

Wildfire Safety and Drought in the Urban Forest

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Wildfire Safety and Drought in the Urban Forest Webinar

August 19th, 2026

12:30 - 2:00

Agenda

12:30 **Welcome**

Mel Sparrow, GTC Executive Director

12:35 **Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification**

Seth Hawkins, Georgia Forestry Commission Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator

1:00 **Drought Effects on Trees**

Dr. Glynn Percival, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory

1:30 **Southern pine reforestation considerations following high-severity wildfire**

Dr. David Clabo, Associate Professor of Silviculture Outreach, UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources

SAF Cat. 1 & ISA CEUs: 1.5 hours

Speakers

Seth Hawkins

Georgia Forestry Commission

Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator

Seth Hawkins currently serves as the Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for the Georgia Forestry Commission where he and his team work daily with municipalities across the state to better manage and utilize their community forestry resources. Seth's team assists communities with staff training, technical assistance, grant funding, guidance for tree planting, municipal tree ordinance creation, and many other community forestry related activities. Seth is also a Wildland Type 2 Firefighter and Public Information Officer for the Georgia Forestry Commission. Seth is a graduate of the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (BSR 2014), is an ISA Certified Arborist, and holds the ISA TRAQ and WRRQ Credentials.

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Dr Glynn Percival
Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory
Senior Arboricultural Researcher

Dr Glynn Percival is the Senior Arboricultural Researcher at the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory based in Charlotte, NC. He is the author of over 100 scientific papers, magazine articles and book chapters. In addition, Dr Percival is on the editorial board for Arboriculture and Urban Forestry and Urban Forestry Urban Greening and is the co-editor of the proceedings of the Trees, People and Built Environment Conference, published by the Forestry Commission. Dr Percival is also a visiting lecturer at the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens and the University of Reading. He was awarded the Arboricultural Association Award for Research and Education in 2017 and the International Society of Arboriculture LCC Chadwick Award for Research in 2020. Dr Percival is actively involved in managing urban and rural landscapes for the Royal Households and Duchy of Cornwall.

Dr. David Clabo
University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources
Associate Professor of Silviculture Outreach

David Clabo is Associate Professor of Silviculture Outreach with the University of Georgia (UGA) Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources. David attended the University of Tennessee for a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management, Master of Forestry with a Minor in Statistics, and a PhD in Natural Resources (forestry emphasis). He has been with UGA since 2018 and is based at UGA's Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton, Georgia. David's appointment with UGA consists of research, outreach, and teaching. His research interests include: establishment and management of pine-hardwood forest types, forestry herbicide evaluations, forest growth and yield, longleaf pine establishment and management, and genetic trials of southern pine seedlings. David's outreach focuses on relaying current scientific information to landowners, practitioners, and natural resource extension agents on a wide variety of forest management and silviculture topics. Other outreach activities include delivery of continuing education programs and production of outreach publications for landowners and professionals.

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