



AGENDA

- 10:00 – 10:10 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
Mary Lynne Beckley, GUFC Executive Director
Art Morris, GUFC President 2018
Susan Granbery, U&CF Coordinator, Georgia Forestry Commission
- 10:10 – 10:50 a.m. **Trees as Green Stormwater Infrastructure**
David Dechant, LEED AP, SITES AP and Board Certified Master Arborist at Arboguard Tree Specialists will speak on the latest innovative projects that incorporate trees into the growth of communities, as trees provide vital stormwater management, as well as the host of other benefits.
- 10:50 – 11:30 a.m. **New Recommended Tree Ordinance Standards for a Sustainable Community Forest**
Joe Burgess, Community Forester and Regional Specialist with the Georgia Forestry Commission
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Making Trees Count**
William Hodgins, P.E., Senior Water Resources Engineer, Center for Watershed Protection, Ellicott City, MD

“Making Trees Count” is the result of a project funded by the USFS National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council. Through the project the Center sought to answer the question, what is the effectiveness of urban tree planting for reducing runoff, nutrients and sediment? The project team developed a water balance model to provide an improved method for quantifying the stormwater benefits of urban tree canopy. The results can assist with calculating tree planting credits for pollutant load and stormwater in the urban environment.
- 12:45 – 2 p.m. **Panel Discussion:** Local challenges and accomplishments in Green Stormwater Infrastructure, including the South River Watershed Project. Q & A with attendees.
Facilitator: **Christine McKay**, **US EPA Region 4, Water Protection Division**
Panelists: Amanda Hallauer, Environmental Planner at City of Atlanta Watershed Management; **Bill Hodgins**, Center for Watershed Protection; **Eric Kuehler**, Science Delivery/Technology Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, Southern Research Station
- Adjourn