

## BOX CITY SUMMER CAMP

The Georgia Planning Association had the opportunity to help sponsor a very unique planning event in Columbus this summer. GPA partnered with the Historic Columbus Foundation and others to conduct two, week long, summer camps for children between the ages of 9 -12. Both camps had approximately twenty participants. The Box City concept provides children



with an outlet for creativity along with building an appreciation and awareness of their “city”. Architects and city planners were on hand to speak about building design, placement and connectivity. By the end of each camp a small community was constructed out of cardboard boxes using a little tape, glue, scissors and paint. Some of the buildings constructed were hospitals,

schools, restaurants and Columbus’ own AFLAC corporation. The goal of the camps was to nurture the minds of our future urban planners!

## GRACIOUS HOST

The City of Valdosta is excited to host the 2010 Annual Fall Conference of the Georgia Planning Association (GPA). We are confident the agenda will be packed with many sessions that will provide excellent information to all the participants. The City is most excited to partner with GPA to host a Charrette on the newly acquired Five Points property. This property will serve as the centerpiece for the complete redevelopment of this area of our community to include the new home of the City’s municipal auditorium. We believe the expertise of those from GPA involved in this exercise will provide great substance as we begin the community planning process that will continue over the next several years. The details of this property acquisition serve as what we believe to be a great piece of local government public policy. We are thrilled to share those details as we work with the GPA participants to set preliminary long-range plans for the future comprehensive development of this critical area of our community.”

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**NOTICE****CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS**

As required by the current Bylaws of the Georgia Planning Association, Notice is hereby given that, pending approval by the Board of Directors, the membership of the Georgia Planning Association will consider and vote on proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws for the organization (the "Bylaws") at the Chapter's Annual Meeting on September 30, 2010 in Valdosta, Georgia. The Bylaws state the purpose of and govern all activities of the Chapter, including Chapter membership; the composition, election, powers, and responsibilities of Board members and Officers; meetings of the Board and membership; committee composition and responsibilities; and other important organizational matters. The specific changes to be considered by the Board include, but may not be limited to:

- Requiring a policy for financial reserves and a periodic audit to ensure the financial resources of GPA continue to be well managed;
- Revising election policies to allow for the use of electronic voting to elect the Board of Directors and Officers;
- Providing for the use of electronic media for voting by the Board;
- Revising the Board terms such that election of District Directors, AICP Directors, and Non-AICP Directors are staggered (i.e. not all in same year);
- Revisiting policies for Board composition, including the number and roles of the Board members and specific responsibilities of the District Directors; and
- Revising time-sensitivity of Board actions to reflect the volunteer nature of the organization.

Pending approval by the GPA Board of Directors in August, the proposed Bylaws will be available for review by the membership no later than August 31, 2010 (30 days prior to the Annual Meeting) on GPA's website: [www.georgiaplanning.org](http://www.georgiaplanning.org).

Should any GPA member have comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed Bylaws, or if any member would like to propose additional amendments, please contact any of the Bylaws Committee members (David Kirk, Tim Preece, Jeff Rader, Eric Bosman, or Paul Forgey), GPA President Jeff Watkins, or GPA Executive Director Jessica Gibson. ■

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## FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### Your promising future awaits, and it begins this fall in Valdosta!

#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

On September 29 the GPA Fall Conference makes its debut visit to this historic jewel of Georgia. Embodying the evolution of modern community planning, Valdosta has inspired this year's theme: Transition to a Sustainable Georgia. Our conference will highlight the challenges and opportunities of sustainable development that planners must face as they guide communities to their own promising future.

With more than 40 sessions and 4 mobile workshops offering AICP credits, our participants will have opportunities for development in topics ranging from transportation management to environmental planning, from quality growth to professional development. Mobile workshops will showcase Valdosta's efforts to make their city truly sustainable, including a rare glimpse into Moody Air Force Base! As a special feature of this conference, GPA is organizing a charrette addressing a local property so that participants may work with their fellow planners to support the local community! Traditional conference events, we will feature a plenary speaker, receptions, and the annual auction to benefit the GPA Memorial Foundation. There will also be opportunities to be involved with the GPA Board and several committees, plus special events for the Young Planners Group and special sessions for planning commissioners.

