



Sustainable Community Forest Program

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Trees play a vital role in our communities. People benefit from community forests in many ways, whether relaxing in the **shade**, drinking **clean water**, or breathing **clean air**. Trees contribute to our health, economic vitality and social well-being.

Community **Tree Benefits**:

- Reduced storm water flow
- Improved Water Quality
- Heat Island Mitigation
- Improved Air Quality
- Improved Retail Economic Vitality
- Energy Conservation
- Increased Residential Property Value
- Decreased Infrastructure Costs



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Program Opportunities

The Sustainable Community Forestry Program seeks to provide the valuable **educational resources** that community leaders need to develop and maintain a community tree care and management programs.

This is accomplished through:

- the **technical knowledge** of our community foresters,
- the **financial assistance** of our grants program,
- information supplied in our **educational forums, materials and publications,**
- assistance with **wildland-interface** issues
- the professional guidance offered by **partner organizations,**



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The Sustainable Community Forestry Program (SCFP) focuses on the **future of our trees** by helping community leaders recognize the **value** of trees and to **plan** with them in mind.

Community leaders can build a sustainable urban forestry program by :

- implementing **tree inventories**
- develop **tree ordinances**
- develop **land-use plans**
- establishing **advocacy groups**
- supporting **networks** of certified arborist, planners, and landscape architects.

These sustainable programs **minimize** the loss of trees and provide for opportunities for canopy enhancements while maximizing their benefits.

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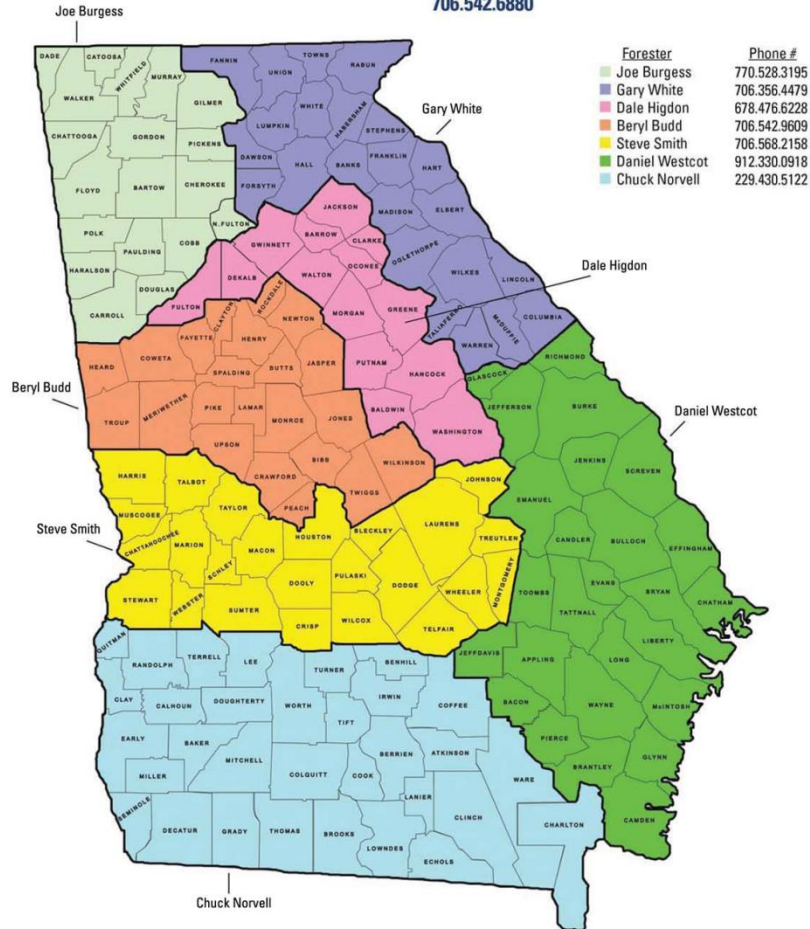
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Challenges to the Sustainable Forest:

Lack of knowledge about the value of trees to a community.

Misinformation about tree risk

Decreasing **community** budgets

Decreasing **state** budgets

Rapid community growth and development

Decreased community growth and development

Weather

Property rights issues

Partnerships



Tree City
Making The Shade
Urban & Community Forest Gra
Programs and training
Community Tree Ordinance
Development



Local Partners



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