



GEORGIA FORESTRY
COMMISSION

Sustaining Georgia's Green Legacy

GTC & GAA Georgia Tree Conference- "Trees Unite Us"

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

SAF Credits: 7.5
ISA CEUs: Pending

Day 1 November 5th

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome-General Session (GTC, GAA, Macon representatives intro)

9:30 Brunswick Tree Board

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

11:15 **Trees and Insurance**, Matthew Gauldin (Breakout #1)

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 #2), Mallorie Holcombe, Chelsea York and Asha Ellen
A panel of experts in Environmental Education (EE) and how they connect EE and urban forestry.

12:00 **Excellence in Urban Forestry Awards Luncheon**

1:30 **The Importance of Soil Health in Supporting Tree Growth and Health** Holly Campbell (Breakout #1)

This talk will cover why soil is one of the most important natural resources to support tree growth and health.

Portable Sawmill Demo Justin Coleman (Breakout #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.

Tree Board round table (Breakout #3)

Round table led by Urban & Community Foresters from GFC

2:20 **Trees & Wildlife Panel**, Dr. Michel Kohl, Birds Georgia Representative, Eric Duncan-Ecosystems Services Solutions, Becky Griffin-UGA Extension

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**, Forrest King-Cortez

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