#### REGISTER ONLINE!

- <http://georgiaplanning.org/conference/>

## Third Annual Auction Scheduled for Fall Conference

To support the Denise Abboud Scholarship Fund, the Georgia Planning Foundation will be holding its 3rd Annual Auction at the GPA Fall Conference. We have had a great time at past auctions and lots of folks are enjoying their amazing purchases.

#### How can you participate?

In two big ways - you can find something interesting or amazing to donate or you can start saving and come prepared to bid on some of the fun and fabulous items we will have this year.

The GA Planning Foundation will be sending a second group of scholarship winners to the conference this fall! Just think of the impact on the future of planning in Georgia when these folks take all the great information from the conference back home. Your donations and purchases make this happen.

If you want to make a donation, contact Marsha Anderson Bomar (email: [marsha.bomar@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.bomar@gmail.com)). If you want to donate money, we will do the shopping for you. If you want to donate an item, we will gladly come and pick it up. Be creative - do you own a time share you want to donate? Does your hair salon or favorite restaurant give gift certificates for good causes? Do you have a piece of art or an antique that would be a treasure in someone's home or office? Planners are so visionary that I am sure you will come up with many, many more great ideas. (PS – as a 501(c)(3), all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. Sweet!)

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# sessions & tracks

This section is a sampling of the sessions that will be offered at the fall conference. Due to space requirements we can only publish a few of the sessions here, the rest will be available on our website in the next couple of weeks.

<http://georgiaplanning.org/conference/conference-news/>

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

### **Georgia's Water Stewardship Act**

The Georgia Water Stewardship Act requires State Agencies to incorporate water conservation into their programs and standards. As a result, building codes and Comprehensive Planning requirements will be changing. Come learn about the Water Stewardship Act and what it means to planning in Georgia.

### **Sustainable Sites Initiative: Guidelines for Sustainable Land Design, Construction, and Maintenance Practices**

The Sustainable Sites Initiative, developed by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center was created to promote sustainable land development and management practices that can apply to sites with and without buildings. The presentation shall give a general overview of the program, its rating system, and a case study exploration of an existing pilot project.

### **Cumberland: from Sprawl to Sustainability**

This session will cover the Green Transit Oriented Development (G-TOD) Framework developed for Cumberland incorporating the Livability Principles of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, LEED-ND metrics and suburban retrofit guidelines. Special focus will be on the policy and project recommendations that were identified as catalysts for redevelopment at Cumberland.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING & QUALITY GROWTH

### **Lifelong Mableton: Creating a Livable Community for All Ages**

The Atlanta Regional Commission has fostered a dynamic partnership with Cobb County, Cobb neighborhood associations and developers to create the Lifelong Mableton initiative, a program designed to make Mableton a thriving place where young singles, families, empty nesters and the frail can live throughout their lifetimes.

### **Creating Sustainable Coastal Georgia**

This session will highlight recent accomplishments in the area of comprehensive sector planning, transportation planning, plan implementation programs, and introduction

of new public transit services within the evolving Coastal Georgia. Representatives from a variety of public agencies involved in these efforts will discuss innovations in planning, implementation, and intergovernmental coordination and collaboration.

### **Funding Strategies for Plan Implementation**

Developing a way to fund the initiatives in a Comprehensive Plan should be an intrinsic part of the planning process. The new City of Dunwoody provides a case in point—the full range of funding approaches were considered hand-in-hand with the decision-making processes fundamental to preparation of its first-ever Comprehensive Plan. Considering the opportunities, limitations and strings attached to funding sources will assist any community in matching its dreams to reality.

### **New Gateways for Valdosta: A Master Plan for Two Primary Entry Corridors**

Session will explore the process of creating a master plan for “Gateways” into Valdosta. This current case study project will review the various factors influencing planning and design, including corridor visual enhancement, access management, way finding, beautification and economic aspects.

## TRANSPORTATION

### **High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail - Where are we and what does it mean for Georgia Planning? Where does Georgia fit into this?”**

The excitement continues to build over the emergence of High Speed Rail as a transportation option in the US. The National High Speed Program is in high gear. The Session will answer “Where does Georgia fit into this?” discussing the current status of High Speed Rail Development within the United States, with a focus on the Southeast, and Georgia and the impact of the emergence of this transportation option to planners, Georgia communities, the southeast and the nation?

