



# Georgia Tech 2023 Campus Tree Care Plan



"Big Al" tree - Removed due to structural failure September 2018 - Replaced with 11 oaks of various species

## **The purposes of campus tree care plan are to:**

- Facilitate the achievement of 55% minimum tree canopy on campus as recommended by the 2010 Campus Landscape Master Plan.
- Facilitate the achievement of 22% woodlands coverage on campus as recommended by the 2010 Campus Landscape Master Plan.
- Protect and maintain the campus urban forest by managing the impact of development and constructions on campus trees.
- Provide protection and to make sure that removal of all trees on campus are conducted with proper considerations and adequate replacement program, according to our approved 2010 Campus Landscape Master Plan.

The responsibility of the Campus Tree Care Plan rests with Infrastructure and Sustainability Department.

# The Campus Tree Advisory Committee is composed of:

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- Jason Gregory, Institute Landscape Architect, I&S - Planning Design and Construction
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## Executive Members:

- President Angel Cabrera
- Steve McLaughlin, Provost
- Maria Cimilluca-VP I&S



## Roles of Representatives:

The committee members will accept to serve for a period of one calendar year with a renewal option. Members shall appoint officials who will conduct the day to day business of the committee. Committee members are expected to actively participate and contribute in policy/guideline issues as well as research/information gathering that would aid in the campus tree care plan.

# Campus Tree Care Policies- Tree Planting Plant Selection

Plant species used on Georgia Tech campus will come from the list of the Landscape Standards in the 2010 Landscape Maser Plan, as updated and EBB/South Central Sector Plans. The list contains both native and exotic species that have been screened for adaptability to physical conditions and serviceability, to meeting planting needs based on site orientation, drainage, soil condition, use, etc. Where appropriate, the best plant shall be selected for a given site, which may or may not be a "native". Trees to be used on campus must be preselected at the farm or nursery for good quality and tagged. Only trees of 2"-2 1/2" minimum caliper and maximum of 4"-4 1/2" caliper will be planted. Smaller trees sizes may be used in forest zones. Careful consideration needs to be taken in selection of trees as it relates to the final placement. Per the 2010 Landscape master plan, the growth expectations for each species should be taken into account prior to installing new trees. The final selections shall be reviewed and approved by the Institute Landscape Architect and/or Tree Campus and or Arboretum Committee prior to installation.

Due to planting requirements, plant materials associated with donations and or dedications will be installed from October to March. When possible the installations will be coordinated with the annual installment of 50 trees. Recommended species and placement shall be reviewed and approved by the Tree Campus Committee and the Institute Landscape Architect or approved representative.

## Prohibited Practices

Under no condition shall a tree be planted on Georgia Tech campus for dedication without per-approval from the office of Infrastructure and Sustainability, Planning Design and Construction.

### LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN



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








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June 2010

Revised September 2011

Landscape Master Plan ([https://facilities.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/lmp\\_final\\_draft.pdf](https://facilities.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/lmp_final_draft.pdf))

7. Plant Palette				
TREES				
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hydric	Mesic	Xeric
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red maple	x	x	
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Bowhall'	Red maple	x		
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar maple		x	
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red buckeye		x	
<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.	Serviceberry		x	
<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Durahaat'	River birch	x	x	
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Musclewood	x	x	
<i>Carya</i> spp.	Hickory			x
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringe tree		x	
<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Sugarberry	x		
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud	x		
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Dogwood		x	
<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King'	Hawthorn		x	x
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American beech			x
<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	Carolina silverbell		x	
<i>Hammamelis x intermedia</i>	Witch hazel		x	
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip poplar		x	
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay magnolia	x	x	
<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>	Water tupelo	x		
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum		x	
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Hop hornbeam			x
<i>Pinus echinata</i>	Shortleaf pine			x
<i>Pinus taeda</i>	Loblolly pine			x
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	x	x	
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> 'Columbia'	Plane tree		x	
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet oak		x	
<i>Quercus nigra</i>	Water oak	x	x	
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow oak		x	
<i>Quercus</i> spp.	Oak			x
<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Pond Cypress	x		
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Princeton'	American elm		x	
<i>Ulmus</i> spp.	Elm			x

Plant list from EBB/South Central Sector Plan Document (<https://facilities.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/ebb-sc-sectorplan.pdf>)

# Landscaping

Landscaping on Georgia Tech campus must adhere to the five plant communities indicated in the 2010 Landscape Master Plan. They are Woodland, Parkland, Meadowland, Ornamental and Lawn. All landscaping, new and old shall use the list of acceptable plants in the Campus Landscape Master Plan as updated. The best plant materials should be chosen based on the site conditions, not based solely on the merit of its being native. The objectives are to increase campus tree canopy to a minimum of 55% and campus coverage by Woodlands to 22%.

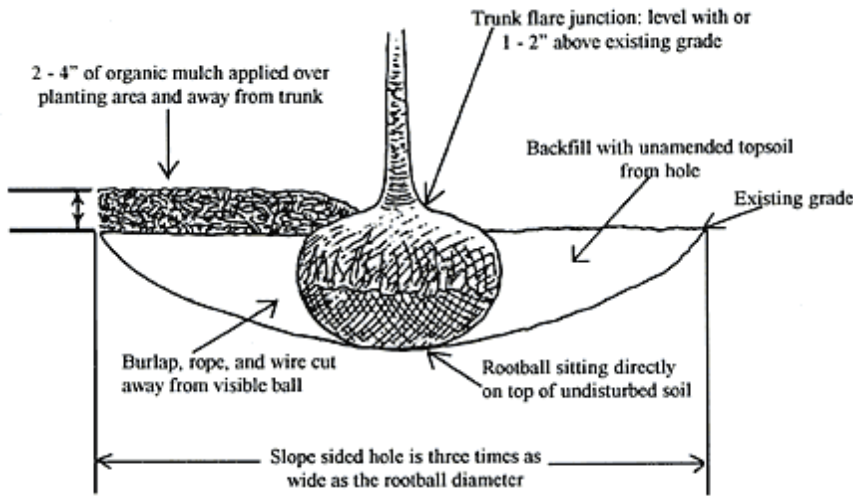


Diagram illustrating proper planting procedure for a tree or shrub.

