

# **City of Jesup**

**Wayne County**

**Not located in a MSA.**

**2003 Population Estimate 9,424; +1.6% change from 2000 Census.**

**Tree City USA for 15 years.**

**No tree board established by ordinance.**

**Sections 20-117 through 20-121.**

**First adopted 1991. No revisions.**

**Addresses public property.**

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*Southeast Georgia Urban Forestry Program* by the Seven Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council

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**Sec. 20-117. Pruning, corner clearance.**

Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of eight (8) feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. Such owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The city shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light or interferes with visibility of any traffic-control device or sign. (Ord. of 1-15-91, § 8)

**Sec. 20-118. Dead or diseased tree removal on private property.**

The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property or harbor insects or disease which constitutes a potential threat to other trees within the city. Whenever the city tree board determines that such trees as described above exists within the city, they shall notify in writing the property owner giving such owner sixty (60) days' notice from the date of service to have such trees removed. Failure of the owners to comply with such provisions or order of the city tree board to remove such trees shall constitute a violation of this article which shall be punishable as defined in section 1-8 of this Code. The city shall also have the authority to remove such trees and place a lien on the property in the same manner as for taxes to cover the cost of such removal. (Ord. of 1-15-91, § 9)

**Sec. 20-119. Removal of stumps.**

All stumps of street and park trees shall be removed below the surface of the ground so that the top of the stump shall not project above the surface of the ground. (Ord. of 1-15-91, § 10)

**Sec. 20-120. Interference with city.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the city, or any of its agents, while engaging in and about

the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, or removing of any street trees, park trees or trees on private grounds, as authorized in this article. (Ord. of 1-15-91, § 11)

**Sec. 20-121. Penalty for violation.**

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be, upon conviction, subject to punishment as provided in section 1-8 of this Code. (Ord. of 1-15-91, § 13)

# Southeast Georgia



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## Urban Forestry Program

Seven Rivers Resource  
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## Acknowledgements

The Southeast Georgia Urban and Community Forestry Plan has been developed to increased the awareness and importance of urban and community forestry for small/medium scale communities. The Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council would like to thank all the individuals and agencies that provided assistance in developing the plan. Also, special thanks are extended to the Council members and Staff for their continued support of the Council's activities.

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***OUR MISSION:***

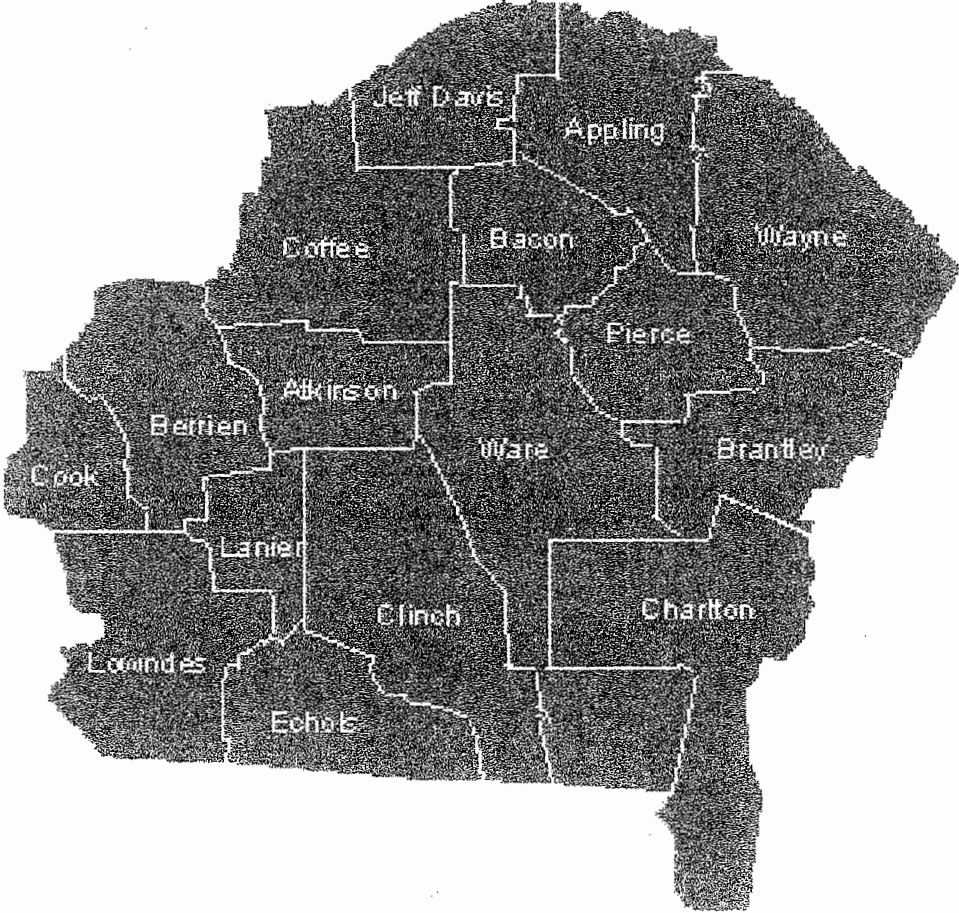
Our mission is to work together with the local people we serve to improve our communities by exploring opportunities for community growth and development, and by seeking solutions to the problems we face.

