Program Agenda

9:00 – 9:05 a.m. Welcome from Mary Lynne Beckley, Executive Director, Georgia Tree Council and David Shostak, Board President 2022

9:05 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome from Georgia Gwinnett College
Dr. Jenna Andrews-Swann, Associate Professor of Anthropology
Interim Director of the GGC Institute of Environmental Sciences.

9:15 – 9:40 a.m. Georgia Gwinnett College’s Campus Trees – Plans, Goals, and Accomplishments
Marcia Ford, Director, Environmental Health and Safety

9:40 – 10:10 a.m. Managing Trees with Campus Growth and the Importance of A Tree Management Plan
Jason Gregory, Senior Planner, Office of Planning & Space Management, Georgia Tech

5 minute break

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Campus Trees, Trails, and SAFETY
Each panelist will have 10 minutes to report on steps that its campus has taken to insure safety for its campus community as it promotes access to its canopied greenspaces and walking trails.
University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Gwinnett Tech, Georgia Gwinnett College

11:00 a.m. – Noon Walking tour of Georgia Gwinnett College’s campus trees and trail development plans
Led by Marcia Ford, GGC

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (short presentation on Tree Campus USA – Joan Scales, Ga. Forestry Comm.)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

- Healthy Soil = Healthy Campus Trees Preventing and Mitigating Soil Compaction Due to Foot Traffic
Holly Campbell, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
University of Georgia, Athens

- Campus Tree Risk Assessment
Art Morris, Vice President, New Urban Forestry, Athens

- Campus Tree Inventories and Tools
Jimmy Powell, Director of Exterior Services, Emory University
Jay West, Consulting Arborist Davey Resource Group

2:10 – 3:00 p.m. General Session
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: How a Campus can Serve as a Nature Refuge for the Wider Community: Ava Dixon, Sustainability Coordinator, Columbus State University
Attendees share examples on their own campuses.

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