## Site Preparation

The planting hole should be dug no deeper than the root ball when measured from the bottom of the root ball to the trunk flare. If the hole is deeper than the root ball, it often results in the settling of the plant above the trunk flare and structure roots which can result in the root ball being planted too deep. But the width of the hole should be at least 2 to 3 times the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides.



Tree Planting on Tech Beautification Day

## Setting the Plant and Back Filling the Hole

Plants must be set with trunk flare 1"-2" above the existing grade. Once the plant is properly placed, all visible ropes and burlaps at the top one-third should be cut away. The top 8"-16" of the wire basket should be removed once the root ball is stable in the planting hole; backfill the planting hole with the existing soil. If the existing soil is of a poor quality, addition of soil amendment as recommended by the soil analysis should be used. The backfill soil should be tamped firm enough to remove large air pockets, but not too firm as to remove all fine air spaces needed for a well aerated soil for root development. Complete the backfill by making sure that the trunk flare is completely exposed, spread mulch at 2-4" depth but not touching the trunk, water the root ball and the planting area deeply. Newly planted trees must receive adequate water weekly during the entire first growing season right up until dormancy in the fall, by irrigation or placement of ooze bag or hand watering. Mulch the planting area with 3-4" pine straw mulch. Leaf litter may be used below a layer of pine straw.

# Transplanting

Desirable trees in a development area or other construction sites shall be transplanted by staff if the tree caliper is between 2"-4" where there is an acceptable location and during the planting season (October to March). Trees of larger caliper shall be contracted out using comparable tree transplanting equipments (spades). The tree inventory will be updated to show the new locations after trees are transplanted while maintaining the original tree number.



Tree spade planting in Tech Triangle Lawn

# Fertilizing

Newly planted trees should not receive fertilization during the first growing season except in a situation where a soil test recommends its use. A slow release type of fertilizer should be used around the tree basin. Trees in poor condition should receive deep root fertilization of 5-35-10 plus micro nutrients, with repeat application if necessary. Also, when necessary, we shall use 10-20-10 for evergreen trees and 25-10-10 for general application. Routine tree fertilization is not recommended; however, campus trees receive adequate nutrients from turf, shrubs and ground cover routine application of fertilizers. As part of the maintenance plan, records of fertilizing will be kept as part of the GIS database and used as a tool to track areas needing fertilization.

# Staking

Staking of trees at planting is not required if the root ball is stable. If staking must be done, it will be done in accordance with ANSI most recent edition.

# Critical Root Zone

Careful consideration should be taken when there are impacts to the critical root zone of existing trees. The structural root plate is the zone of rapid root taper that provides the tree stability against wind throw and the general health of the tree. Damage done to the radius of the root zone will encourage pathogens and allow disease to enter the tree. The radius of the root plate is proportional to the stem diameter (DBH) of a tree. The adjacent table provides examples of root plate radii for upright trees without restricted roots.

Critical Root Zone Table	
DBH (inches)	Root plate (feet)
8"	5.5 feet
16"	8 feet
32"	10.5 feet
48"	12 feet

# MAINTENANCE & REMOVAL

## Preventive Maintenance Pruning

The tree team systematically prunes trees annually through a preventive maintenance pruning program. Preventive maintenance pruning is conducted on an as needed basis at this time. All campus trees are periodically surveyed and rated based on their pruning needs to determine scheduling priorities. As part of the maintenance plan, records of pruning are kept as part of the GIS database and used as a tool to track areas needing maintenance.



Sheep used for Kudzu removal

## Service Request

The tree team typically prunes approximately 300 trees annually by service request. Requests are made by customers around campus, which is then followed up by an inspection of the trees by the staff arborist who generates the evaluation and tree rating to determine the type of pruning to be performed by staff. See appendix A, routine inspections by staff provide most of our pruning needs.

## Fallen Limb Removal

When limbs fall from trees on campus, members of the campus community can call in or make a service request (via web base) and by staff inspection to promptly clean up the debris. Every attempt will be made to clean up dropped limbs within the same day, depending on the severity of the storm and the extent of the tree damage (except in the Greek and religious properties). We do not maintain private properties. The remaining tree will be evaluated to assess its suitability for removal.

## Pruning

After planting, only broken or damaged branches should be pruned. Pruning should take place with new and older trees to help train them early on and throughout their lifespan. Tree wrapping is generally not recommended. As part of the maintenance plan, records of pruning will be kept as part of the GIS database and used as a tool to track areas needing pruning.



