

Georgia Tree Council, Inc.  
Third Quarter Program  
**Growing Communities and Trees ... Together**  
Cobb Civic Center, Marietta GA  
August 6, 2024



## **Program Agenda**

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

### **Welcome**

Mary Lynne Beckley, Executive Director, Georgia Tree Council  
Johnny Walker, Ward 3 Council Member, Marietta Mayor Pro Tem

10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **Trees and a Marietta Streetscape: Transforming the historic downtown area of Marietta into an active destination for visitors to the area**

Marietta City Arborist **Rich Deckman**, PLA, ISA, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities

*Rich will discuss how the project was initiated; the phased approach to the implementation, means, methods and experimentation; and the status of the work.*

### **The Evolution of the Cobb Tree Ordinance**

Cobb County Arborist **Bragg Vaughn**, RLA, ISA Certified Arborist

*We'll hear about the growth of the Cobb county tree ordinance, the challenges of defending it from those that wish to change it to benefit particular interests; adapting it to incorporate new technologies and practices; and updating it so that it better addresses specific types of development that may not have been common in Cobb when the ordinance was first adopted, such as mixed-use development, high density student housing, tear/down rebuilds, and EV charging stations.*

11:00 a.m. – noon

### **The Case for Expanding our Palette of Native Trees in Commercial Development**

**Steve Sanchez**, Principal, HGOR Landscape Architecture & Planning

*Steve will explore the efforts to expand our native plant selections and how they are being designed into commercial developments. This will include Rowen, Westside Park, Grant Park and the new Trees Atlanta Treehouse, among others.*

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Living with Trees: Promoting Eco-Literacy and Embracing Atlanta's Urban Forest**

**Edward Morrow**, ISA-Certified Arborist® and Author  
**Kathryn Kolb**, Executive Director, Eco-Addendum

*Living with Trees (LWT) is a neighborhood, tree Walk-and-Learn program created by the Atlanta nonprofit Eco-Addendum. Master Naturalist Kathryn Kolb and ISA Certified Arborist ® Edward Morrow partner in providing this engaging programming in neighborhoods throughout metro Atlanta. LWT offers an engaging, accessible presentation for all residents on how to recognize trees that may be at risk of falling before they create damage, sharing lots of fascinating tree facts and showing the surprising character of the trees and urban forest found right in our backyards. This program, made possible by The Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission and Georgia Forestry Commission's Trees Across Georgia progra, includes in-person as well as virtual learning events to help property-owners and all neighborhood residents better understand how to live healthily with the trees in their communities.*

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