### **Planning for Sustainable Transportation**

An overview of current efforts to link livability, sustainability, and transportation. Topics include incorporating sustainability into transportation plans and transportation into sustainability plans, as well as techniques for measuring outcomes for livability and sustainability.

### **Using Livability Measures to Prioritize LRTP and TIP Projects**

The FHWA recently adopted Livability Principles for use in the design and construction of federally funded transportation projects. The pending reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU is expected to include Livability requirements. The presentation will describe a quantitative tool developed to measure the Livability elements in a proposed widening, intersection, and new facility transportation projects.

## AICP PREP

### **AICP Prep: History and Theory**

Review of Planning History and Theory in preparation for the AICP Exam. We will provide an overview of the different themes in Planning Theory that are associated with the evolution of planning thought as we know it today - all stuff you should know but likely have forgotten.

# — FOR THE GPA FALL 2010 CONFERENCE

## **AICP Prep: Functional Areas of Practice**

A broad brush review of the functional areas of practice relating to all areas Comprehensive Planning that planners hold dear. This topic represents 25% of the content of the AICP Exam.

## **AICP Prep: Plan Making and Implementation**

Nuts and bolts across a broad range of subjects such as quantitative analysis, environmental analysis, growth management techniques, development review, development regulations, budgeting, GIS and spatial analysis, intergovernmental relations, and program evaluation, just to name a few.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **The Zoning Clinic**

No presentations - just ANSWERS from a panel of experts to your most pressing, vexatious or beguiling questions about zoning law, practice, regulation, administration, enforcement, etc.

### **Impact Fees, Development and You**

This hands-on workshop will discuss the major affect of the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act on funding, zoning and development practices of local governments (are you legal?), and present a primer on impact fee programs. The session will include a discussion of the pros and cons of adoption during a slow economic period, with special focus on how development is affected by fees and taxes. Since DIFA applies to every city and county in the state, whether or not they adopt impact fees, this session will also explore the ramifications of the law on other local practices.

### **Death by Public Meeting- Have our efforts to involve the public gone too far?**

Over the last decade the planning profession has updated many of its processes with an emphasis on public input and public involvement. Public meetings provide an opportunity for public education, allow citizens to ask questions, and create an opportunity to build public support or at least reduce public opposition. But, have our efforts gone too far? Are our public meetings effective? Or are we meeting citizens to death?

## **PLANNING OFFICIALS TRACK**

### **Planning and Zoning Essentials**

This session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of appointed planning officials, the functions of the planning/zoning board/s and the main tools of planning and zoning. It will also include a brief overview of the primary guiding policies and major sources of information and support for appointed planning officials.

### **Staying in "Character," Balancing Urban Growth in Rural Areas**

In many rural areas, communities are challenged to accommodate growth while still preserving "small town character." This session will provide an overview of how communities can preserve community values and implement quality growth principles and strategies.

## **Conservation and Community Planning**

This session will introduce participants to strategies intended to incorporate conservation and open space planning into community planning. This includes strategies and policies that consider how parks and recreation can be incorporated into various aspects of the planning process.

## **Land Use Law**

This session will provide an overview of land use laws in Georgia including perspective on how this impacts the roles and responsibilities of appointed planners.

## **Hot Topics and Emerging Community Planning Issues**

This session will provide participants with an overview of state, local and national "trends" and hot topics related to planning. This includes, but is not limited to sustainability planning, planning for older adults, community gardening/locally grown food production, farmers markets and the concept of healthy communities.

## **MOBILE WORKSHOPS**

### **Valdosta State University Master Planning**

This tour will examine the growth challenges of one of Georgia's fastest growing state universities. Valdosta State University is in the middle of a major expansion and building effort including the addition of new dorms, a new school of nursing, a new student union, all while trying to fit into the historic neighborhood context of the City of Valdosta which surrounds the University.

9/29/2010 @ 2:30pm - 5pm

### **Sustainable Industrial Economic Development**

This tour will visit various industrial sites in Lowndes County that are on the forefront of industrial innovation and sustainable development. Also included will be a tour of one of the many local distribution centers. Attendees will learn about Lowndes County's role in freight and logistics movement and efforts to diversify the local economy.