Street Tree Pruning

# Hazard and Emergency Tree Removal and Re-use

When a tree removal request is made, a certified arborist evaluates the tree in question and makes the determination for removal or not based, on the result. If the tree is considered a hazardous tree, it is then scheduled for removal. All hazardous trees have two things in common, a significant defect and a potential target for falling on a building, car or pedestrian. Most tree removals are done by staff or contractor. Very large trees needing a crane are contracted out. For significant trees 20" caliper or larger, a second opinion from a certified arborist shall be required to ensure that removal is necessary. A "significant" tree is one that is highly visible and/or obviously part of the campus aesthetic. The Tree Campus Committee will review trees subject for removal and determine if the trees are "significant". Those trees deemed "significant" will require a second opinion and level 3 assessment. The Tree Campus Committee is authorized to identify trees appropriate for removal and determining which are significant thus warranting a level 3 assessment. For removal of any trees, the Tree Campus Committee will be notified and the inventory will be updated as needed.

After verifying that it is necessary to remove a tree, it should be evaluated for possible re-use for lumber. Suitability for reuse, ease of access/removal, and if there is a known use for the lumber will be considered as part of the evaluation process. If determined to be suitable, the wood shall be stored and processed to meet the anticipated need at the cost of the proposed end user of the wood.

## Criteria for Re-use

Tree trunks and major limbs are primarily envisioned for processing. The minimum diameter should be 12" and the minimum length should be 8'-0". For 20" or larger trees considerations should be made for alternate uses in active projects on campus to increase the possible uses.

Wood can be cut into a variety of thicknesses. 8"/4" is optimal as it can still be cut down in size but has a reasonable drying time. Note that kiln drying finishes the drying process only, board moisture content needs to be significantly reduced before entering the kiln to limit warping and cracking, boards may not be available for use for several years after initial processing. Larger boards will take longer to dry, a year per inch of thickness is advised so drying lumber for structural purposes may take several years. Boards should be clearly labeled to identify tree species, both to track the wood but also as the dust from certain woods can be irritants for those working in fine detail.

As not all wood is suitable for processing into lumber, smaller limbs free of transferable diseases or insects should be chipped. The placement of chipped wood should be coordinated with Georgia Tech Landscaping Services. For additional guidance, refer to the Georgia Tech Green Book and the USDA Recycling Municipal Trees document. (<https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/12865>)



Lumber milled from trees during the construction of EBB.



Bar from salvaged trees in Kendeda Building

## Tree Damage Assessment

All damaged trees on Georgia Tech campus shall be assessed by a Certified Arborist using the existing tree evaluation form. Results from the evaluation determines whether the tree should be removed, pruned or receive treatment such as fertilization, and insect/disease control, see pages 20-21 for required forms. Removed trees are updated on the tree inventory list. If a violation of this procedure has occurred, the I&S representative shall issue written notice identifying the nature and location of the violation and specifying that remedial action is necessary to bring the violation into compliance. The person or company or department in violation shall immediately, conditions permitting, commence remedial action after the receipt of the notice, or such longer times as may be specified in the notice, to complete the remedial actions required to bring the activity into compliance with this policy.

## Stump Grinding

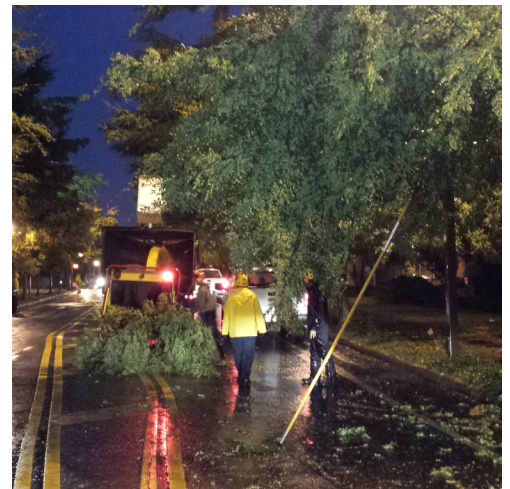
After trees are removed, the stumps are then scheduled for grinding, provided there is adequate access to the site. When the stump is ground out, the grindings are raked and left slightly mounded to allow for decay and settling to occur. Utility locates are required when stump grinding is needed.

## Managing for Catastrophic Events

In the event of severe weather conditions such as tornadoes or hurricanes, falling trees will be removed by Landscape Services staff or an outside tree removal company. Roads and streets shall be cleared first, then access to critical buildings, administration, buildings with critical labs, library, student center, etc., in that order. In the advance of severe weather conditions, all necessary equipment shall be checked for readiness and safety by staff.

## Protection/Preservation Policies and Procedures

Tree protection zones shall be established and maintained for all trees to be preserved in a construction or utility project site. Construct a simple barrier for each tree or grouping to protect the trunk and root systems. Wood, plastic or chain link 4' fencing would be suitable. Install the barrier fence 1 foot for every inch diameter of that tree's diameter breast height (DBH), provided that in no case shall the protection zone be less than a radius of 2.5 feet. No root raking shall be allowed within any tree protection zone at anytime during clearing, grading or construction of a project. No equipment or vehicle shall be parked or construction material stored, or substances poured or disposed of or placed within any tree protection zone at anytime during clearing or construction of a project. All work sites shall be planned and conducted in a manner that will minimize damage to protected trees from environmental changes such as altered site drainage or any other land disturbance within or immediately adjacent to the critical root zone of the tree.



Tree removal due to storm damage.



Champion Willow Oak "Big Al" - September 2018



Tree protection during construction.

# New Building or Facilities Construction

Development activities shall be planned to the extent possible in order to preserve and protect trees on Georgia Tech Campus. Any tree on Georgia Tech campus that must be removed to accommodate development, damage during storm events, disease and water/sewer repairs must be shown on the site plan and a method of compensation shall apply as prescribed by the 2010 Campus Landscape Master Plan update.

