

Georgia Forestry Commission
Urban & Community Forestry Program
Trees Across Georgia (TAG) Cycle 1 Grant Recipients

Organization	City	Project Title	Brief Project Summary	IRA Number of Years	Total IRA Funding Awarded	Non-IRA Funding Awarded
Athens Land Trust	Athens	Young Conservation Stewards -- Athens-Clarke County, Georgia	Young Conservation Stewards aligns conservation and workforce-development by training high school youth in invasive plant management and urban forestry to enhance 48 acres of public and private land in Athens-Clarke County over four years, with activities centered in disadvantaged communities. Exposure to urban forestry career paths is emphasized through partnerships with local arborists and UGA.	4	\$600,000.00	
Athens-Clarke County Unified Government - Landscape Management	Athens	Invasive Species Removal for Improved Community Forests Along Rights of Way	Our project will focus on the removal of invasive plant species along Rights of Way as a means of risk mitigation to our community forests. With the aim of protecting mature trees that are being inhibited by invasive plant species, removal efforts will target areas that are highly trafficked and typically overlooked, ensuring the health and safety of underserved community members and properties.	1		\$30,000.00
City of Avondale Estates	Avondale Estates	Street tree planting in Avondale Estates	Avondale Estates is one of the longest running Tree Cities in GA. We're partnering with Trees Atlanta to spend \$10,000 on new street trees around the City, and are seeking for the TAG program to match that \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 on new street trees, predominantly native overstory specimens.	1		\$10,000.00
City of Cedartown	Cedartown	Cedartown Tree Program Development	This project will use IRA grant funds along with technical, management and operational support from other sources to create an urban and community tree program for Cedartown, Georgia. The program development process will follow other successful programs in Georgia, and will provide a model program development process for other small municipalities in Georgia.	4	\$200,000.00	
City of Decatur	Decatur	City of Decatur Storm Mitigation Plan	The City of Decatur Storm Mitigation Plan will enhance the City's ability to prepare for and respond to tree-related impacts caused by storm events. Through prepositioned contracts, tree inventories and health assessments, and protocol creation, the City and its partners will establish standard procedures for quick and effective response.	1		\$30,000.00
City of Oxford	Oxford	Restoring Streamside Urban Forest in Oxford, Georgia	The Oxford Greenway runs along Turkey Creek providing an effective mobility corridor for walkers and bikers, and a prime location for Oxford citizens to interact with their urban forest. The proposed project will remove invasive species along Turkey Creek, improving the health of our urban forest, increasing its value to the community, and improving its ecological function.	1	\$69,485.00	
City of Tifton	Tifton	Reestablishing and Maintaining Tifton's Community Forest	This 4-year project will fund planting 1890 trees in Tifton's CEJST areas where they will benefit Tifton's disadvantaged communities. The project will serve as a momentum builder for establishing a robust urban and community forestry program that will develop strong partnerships with city and county governance and the Georgia Tree Council and will be integrated into all scales of city planning.	4	\$591,715.00	
EcoAddendum, Inc./Boat Rock Legacy Garden, Inc	ATLANTA	EcoAddendum Living With Trees and Stewardship Invasive Removal Training	1) Expand our Living With Trees Program to educate and empower homeowners to view trees in their yards more positively, reduce fear of healthy trees, and prevent unnecessary cutting of healthy trees 2) Expand our Stewardship program to include an intensive invasive removal pilot training and certification program, giving trainees opportunities for higher wage green jobs upon program completion.	4	\$248,677.00	
Environmental Education Alliance, Inc.	Acworth	Georgia Schoolyard Forest Network	EEA proposes to launch Georgia Schoolyard Forests, a statewide network of up to 20 schools per year in low-income, environmentally-burdened neighborhoods, where students design and implement tree plantings to provide shade, reduce surface temperatures, mitigate climate change impacts, reduce stormwater runoff, restore wildlife habitat and improve suitability of schoolyards for outdoor learning.	3	\$300,000.00	
Food Well Alliance	Atlanta	Community Tree and Orchard Education Program	Food Well Alliance (FWA) will support tree care and planting by developing a comprehensive orchard education program for stewards and community members serving 100+ orchards located in 11 counties across the Atlanta region. We will also improve systems for tracking the health of established and future tree plantings. Both efforts will expand the reach of our current tree planting program.	1		\$30,000.00