9/30/2010 @ 9am - 11:45am

### **Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Valdosta Redevelopment**

Come to see Historic Downtown Valdosta during its 150th Anniversary Year. Through efforts of the City, County and private landowners Downtown Valdosta is a hub of activity both day and night. Come learn about the historic preservation, residential and economic development going on in this historic downtown. A tour of the City of Valdosta Traffic Management Center will also be included.

9/30/2010 @ 2:30pm - 5pm

### **Moody AFB Master Planning**

This tour will examine the relationship Moody AFB has with the community and consider the challenges associated with encroachment, housing, and master planning. Tentatively includes a meeting with the Moody AFB Commander.

10/1/2010 @ 8am - 12pm

## Laura Keyes, AICP

Senior Principal Program Specialist, Aging Services Division

Laura Keyes is an AICP-certified planner and has worked for the Atlanta Regional Commission since 1999. She currently manages ARC's Community Development Unit in the Area Agency on Aging where she leads the Lifelong Communities Program. She previously worked for ARC's Transportation Planning Division on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and managed the region's Comprehensive Transportation Planning Program. Ms. Keyes is Vice President of Chapter Affairs for the Georgia Planning Association, and recently served on the Citizen Infill Task Force for the City of Decatur, GA. She holds a Bachelors of Science in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Science from the School of Agriculture at Michigan State University. Ms. Keyes recently completed a Certificate in Aging through the Institute for Geriatric Social Work from the Boston University School of Social Work.

During my terms as GPA's Vice President of Chapter Services I focused on three goals:

- Create a target annual sponsorship process to help sponsors see the direct benefits of their commitment which has led to an overall 60% increase in GPA annual sponsors since 2007;
- Develop cost effective solutions to increase communication to GPA members which has led to increased communication through the GPA website, monthly e-newsletters and e-announcements.
- Advance other fields of planning in addition to land use planning, such as water and environmental planning and transportation planning. An example of this is as the Chair of the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Chapter Awards Committee we have expanded categories and criteria to encourage professionals in various fields to nominate work for GPA's Annual Chapter Awards.

As President of the Georgia Planning Association I am committed to growing the presence of the association throughout the state and among the professionals that participate in GPA. In this capacity, with the assistance of the Board, I will create a work program and budget that recognizes the growing diversity of professions in the field of planning and the opportunity to grow the Association's services to its 1,100 members. Expanding GPA's influence throughout the state requires a targeted plan that incorporates the talents of all elected Board members. My term will include expanded opportunities for increased participation by members in all ten GPA districts, established targets for member recruitment in each of the ten districts, and targets for increased fundraising in each district.

## VOTE TODAY POSITION STATEMENTS

Ballots must be submitted by U.S. Mail postmarked on or before September 15, 2010.

## Richard Osborne, AICP

City Planner, Cartersville Planning & Development

Georgia Planning Association is a well-run, professional organization. I have been proud to participate as a member during the last few years, and now as District One Director. I would like to be considered for the position of President.

During the last five years, I have served as City Planner for the City of Cartersville. I achieved AICP certification in 2008. Prior to my current position, I worked for four years in the Community Development department of the City of LaGrange.

As President, I will work to advance the following initiatives:

- Growth of membership statewide. I would like to help GPA continue to thrive by adding to the number of communities represented in its membership.
- Recruitment of volunteers for various committees. Working with members helps me and other Board members to gain a better perspective on new ideas for the organization and to ensure quality activities with good turn-outs.

## Steven R. Cover, AICP

If elected President, I will bring new ideas to GPA that will "Make a Difference", an approach that has guided me throughout my 30 year career. If we are not focused on making positive changes in our communities and making a real difference in what we do, then we are not being successful as planners.

In my career, I've worked on many exciting projects and planning initiatives. As Planning Director for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, our department was the recipient of the first "Achieving the Vision" Award presented by Governor Paris Glendening and the Maryland Smart Growth Commission.

As Director of the Department of Environment and Community Development for Fulton County, we won numerous awards from ARC and GPA for the Chattahoochee Hills/Serenbe Master Plan. This planning initiative was groundbreaking in addressing the issue of rural development and included the adoption of the State's first Transfer of Development Rights and Mandatory Conservation Subdivision ordinances.

