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The Campus Landscape: Then, Now & Tomorrow

summer 2019

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Jerry Young Facilities Design and Construction Georgia Tech circa 1920





Georgia Tech circa 1970s



Georgia Tech circa 1980s



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Current Campus 2015

Georgia Tech Landscape Master Plan

...a landscape...unique to Georgia Tech - a Performance Landscape joining technology and ecology to create great sense of place... integrates landform, hydrology, soils, and biological communities... trees shape microclimate and engage the hydrologic cycle, where soils drink in stormwater instead of discharging it into sewers, where biomass sequesters carbon, improves air quality and increases biodiversity.

The landscape is also a **cultural entity** that integrates open space, buildings, circulation and **human behavior** and **experience**.



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Eco-commons – A Performance Landscape

Goals:

- Develop integrated, ecologically-based landscape and open space systems (storm water management)
- Enhanced living, working, learning environment
- Unify the campus with a distinct sense of place
- Increase tree canopy, replace aging trees
- Create Eco-Commons
 (80 acres)
- Implement ecological performance requirements of 50% reduction of storm water runoff





Tree Inventory GIS Mapping / 🗋 Tree Inventory

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Tech CREATING THE NEXT Tree Inventory Upkeep



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Active trees - 12,427 (08/03/2019)

2019 tree canopy coverage 24% (96 acres)

Projected 2039 tree canopy 35% (138 acres)

Campus area for canopy calculation is 397 acres

Approximate percent canopy increase from 2019 to 2039 +46%



Species Distribution – All active trees 2019

Tree Distribution - Top Dozen Species (All Active 2019) Common Crapemyrtle_ 8% Loblolly Pine 7% Red Maple 4% Water Oak 4% Southern Magnolia 3% Willow Oak Other trees 3% 56% American Holly 3% Tulip Tree 3% Flowering Dogwood 3% Eastern Redbud 2% Shumard Oak __ 🗧 Virginia Pine 2% 2% Georgia Tec

Tree count 12,427

2015 to 2019 Species Comparison



Tree Distribution - Top Dozen Species (All Active 2019)



2012 Total tree count: 11,046 Trees

Gained 1381 trees since 2012

2019 Tree count 12,427



Species Distribution – Year1 re-inventory zone (2016)

Year 1 Zone - caliper growth after 4 years 14.6% increase in cumulative caliper growth.



Species Distribution – Year2 re-inventory zone (2017)

Year 2 Zone - caliper growth after 5 years 15.2% increase in cumulative caliper growth



Species Distribution – Year3 re-inventory zone (2018)

Year 3 Zone - caliper growth after 6 years 24.5% increase in cumulative caliper growth.







Tree count 2,602

Species Distribution – Year4 re-inventory zone (2019)

Year 4 Zone - Currently being updated.



Current Tree canopy Coverage

Tree count 12,427



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Projected Tree Canopy Growth – 20 years

Estimates for Growth 20 years

Canopy Trees under 10" caliper assume 50% growth

Canopy Trees 10-20" caliper assume 25% increase

Canopy Trees 20-30" caliper assume 15% increase

Canopy Trees 30"-50" caliper assume 7.5% increase

Canopy Trees over 50" caliper assume 2.5%

Remaining "Non-Canopy" tree species assume 25% increase.



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Tree Canopy Projection Overlay





Campus Center - Aerial Photo - November 2018 Google Earth

Campus Center *re(in)novating*





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Campus Center – Phase 1





Campus Center – Phase 2





EcoCommons - Aerial Photo - November 2018 **I**N 8

Eco-commons





EcoCommons Living Building Sector Plan



ECO COMMONS PLAN

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MONITORING PLAN

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Environmental Monitoring Devices





Test	Туре	EcoCommons Quantity	Additonal Reference Quantity (not shown)	<u>Scope</u>
Air Quality	Sensor	2	2	Site-specific
Air Temperature	Sensor	4	2	Site-specific
Air Humidity	Sensor	4	2	Site-specific
Soil Moisture	Sensor	8	2	Site-specific
Soil Temperature	Sensor	6	2	Site-specific
Soil Organic Matter	Sampling	6	3	Site-specific
Soil Respiration	Sampling	6	3	Site-specific
Soil Percolation	Sampling	6	3	Site-specific
Soil Fungal:Bacterial Ratio	Sampling	6	3	Site-specific
Water Gauge	Sensor	3	NA	Site-specific
Water Quality	Sensor	4	NA	Site-specific
Wellness Survey	Sampling	6	3	Site-specific
Trail Camera	Remote/Sampling	3	1	Site-specific
Auditory Recording	Remote/Sampling	3	1	Site-specific
Vegetation Id & Measure	Sampling	Annual	Annual	Site-wide
iNaturalist	Sampling	Continuous	Continuous	Site-wide
Bioblitz	Sampling	Bi-Annual	Bi-Annual	Site-wide
Carbon Budgeting	Analysis	Annual	Annual	Site-wide
Water Budgeting	Analysis	Annual	Annual	Site-wide



Soil Borings



SOIL BORING LOCATIONS

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Soil Comparisons







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SOIL DATA COMPARISONS

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Soils Details



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Planting Communities



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