, GAA, Macon representatives: Michael Glisson & Commissioner Stanley Stewart)
- 9:30 **Brunswick Tree Board Panel**, Rick Charnock, Ashby Worley, Jill Wright Participants will share experiences from their collaboration between a tree board, city departments and the Nature Conservancy through the Green Infrastructure Program.
- 10:15 **Georgia Forestry Commission Canopy Mapping Tool,** Seth Hawkins The presentation will demonstrate a new canopy change mapping tool from GFC and provide an overview of Georgia's forest canopy change trends over the last decades.
- 10:45 Break, meet with exhibitors, outdoor demo by Vermeer Southeast
- 11:15 **Trees and Insurance** (Breakout Room #1), Matthew Gauldin A discussion on recent research that is aimed at building a greater understanding of the communication dynamics between arborists, insurance agents, and homeowners in the coastal south.
 - **trEE panel** (Breakout Room #2), Malloree Holcombe, Chelsea York and Asha Ellen

A panel of experts in Environmental Education (EE) share how they connect EE and urban forestry.

- 12:00 Excellence in Urban Forestry Awards Luncheon Special Guest Johnny Sabo, Director & State Forester of Georgia Forestry Commission
- 1:30 **Tree Board Round Table** (Breakout Room #1), Dave Long and Alicia Holloway

Tree board members are invited to network with tree board members from around the state, share best practices, and learn about new resources

Portable Sawmill Demo Stephen Gordon (Outside; Rain Plan Breakout Room #2)

Wood-Mizer will be on site in the parking lot for the demonstration and a talk about sawing logs instead of sending to the landfill or chipper.

- 2:20 **Trees & Wildlife Panel**, Dr. Michel Kohl, Warnell School of Forestry; Eric Duncan, Ecosystems Services Solutions; Becky Griffin, UGA Extension; Adam Betuel, Birds Georgia
 - A panel of experts that work with wildlife and the intersection of wildlife species and community forests
- 3:00 Break, Meet with Exhibitors
- 3:15 National Land Trust Alliance & Mending Mountains
 Collective Co-presentation, Forrest King-Cortez & Gemara Gifford
 This session will highlight the ways in which trees are uniting conservation
 efforts with communities and other mission-driven organizations across
 various sectors and movements and the critical role that communities
 themselves play in these efforts.
- 3:45 Housekeeping/wrap-up-Mel









Day 2 November 6th

8:30 Registration

9:00 Keynote, Edward F. Gilman, Ph.D.

Join internationally recognized arboriculture expert Dr. Ed Gilman for a three-hour, hands-on training focused on pruning techniques that promote tree sustainability, resilience, and long-term health.

12:00 Closing remarks, Mel Sparrow, Georgia Tree Council Executive Director