

# 2017 College Canopy Conference

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education  
Clayton State University  
Morrow, Georgia  
September 12



9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

**Welcome & Announcements –**  
Mary Lynne Beckley, GUFC  
Susan Granbery, Georgia Forestry Commission  
**The Tree Campus USA program**

9:05 – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome from CSU President

9:10 – 9:25 a.m.

**History of Clayton State University & Campus Tree Program**  
VP of Business and Operations, Corlis Cummings

9:25 – 10:05 a.m.

**Topic: How changing landscapes – including college campuses – affect human risk to West Nile Virus and Zika?** Graeme Lockaby, Research Professor, School of Forestry and Wildlife Science, Auburn University will report on his study on the linkages between forest cover, water quality, and community and human health.

## 10 minute break

10:15 – 11:10 a.m.

### Breakout Sessions:

- **Sustainability Roundtable** with Agnes Scott College's Director of Sustainability, Susan Kidd. This session is a roundtable discussion for campus sustainability managers and staff.
- **Best Practices for Communicating with your campus community about projects and events.** Getting people on campus to understand urban forest management and working together with administration, faculty, students and the community is a challenge. CSU staff will discuss CSU Tree Committee, campus safety run, GPS tracking and tagging of trees.
- **Technical topic: Tree risk assessment – What should you be doing to keep people safe?** Art Morris, Board Certified Master Arborist, New Urban Forestry, Athens. CSU remarks on their campus practices.

## 5 minute break

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

**Trail Walk** (approximately 1 mile long - golf carts available for those with limited mobility): This tour will include **labeled, tagged, QR coded tree plantings; the legendary Spivey Hall; the Butterfly Garden, managed by the Clayton State Retirees Association; the Pollinator Garden**, designed and installed to bring research experiences to students as part of their biology course experiences, and **The Lakeview Discovery and Science Center**, which is **Georgia Peach Belt Green Building Certified**. The Peach program recognizes buildings owned or managed by the State of Georgia that optimize energy performance, increase the demand for materials and furnishings produced in Georgia, improve the state's environmental quality, conserve energy, protect Georgia's natural resources and reduce the burden on the state's water supply.

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch in Atrium** (first floor, view of lake) – Tree Campus USA overview (15 minutes). Tree Data Collection report from University of North Georgia.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Breakout sessions:**

- **Establishing a campus arboretum, pollinator garden, and butterfly garden.**  
With Brookwood Tree Consulting's Chris Hughes and Clayton State's Dr. Jere Boudell.
- **Caring for Mature and Over-Mature Trees:** Derrick Catlett, arborist, Evergreen Tree, Savannah
- **Right Tree, Right Location:** Jamie Blackburn, Arborist, Arborguard, invited.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Panel Discussion: Preventing Mosquito-borne illnesses on campus**

Experts share information about emerging threats and the best practices to protect the public from these pests and diseases. Speakers include:

- Rosmarie Kelly, Ph.D., MPH, Vector-Borne & Zoonotic Diseases Team, Environmental Health Section, Georgia Department of Public Health
- Angie Davis, Clayton County Board of Health Environmental Health Manager (invited)
- Robert Seamans, City of Statesboro, Superintendent of Engineering/Public Works, Streets and Parks Division, Past Board member of Georgia Mosquito Control Assoc.

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