1. A 1" diameter tree shall be compensated with an equivalent monetary value.
2. A 1" diameter tree shall cost no less than 200.00 (2018 cost)
3. The sum total of the diameter of replacement trees (inches) shall be multiplied by that year's actual cost of the tree market value.

## GUIDELINES & STANDARDS

### 6.2.2 TREE REPLACEMENT

#### Objectives:

1. To replace the ecological value of existing trees that are removed because of construction or poor condition.
2. To increase the total tree canopy of the campus to a minimum of 55%.

Trees are vitally important to the ecology and sustainability of Georgia Tech's campus. When an existing tree is removed for some reason, it must be replaced with enough new trees to approximate its ecological value within a reasonable period. Since it takes several decades for a small planted tree to equal the size of a large removed tree, the number of replacement trees is based on the basal area of the removed tree. Basal area is the cross-sectional area of its trunk 4.5 feet above ground and reflects a tree's biomass, which includes its roots, trunk and canopy. and reflects its ecological value for campus soils, hydrology, micro-climate and biodiversity.

Eco-mimicry suggests that trees be planted abundantly to replace a lost tree. This is commonly seen in nature when an opening occurs in a forest and is spontaneously replaced with many seedlings - Nature appears unwilling to wait the decades required for a single tree to grow to equal

what was lost. Since Georgia Tech's goal is to grow its tree canopy to cover 55% of the campus, it makes sense to plant abundantly to replace lost trees.

#### Requirements:

1. If trees are to be removed, a tree condition assessment must be completed by a certified arborist.
2. Use the Tree Replacement Chart for Large and Medium Trees (Chart 6-3) to determine how many trees are required to replace a tree that is removed.

Chart: 6-3

#### TREE REPLACEMENT CHART FOR LARGE AND MEDIUM TREES

	Circumference 4.5' Above Ground	Diameter 4.5' Above Ground		3" Caliper Tree*	2" Caliper Tree	1" Caliper Tree	
If Tree is:	<b>Less than 37"</b>	or	<b>Less than 6"</b>	then plant:	<b>1</b>	or <b>2</b>	or <b>10</b>
If Tree is:	<b>29" - 37"</b>	or	<b>6" - 11"</b>	then plant:	<b>2</b>	or <b>4</b>	or <b>20</b>
If Tree is:	<b>38" - 56"</b>	or	<b>12" - 17"</b>	then plant:	<b>5</b>	or <b>10</b>	or <b>50</b>
If Tree is:	<b>57" - 74"</b>	or	<b>18" - 23"</b>	then plant:	<b>10</b>	or <b>20</b>	or <b>100</b>
If Tree is:	<b>75" - 93"</b>	or	<b>24" - 29"</b>	then plant:	<b>18</b>	or <b>36</b>	or <b>180</b>
If Tree is:	<b>94" - 112"</b>	or	<b>30" - 35"</b>	then plant:	<b>28</b>	or <b>56</b>	or <b>280</b>
If Tree is:	<b>113" - 132"</b>	or	<b>36" - 41"</b>	then plant:	<b>41</b>	or <b>82</b>	or <b>410</b>
If Tree is:	<b>More than 132"</b>	or	<b>More than 42"</b>	then plant:	<b>55</b>	or <b>110</b>	or <b>550</b>

\* The caliper of replacement trees are measured 6" above ground. To substitute other acceptable sizes: 1(3" caliper tree) = 2 (2" caliper trees) or 10 (1" caliper trees)

## Tree Bank

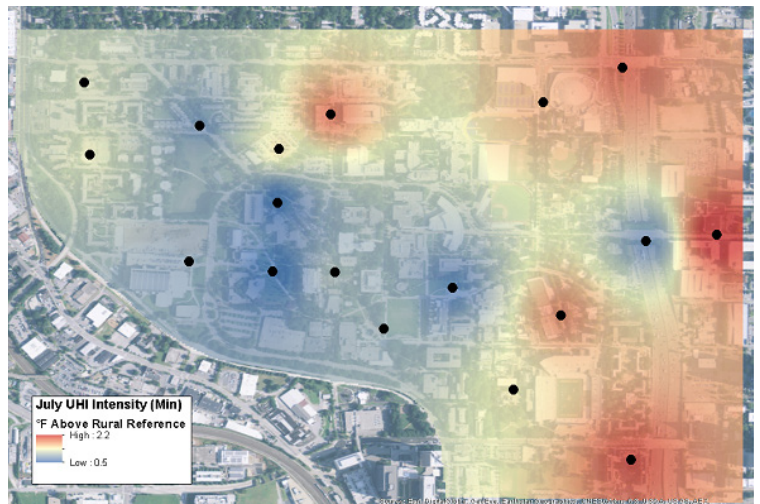
An account is available to receive and manage the tree replacement program. This account allows for flexibility of planting time and/or the issue of having a site with insufficient space for tree planting. If the schedule or space limitations prevent sufficient tree recompense, a payment shall be made to the tree planting and replacement account. The tree replacement or planting account a separate account from the general account allowing funds to be used from year to year for the purpose of tree planting and replacement only.

# Georgia Tech Arboretum

In 2016 Georgia Tech established itself as a Level II Arboretum. The Georgia Tech Arboretum provides a platform for the development of educational tools defining the performance of individual trees and the collective forest in the urban landscape. From the microscopic impacts of trees on soil, to the regional impact of the urban forest on the air we breathe, the Arboretum provides the Georgia Tech community a tool for explaining tree performance values while they are being researched as part of our living learning laboratory.

The arboretum and tree inventory has been or will be used for the research and educational opportunities listed below.