As Commissioner of Planning and Community Development at the City of Atlanta, our department secured approval of the City's first transportation master plan (Connect Atlanta Plan) and the Beltline Zoning Overlay District. As Managing Principal of HOK's Atlanta Office, we won the international design competition for the Center for Civil and Human Rights to be located in downtown Atlanta.

With as much talent as we have in the State of Georgia, we should be leaders in our communities with the goal of truly making a difference. The Georgia Planning Association should operate with this same goal in mind, especially in terms of its responsibilities to its membership, elected and appointed officials, and most importantly, the public.

If elected to this position, I propose to do the following:

1. Initiate a more proactive and effective training program for elected and appointed officials statewide;
2. Introduce new regional planning concepts to make smaller jurisdictions more effective in their planning and more powerful economically;
3. Introduce new planning and zoning concepts that can realistically be used by our members in their local jurisdictions;
4. Make the Spring and Fall GPA Conferences equal in attendance and effectiveness;
5. Create opportunities for GPA leadership and its members to be more interactive during the year and at both conferences; and
6. Make GPA membership more meaningful and fun.

I believe that, with the right focus and direction, together we can truly "Make a Difference!"

- Variation in location of events. I would like to help continue the positive trend of holding GPA conferences and planners' lunches throughout the state so that all members have an opportunity to attend events occurring in close proximity to work and/or home.
- Mentoring of new planners. Within the GPA membership, tapping into the knowledge of planners with decades of experience is critical to ensure that lessons learned from the past will be remembered long into the future.
- Improvement of Legislative Affairs involvement through a more active committee.
- Raise awareness and recognition of National Community Planning Month in October.

Thank you for your consideration.

# OFFICIAL BALLOT 2010

*Use this form to vote; photocopies will not be accepted!*  
*Ballots must be submitted by U.S. Mail postmarked on or before September 15, 2010.*  
*Mail ballots to: Attn: Ellen Heath, AECOM, 1360 Peachtree Street, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30309*

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*(vote for one: circle or check)*

- Laura Keyes, AICP
  - Richard Osborne, AICP
  - Steve Cover, AICP
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## *GA Planning Foundation Expands Grant Assistance*

The GPMF has extended its grant assistance program under the Denise Abboud Fund to the Community Planning Institute.

In addition to travel assistance to the GPA Fall Conference, grants are now available for qualified participants\* to offset the CPI registration fee, and they apply to all three annual CPI training events. The CPI is offered in Savannah, Helen and Tifton each year, roughly in the Spring, Summer and Fall. The next CPI will be in Tifton October 12 and 13. For more information on the CPI, and specific dates for each of the two-day sessions, contact Annette Henson at DCA, 404-679-5279, or email her at [Annette.Henson@dca.ga.gov](mailto:Annette.Henson@dca.ga.gov). Information on the Tifton event can be found on DCA's web site (under 'Assistance,' click on 'More').

Information on assistance and application forms for the GPA Conference and the CPI events can be found on the GPA website under Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation at [georgiaplanning.org](http://georgiaplanning.org), as well as a map of the 99 counties (and their cities) that are eligible for assistance.

For more information (or to submit an application) contact Bill Ross, President of the GMPF, at 404-355-4505 or [bill@planross.com](mailto:bill@planross.com).

### **!! APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR BOTH EVENTS IS THE END OF AUGUST !!**

*\*The Denise Abboud Fund was created to help with the education and ongoing professional development of those who work in or serve rural or poorer Georgia communities that would otherwise not be able to obtain such opportunities. Those qualified to receive assistance from the Fund are planners, planning commissioners and other persons in similar official roles, who work in or serve such cities and counties.*

## Cooperation Leads to Conservation

*By Lynn Tully, AICP*

Georgia DNR and the Georgia Land Conservation program have recently undertaken a project to protect an additional 469 acres in Dawson County. The protected land will link areas of the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area adding to the more than 15,000 acres of publicly available hunting, fishing and recreation opportunity in the county. The Nature Conservancy and other private groups including Forestar Development, the original property owners, worked with officials over the course of several years to bring this to fruition. The land was held by the Nature Conservancy for two years before the state DNR could acquire it for permanent protection. As part of a larger vision to eventually link to the Appalachian Trail, Dawson County Commission Chairman Mike Berg has given this project his full support. Governor Sonny Perdue touted the effort saying "Thanks to the partnership of public and private organizations, this stretch of Amicalola Creek and the many species of wildlife it supports will be preserved for generations to come."

