



Sustaining Georgia's Green Legacy

**Third Quarter Educational Webinar
Getting Trees on the Planning Table**

August 26, 2021

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Program Agenda

10:00 – 10:05 a.m.

Welcome – Mary Lynne Beckley, Executive Director
Georgia Tree Council

10:05 – 11:05 a.m.

Essential Standards for Planning with Trees

Karen Firehock, Executive Director
Green Infrastructure Center
Scottsville, Virginia

All tree advocates embrace tree planting and understand that as trees age and die, the next generation should be planted to ensure continuous canopy cover. But cities and towns are rapidly losing trees to development, storms and poor policies and codes that don't provide adequate standards or requirements for tree saving, care or replacement. Even park and open space plans allow for removing forests for new parks rather than creating plans to conserve mature trees. Karen will cover essential standards that should be in place and what to look for to ensure your community is not unintentionally losing tree cover over time.

5 minute break

11:10 – 12:10 p.m.

One City's Tree Leadership Example

David Shostak, Arborist
Alpharetta, Georgia
David will discuss how his city works to incorporate trees into its planning process, including identifying trees for conservation.

5 minute break

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Solutions for Community Tree Equity

Targeting tree planting to mitigate urban heat islands and address **social inequity in tree cover**.

Karen Firehock

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