- Heat Island Effect – Canopy coverage
- Stormwater Runoff Calculations
- Leaf Biomass
- Bee Research
- Augmented Reality/Web Development
- Environmentalism & Eco-criticism
- The Urban Forest
- Impacts on Energy use in adjacent buildings
- Phytoremediation
- Biodiversity
- Pollution Reduction
- Carbon Sequestration
- Healthy Trails



Heat Island Research by Urban Climate Lab



Pollinator friendly Tree Research by College of Science Students



Environmentalism and Ecocriticism, “The Fall of a Champion” Remembering Big Al

# Significant Trees on Campus

The goal of this program is to recognize and document trees on the main Georgia Tech campus with exceptional horticultural and/or historical significance. Listed trees will be specially designated members of the Georgia Tech Arboretum and eligible for a more rigorous and specialized program of care and maintenance. These designations are documented in the tree inventory. Below are criteria to base whether a tree meets 'Significant' status.

1. Age; will vary by species.
2. Diversity; rare species on campus
3. Historic Significance; tree has association with an important event or person.
4. Location and setting; designates a contribution to a significant view or spatial structure of a setting.
5. Appearance size or habit; designates an exemplary representation of the characteristics of a genus or species

Significant trees will be designated by the Tree Campus USA committee and take into consideration. Any member of the Georgia Tech community may nominate a campus tree for consideration by contacting the committee chair. Currently there are 23 trees that have been designated as Significant Trees. Below are a few from the designated list for locations of the designated trees refer to the tree inventory at [Arboretum.gatech.edu](http://Arboretum.gatech.edu).



Big Leaf Magnolia (Tree 4569)



Sabal Palmetto (Tree 2121)



Star Magnolia (Tree 742)

## Significant Tree List

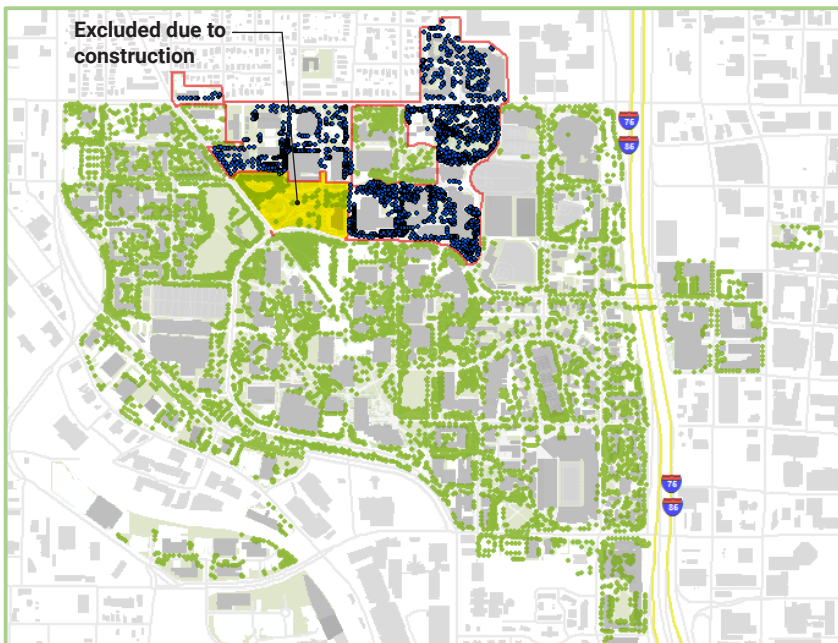
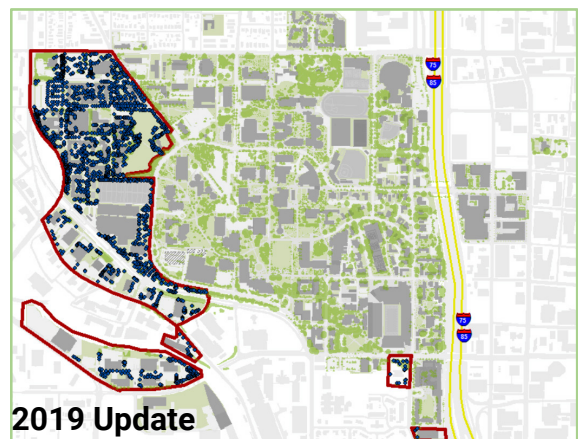
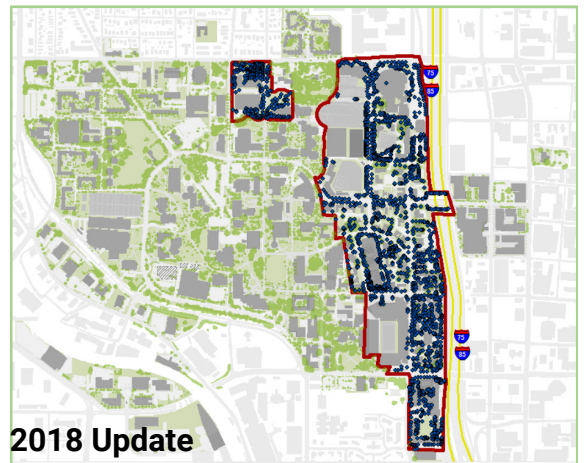
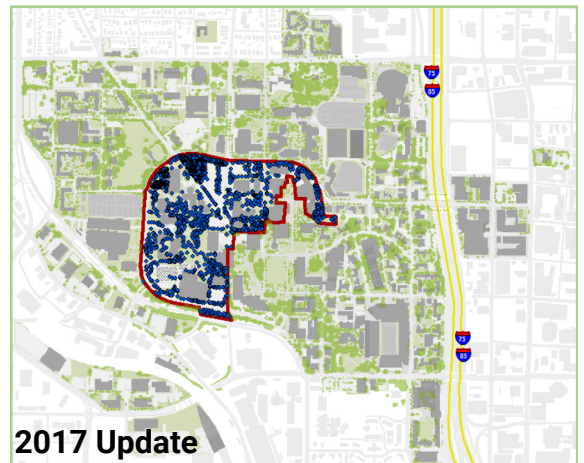
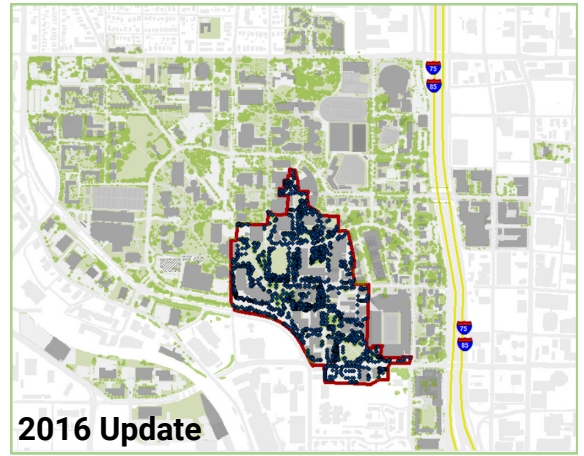
Tree #	Common Name	Scientific Name	Tree #	Common Name	Scientific Name
8273	American beech	Fagus gradifolia	4958	Sawtooth oak	Quercus acutissima
4569	Big leaf magnolia	Magnolia macrophylla	7044	Serbian spruce	Picea omorika
2121	Cabbage palmetto	Sabal palmetto	7689	Slash pine	Pinus elliottii
4539	Carolina hemlock	Tsuga caroliniana	8199	Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora
7715	Chinese evergreen oak	Quercus myrsinifolia	742	Star magnolia	Magnolia stellata
1451	Blue spruce	Picea pungens glauca	988	Southern red oak	Quercus falcata
1927	Ginko	Ginko biloba	1781	Willow oak	Quercus phellos
504	Japanese maple	Acer palmatum	1782	Willow oak	Quercus phellos
503	Japanese maple	Acer palmatum	1783	Willow oak	Quercus phellos
2189	Japanese maple	Acer palmatum	1784	Willow oak	Quercus phellos
1926	Kwanzah cherry	Prunus serrulata			
5064	Post oak	Quercus stellata			
1370	Redbud	Cercis canadensis			