## To walk or not to walk?

*By Gary Cornell, FAICP*

### **First two caveats:**

1. Sometimes we walk in order to get exercise or fresh air. That is not about transportation. It is a special trip. Driving, taking transit or a cab ride is not a substitute for getting exercise or taking a good old fashion stroll.
2. Furthermore there are people who don't have the choice of walking due to age, lack of physical stamina or other personal abilities. Nothing we can do as planners will change that in the short run.

Now let's assume you are a healthy, mobile person working or living downtown and are going to make a short trip to a certain destination that is within a reasonable walking distance. You know you are supposed to walk because it is healthy and saves energy. But, will you actually walk or find another way?

Assuming the destination is in "walking distance", four factors will usually frame the decision to walk in an urban area:

1. Money – Walking is as free as it comes - no parking cost, no gas cost, no toll to pay, no token to buy. However there are times when "free" is not 'easy'. Most times the cost of walking weighs in as a positive factor but money can be traded off against the other factors below.
2. Time – Do I have time to walk? Will walking save time compared to driving? This decision often involves the availability of parking and the time/distance it takes to access an auto and the availability of parking at the destination end. For a short trip it is often the case that nothing – not even a cab ride or transit circulator service - is as fast as walking.
3. Comfort/Convenience – Walking ¼ mile in one direction can be convenient, but the same distance in another direction is not. The main issues are stairs, circuitry of route, type of walking surface, stairs, topography, attractiveness of the route, entertainment along the way, cover, and shade. Do I know where I am going well enough to walk there? Some of these factors are very measurable, and others are not. The same walk can be comfortable one day and inconvenient the next. That may be because the clothes we are wearing may or may not seem 'walkable', and also bad weather conditions – sun, heat, cold, wind – may make it a lousy day for a walk.
4. Safety – There are two aspects of safety. One is whether or not you fear for your life crossing the street, and the other is whether or not you fear being robbed, accosted or jostled in the area where you would be walking. Perception is as important as reality in this dimension. Also, a nighttime walk is often considered to be more dangerous than a walk in the middle of the day. Good outdoor lighting is a good thing for both types of safety and helps to improve the walkability of places.

If we want to increase the percentage of trips make walking more likely we need to address these four environmental factors.

*Watch for the next installment with suggestions for overcoming barriers to walkability.*



## Professional Development NEWS

By Gary Cornell, FAICP  
GPA Professional Development Officer

Congratulations to the latest group of AICP's from the Georgia Chapter! The following 24 members can now proudly use 'AICP' after their names. New business cards all around!

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## Stimulus Trees Grow in Northwest Georgia - by Richard Osborne, AICP




Federal funds are currently being used to plant and maintain trees in Northwest Georgia as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This tree project, administered by the federal Rolling Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council and Limestone Valley RC&D Council, applies only to public properties and has been coordinated by local governments.

During 2009, representatives from Rolling Hills RC&D Council (serves West and Northwest GA) and Limestone Valley RC&D Council (serves mostly GA-TN border counties) worked with local government representatives to identify public properties such as parks, schools, government buildings, and downtowns in which new trees could be planted. This ARRA project reimburses local tree and landscaping companies for the purchase, planting, and maintenance of trees. Goals of the project include assisting local private companies and encouraging a healthy, diverse tree canopy in which new trees will be planted on public properties at no cost to local governments.

Rolling Hills RC&D and Limestone Valley RC&D have received a grant to plant \$345,000 worth of trees in 2010 and 2011. This grant program includes a one-year warranty on the trees and one-year maintenance of the trees. Rolling Hills RC&D purchased the 2010 trees planted in their area counties from Sharp Top Trees, a Bartow County company. These trees were planted in Bartow, Floyd, Heard, and Polk counties. Trees purchased from another North Georgia business were planted in Fannin and Whitfield counties. Thirty-six (36) species of trees were planted during the Spring 2010 planting over nineteen (19) locations in these six counties. In Bartow, examples include Princeton American Elm and Yoshino Cherry.



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