***OUR VISION:***

Local people working together to develop, enhance, and protect our resources for the betterment of our economy and environment.

The SEVEN RIVERS RC&D Area covers sixteen counties and three Soil and Water Conservation Districts as follows:

<u>COUNTIES:</u>			<u>CONSERVATION DISTRICTS:</u>
Appling	Charlton	Jeff Davis	Altamaha
Atkinson	Clinch	Lanier	Satilla River
Bacon	Coffee	Lowndes	Alapaha
Berrien	Cook	Pierce	
Brantley	Echols	Ware	
	Wayne		



***US Congressional Districts:***

Congressional District 1:  
Representative Jack Kingston

Congressional District 2:  
Representative Sanford Bishop

The Council is fortunate to receive sponsorship from all of the above-mentioned counties and districts.

## **Background**

The Seven Rivers RC&D Council was initiated in March of 1992 by a group of local community leaders in Southeast Georgia. The Council was created out of a realization by these individuals of the dire need for communities to collaborate on finding solutions to common problems, learning from unique challenges, and exploiting opportunities. The Council received authorization by the Secretary of Agriculture, in January 1993 and is a 501 © (3), not for profit organization.

In 1994, the Council area's boundary was extended to include the counties of Brantley, Pierce, and Wayne. Recognizing the needs of surrounding counties, the Council area expanded again in March 1997 to include Berrien, Cook, Lanier, and Lowndes Counties. With these expansions, the Council's territory now includes three additional rivers (the New, the Withlacoochee, and the Little).

## **General Description of the Area:**

The Seven Rivers RC&D Area is situated in Southeast Georgia and is adjacent to the Coastal Georgia RC&D Area. Runoff from the area is divided between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of the area lies in the Atlantic Coastal Flatwoods Major Land Resource Area. The terrain is low and flat, and the streams are wide and sluggish. The soils are generally sandy and infertile. The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area is located in Ware, Clinch, and Charlton Counties. Cultural resources are abundant, and are very important to the local residents. Water, wildlife, and timber resources dominate this remote, primarily rural area.

The northern most counties in the Council area are engaged in a wide variety of field agriculture and livestock operations. The southern counties are approximately 80 percent woodlands with some livestock operations. Groundwater is sufficient for municipal, industrial and irrigation of crops. The primary crops in the region include tobacco, soybeans, corn, peanuts, cotton, and truck crops. The poultry industry is expanding rapidly. A few specialty crops include carrots, blueberries, strawberries, Vidalia Onions, and pecans.

Much of the Area's economy is agricultural-related, and small agricultural base has limited the businesses that serve the small communities. In 1999, the area had a per capita income of \$18,931. This figure is well below the state average of \$27,324 and the national average of \$28,546. The per capita is only 69 % of the state average and only 66% of the national average. According to the 2000 Census data, the Council's Area has a population of approximately 330,000.

**Seven Rivers RC&D Communities:**

Appling County  
City of Baxley  
City of Surrency  
City of Graham

Atkinson County  
City of Pearson  
City of Willacoochee

Bacon County  
City of Alma

Brantley  
City of Nahunta  
City of Hoboken

Berrien County  
City of Alapaha  
City of Enigma  
City of Nashville  
City of Ray City

Charlton County  
City of Folkston  
City of Homeland

Clinch County  
City of Argyle  
City of DuPont

Coffee County  
City of Ambrose  
City of Broxton  
City of Douglas  
City of Nicholls

Cook County  
City of Adel  
City of Cecil  
City of Lenox  
City of Sparks

Echols County  
City of Statenville

Jeff Davis County  
City of Denton  
City of Hazlehurst

Lanier County  
City of Lakeland

Lowndes County  
City of Dasher  
City of Hahira  
City of Lake Park  
City of Moody AFB  
City of Remerton  
City of Valdosta