# Tree inventory Upkeep Strategy

Continued maintenance of tree inventory is of utmost importance. Since the completion of a full campus tree inventory in 2012, Georgia Tech has committed to keeping its inventory continually updated. The campus is divided into five zones and a program to comprehensively re-inventory the trees in a five-year revolving cycle has been adopted. With assistance from CSPAV (formerly Center for GIS) since 2015, Georgia Tech has performed updates on 4 of 5 different zones of the campus inventory.

These updates document new and removed trees and the growth of existing trees. Coordination with significant capital projects has been required to capture data efficiently. There may be instances where a large capital construction project may plant a number of new trees, remove existing trees, or transplant existing trees. In situations like these the contractor will be required to provide a complete tree update as per Georgia Tech's inventory specification outlined in the campus green book. A comprehensive process for tree data capture has been incorporated into the "Green Book". The Green Book documents the campus landscape standards for consultant and contractors to reference.

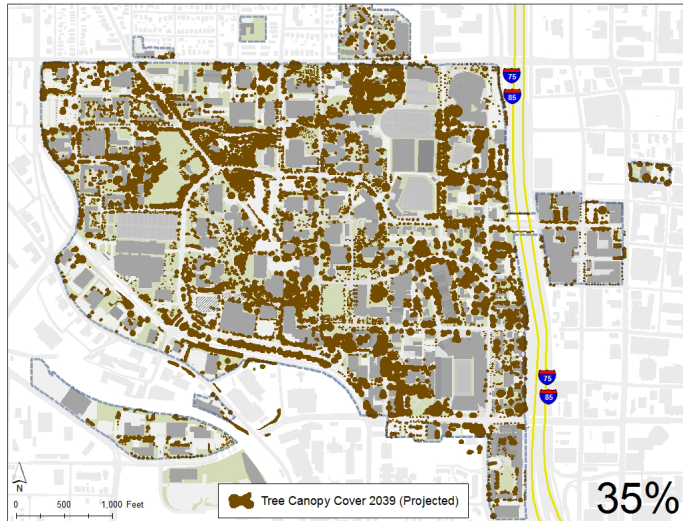
This continual update provides data to analyze and study the growth rates and estimate the projected canopy coverage.