Food Well Alliance	Atlanta	Leila Valley Food Forest	Food Well Alliance (FWA) will partner with Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) to establish a native food forest at the currently undeveloped Leila Valley apartment site located in southeast Atlanta. Once home to 175 low rent housing units, Leila Valley is now a vacant space with an opportunity to increase tree canopy through the planting of a food forest as part of a larger restoration project.	3	\$167,000.00	
Georgia Arborist Association	Decatur	Equity in Urban Arboriculture: Empowering Underserved Communities Through Education	Our project promotes inclusivity & delivers tailored education for our Spanish workforce . It also places a strong emphasis on community education & workforce development in arboriculture, highlighting their crucial roles in urban forest conservation. These initiatives reinforce each other & collectively enhance the project's success, elevating the profession & enriching Georgia's urban forests	4	\$326,000.00	
Georgia State University Research Foundation Inc.	Atlanta	Foresteering the Clarkston Campus	GSU proposes a redesign of GSU-owned surface parking lots to reduce urban heat island effects and provide experiential learning opportunities for students in forest stewardship. Project will involve removal of approximately 47,000 square feet of impervious surface removal, soil reconditioning and planting of approximately 422 trees over a two-year period based on preliminary design (included).	3	\$500,000.00	
Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation	Atlanta	Expanding Environmental Stewardship Across Southwest Georgia	We aim to increase sustainability efforts in under-resourced southwest Georgia communities. A full-time regional engagement manager will be hired to cultivate new initiatives and connect communities with existing opportunities from tree care, plantings, and education to litter abatement and waste reduction. This includes but is not limited to Keep America Beautiful programs and affiliation.	4	\$528,000.00	
Keep Warner Robins Beautiful	Warner Robins	Keep Warner Robins Beautiful: Restoring Warner Robins' Urban Forest	The objective of this project is to strengthen Urban Forest health and biodiversity through tree planting and care in areas that lack tree equity. This project focuses on enhancing the urban canopy in Warner Robins' disadvantaged areas, by removing impervious surface and planting a variety of native and adaptive tree species in public spaces, parks, and along streets.	4	\$750,950.00	
Macon-Bibb County	Macon	Macon-Bibb Tree Planting for Tree Shade Equity	Macon-Bibb has selected seven sites that are located in Disadvantaged Communities for a tree planting grant. Every site selected is used by the community. Every site selected is currently a heat island with minimal shade. Two of the sites are schools with playgrounds in the sun, four of the sites are parks with minimal trees and one is a housing authority redevelopment with minimal existing trees.	1	\$253,150.00	
Savannah Tree Foundation	Savannah	Chatham Canopy Corps	Savannah Tree Foundation seeks to increase canopy coverage in disadvantaged communities and engage underserved populations in green workforce development. "Chatham Canopy Corps" will cumulatively employ twelve apprentices from marginalized communities to grow and plant 2,000 trees. The apprentices will carry out canopy restoration in priority neighborhoods experiencing adverse climate impacts.	4	\$1,000,000.00	
St. Marys Tree Board	St Marys	Improving Public/Private Partnerships for the Care & Expansion of St. Marys Urban Tree Canopy	The City of St. Marys requires focused effort to integrate the Public & Private Sector in all things trees, and is designated by the CJEST as disadvantaged. The tree board and city propose: 1) funding the training of two existing city employees for arborist certification; 2) an extensive tree planting/care/maintenance program; 3) education programs for citizens, volunteers and city employees.	4	\$43,170.00	
Trees Atlanta, Inc.	Atlanta	Building a Master Tree Equity Plan for Disadvantaged Atlanta Neighborhoods	To engage communities through education, outreach programs, and training, with a goal of increasing neighborhood canopy coverage by 10 percentage points in 20 years. The project provides stipend-based training opportunities for residents as an entry to urban forestry careers and creates a community-driven master tree planting plan to address environmental injustices in eight CEJST neighborhoods.	4	\$475,000.00	
Trees Columbus, Inc.	Columbus	Grow Shade: Trees Columbus Park Project.	Trees Columbus is spearheading a plan to restore and increase Columbus tree canopy, facilitate tree equity, and improve urban forest management. Most public tree canopy is in parks. That canopy is in decline due to age, disease, storms, and poor maintenance practices. This project establishes a protocol and partnership for planting, and maintenance to reverse canopy loss and increase tree health.	4	\$900,000.00	
Unified Government of Athens - Clarke County, GA, Leisure Services Department	Athens	Tree Planting in Walker Park - Pump Track	The Leisure Services Department proposes planting 41 trees within Walker Park (formerly Trail Creek Park). The tree project will improve social and health benefits in the area by mitigating significant environmental and health concerns identified in the Qualified Census Tract. This will enhance current and future generations' health outcomes.	1	\$31,735.00	

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