Pierce County  
City of Blackshear  
City of Offerman  
City of Patterson

Ware County  
City of Deenwood  
City of Sunnyside  
City of Waycross

Wayne County  
City of Jesup  
City of Odum  
City of Screven

## Seven Rivers Urban Forestry Initiative Tree City USA

County/City	Yes/No	County/City	Ye
<b>Appling County</b>		<b>Cook County</b>	
Baxley	Yes	Adel	No
Graham	No	Cecil	No
Surrency	No	Lenox	No
<b>Atkinson County</b>		Sparks	No
Pearson	No	<b>Echols County</b>	
Willacoochee	No	Statenville	No
<b>Bacon County</b>		<b>Jeff Davis County</b>	
Alma	No	Denton	No
<b>Brantley County</b>		Hazlehurst	No
Nahunta	No	<b>Lanier County</b>	
Hoboken	No	Lakeland	No
<b>Berrien County</b>		<b>Lowndes</b>	
Alapaha	No	Dasher	No
Enigma	No	Hahira	Yes
Nashville	No	Lake Park	No
Ray City	No	Moody AFB	Yes
<b>Charlton County</b>		Remerton	No
Folkston	No	Valdosta	Yes
Homeland	No	<b>Pierce County</b>	
<b>Clinch County</b>		Blackshear	No
Argyle	No	Offerman	No
DuPont	No	Patterson	No
Fargo	No	Waycross	No
Homerville	No	<b>Ware County</b>	
<b>Coffee County</b>		Deenwood	No
Ambrose	No	Sunnyside	No
Broxton	No	Waycross	No
Douglas	Yes	<b>Wayne County</b>	
Nicholls	Applied	Jesup	Yes
		Odum	Yes
		Screven	Yes

## **Purpose of the Plan:**

The purpose of this Urban & Community Forestry Plan is to develop a working document that would provide guidance and direction for the Council and the committees served in addressing urban and community forestry concerns and opportunities in the area. The Plan contains the primary goals that the Council and its partners will pursue in the next five years and will serve as the guiding tool for the development and implementation of urban and community projects.

The Urban & Community Forestry Committee has identified some needs and concerns of the area that will be addressed through the following goals:

Goal: To improve the comprehensive urban and community forestry cover in the communities.

- 1) Encourage garden clubs, civic clubs, and other volunteers to host “plant trees day”.
- 2) Recommend neighborhood associations to develop tree-planting programs.
- 3) Encourage community businesses to plant more trees on their property.

Goal: To examine the possibilities for establishing additional urban forestry or green space in the communities.

- 1) Recommend to city planners, developers, and property owners to include green space as plans for growth as developed.
- 2) Recommend landscape tree planting and tree preservation for designated recreation areas.

Goal: To encourage the communities to participate in Tree City USA Program.

- 1) Promote the Tree City USA Program
- 2) Identify \_\_\_ model communities and assist them with applications.
- 3) Contact local government officials and garden clubs to encourage them to apply and receive Tree City USA status.

Goal: To develop Community Urban Forestry training opportunities for the communities.

- 1) Identify training opportunities for leadership tree boards, maintenance crews, local government officials, and the general public.
- 2) Organize urban forestry awareness seminars.
- 3) Work with city officials and local EMCs to provide training for maintenance crews.
- 4) Encourage city officials to support urban & community forestry training initiated in their community.

Goal: Increase the tree canopy cover in the communities of southeast Georgia.

- 1) Distribute urban & community forestry promotional package materials to community leaders, potential partners, and citizens.
- 2) Provide fact sheets for prospective home owners/buyers to evaluate tree benefits.
- 3) Encourage communities to implement Neighborhood Woods Program.
- 4) Improve, expand and promote Tree City USA Program.
- 5) Encourage communities to monitor tree canopy gains and loss.

Goal: Increase the awareness of the importance and value of urban and community forestry to citizens, state and local governments, elected representatives, agency representatives, educators, and other potential partners.

- 1) Develop a list of possible funding sources/partners.
- 2) Develop and distribute urban forestry news articles.
- 3) Develop a regional PowerPoint presentation and information packages.
- 4) Circulate the Southeast Georgia Urban Forestry Plan to the communities in the area.
- 5) Promote the value of community forests at community festivals.
- 6) Promote the use of Urban Forestry BMPs.
- 7) Encourage communities to receive Tree City USA status.

Goal: Improve the health and longevity of community forests by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- 1) Coordinate training opportunities related to proper tree maintenance.
- 2) Distribute urban & community forestry BMP information and publish on web page.
- 3) Develop potential funding sources for installation of BMPs demonstration projects.

Goal: Introduce and expand the use of the services provided by professional urban foresters, landscape architects, and arborists.

- 1) Develop and circulate a directory of the professional expertise available in the Southeast Georgia region.
- 2) Increase access to professional assistance and incorporation of urban forestry expertise by securing grant funds.
- 3) Identify potential demonstration sites in communities and have plans developed by professional landscape architect, urban forester, etc.

Goal: Enhance the quality of urban & community forestry management through workshops, demonstrations, and tours.

- 1) Provide training and educational opportunities on planting, tree care, and ongoing maintenance.
- 2) Recommend GFC technical assistance for appropriate tree species to selected site.

Goal: Increase citizen involvement in urban and community forestry efforts.

- 1) Provide opportunities for youth participation and training in urban forestry management.
- 2) Recommend community tree plantings as an opportunity to promote community pride and volunteerism.
- 3) Host Project Learning Tree Workshops.
- 4) Host Urban Forestry Awareness Day Workshop.

Goal: To increase urban & community forestry funding opportunities in the region.

- 1) Educate city officials about the Georgia Forestry Commission Urban & Community Forestry Program.
- 2) Assist communities in developing plans and applying for grants.