2020 - Tree count 13,420

# Tree Canopy Planning and Analysis

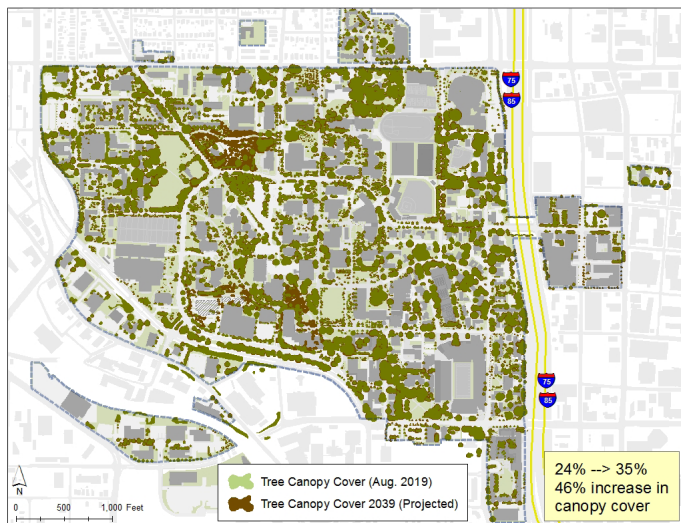
This data provides valuable information regarding the growth rate of trees since the completion of the initial inventory. These growth rates are now being used to estimate the anticipated growth of our tree canopy.



Canopy Coverage Estimates

Estimates for Canopy Growth over 20 years calculated based on the following estimates

- Canopy Trees under 10" caliper assume 50% growth
- Canopy Trees 10-20" caliper assume 25% increase
- Canopy Trees 20-30" caliper assume 15% increase
- Canopy Trees 30"-50" caliper assume 7.5% increase
- Canopy Trees over 50" caliper assume 2.5% increase
- Remaining "Non-Canopy" tree species assume 25% increase.

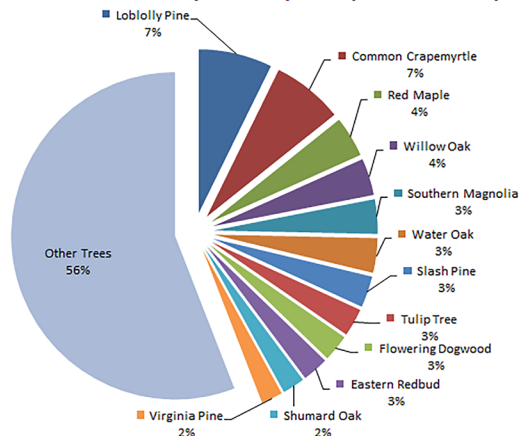


Growth Comparison Study

Growth Comparison overlay

- Canopy Coverage 2019 tree canopy coverage 24% (96 acres)
- Projected 2039 tree canopy 35% (138 acres)
- Campus area for canopy calculation is 397 acres
- Approximate percent canopy increase from 2019 to 2039 results in a 46% in canopy coverage over 20 years.

## Tree Distribution - Top Dozen Species (All Active 2019)



Tree Distribution Chart

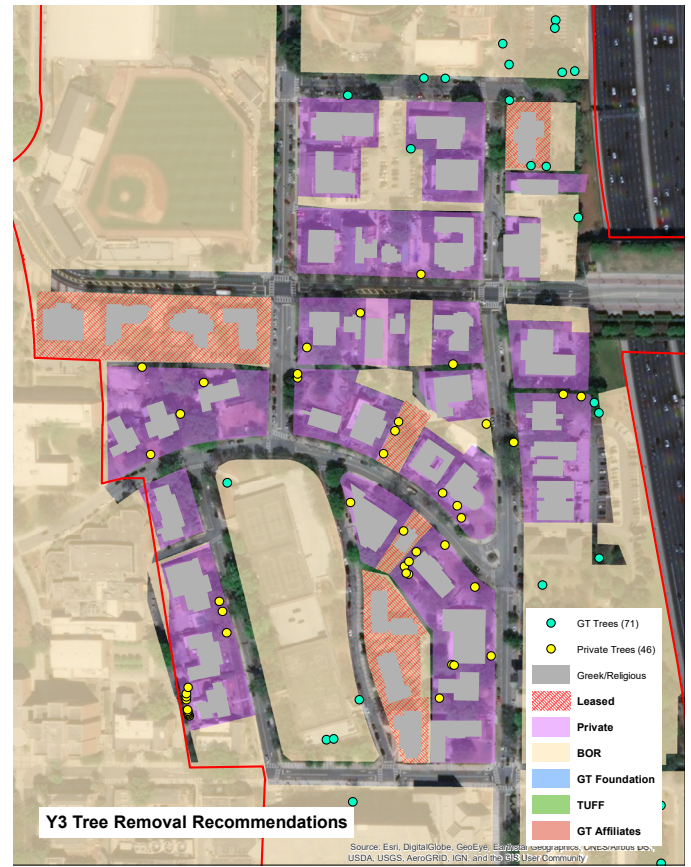
## Species Distribution

These estimates provide a guide for planning purposes to see when and if the campus wide goal of 55% canopy coverage is achievable. While also allowing us to monitor the species distribution across campus.

In addition to the inventory updates the Campus stakeholders continue to document and monitor tree maintenance activities including regular on demand maintenance tasks such as pruning, fertilizer applications, new trees plantings, tree removals, and transplanting of trees. Maintenance activities are recorded as an overlay to the existing inventory on a GPS hand-held GIS application.

As part of this inventory update process, trees considered in poor health are identified and evaluated to determine the appropriate action. Part of this process is confirming ownership and notifying the responsible party of the tree and its need for further evaluation.

Prior to monthly Tree Campus meeting modifications will be synchronized to the database. Updates to the campus tree inventory will be presented to the entire Tree Campus committee during the monthly meetings with maps and reports of monthly activities. These updates will also serve as a tool for Tree Campus USA renewal process each year. Efforts will be made to visually inspect and record tree condition alongside regular maintenance activities.



Tree Ownership Verification

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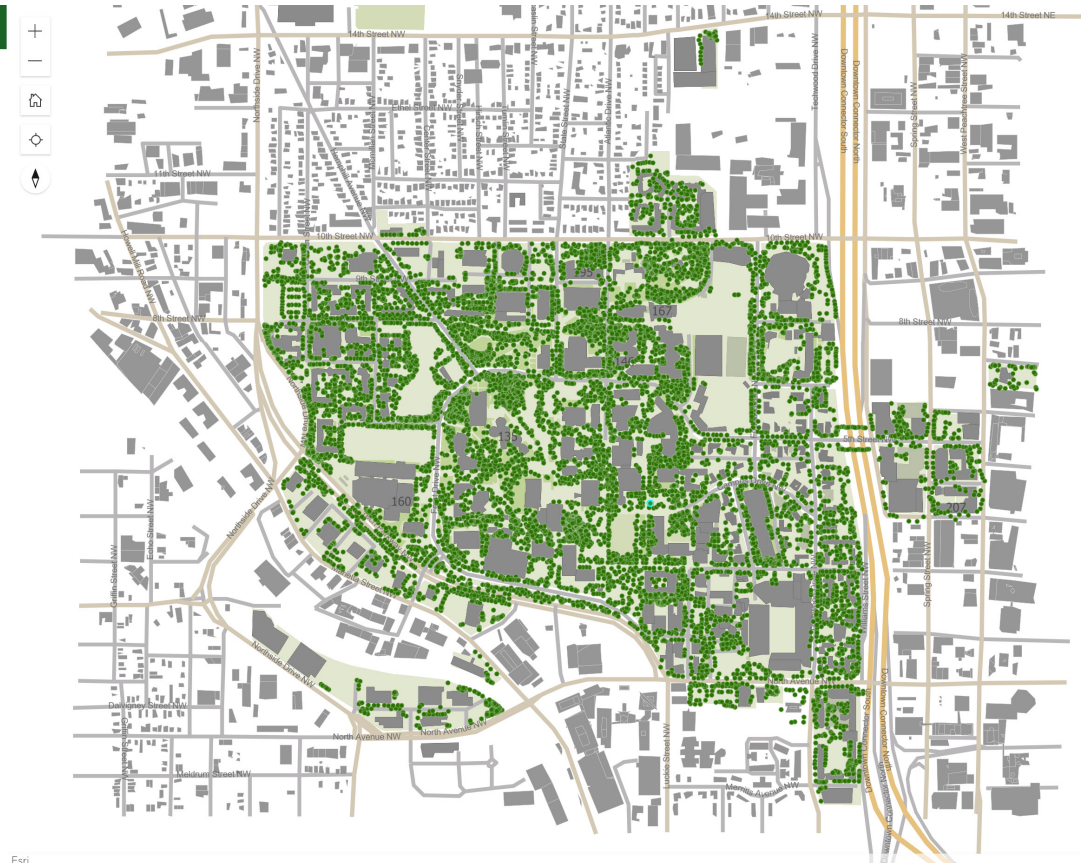
Top 10 Most Common Trees

Loblolly pine...	1,065
Croage Myrt...	868
Willow Oak	577
Red maple	527
Eastern red...	492
Water Oak	471
Slash pine	435
Shumard Oak	399
Southern pine...	389
Flowering d...	308

**Annual Tree Benefits**

Using calculations from the USDA Forest Service below are some of the environmental and economic benefits our urban forest provides on an annual basis.

Avoided Runoff	252,991 cu. ft/year
Canopy Covered	3,700,581 sqft
Canopy Coverage	23%
Leaf Area	15,164,883 sqft
Leaf Biomass	270,072 pounds (lbs)
Carbon Storage	6,974,517 lbs
Gross Carbon Sequestration	190,232 lbs/year
Pollution Removal	92,037 oz/year



Tree Inventory Database

# Design Requirements

Design of a new developments or renovations shall include a green space plan in the proposal. Such plans shall include a tree protection, tree establishment and landscape plan. The plan shall conform to the landscape standards as described in the Campus Master Plan, Landscape Master Plan, and Green Book.

# Vegetation Communities

Guidelines for establishing and maintaining the three vegetation communities, Woodland, Parkland, and Meadowland, are provided in the landscape master plan. These guidelines ensure the programmatic and sustainability requirements for the vegetation communities are met.

The Woodlands are multi-layered plant communities with an overstory canopy, an understory of young or small trees and shrubs, an herbaceous ground layer, and a heavy leaf litter layer. It is the most important ecological and sustainable component of the campus landscape. Its defining aspect is its vertical layering of leaf masses with 100%, redundant coverage of the ground plane. Woodland vegetation areas are characterized as zones requiring minimum maintenance and maximum tree canopy. The maintenance requirements for these areas are unique from the parkland zones as they allow a dense canopy of non-invasive trees to grow and mature with minimal under story maintenance. Annual selective pruning is required to maintain safety and visibility through the trees and eliminate invasive species. The woodlands should be managed with the mindset that the trees are one organism, whose form will change over time, as its biomass increases to reach stasis with site resources. Individual trees may be squeezed out by competition but the community is more important than an individuals within it.

The Parklands are more manicured and consist of a discontinuous overstory canopy, a limited and intermittent understory, and an open herbaceous or ground layer. It is primarily lawn and large trees. It is best used where there is a need for free movement at the ground plane, open visibility at eye level, and park uses of lawn.

The Meadowlands/Grass is predominantly a landscape of grasses and forbs with shrubs masses have a few trees. In natural settings it is associated with old fields and the edge of woodlands, ponds, and streams. It is best used on campus where there is a need to preserve open views.



Woodland Pruning - Before



Woodland Pruning - After



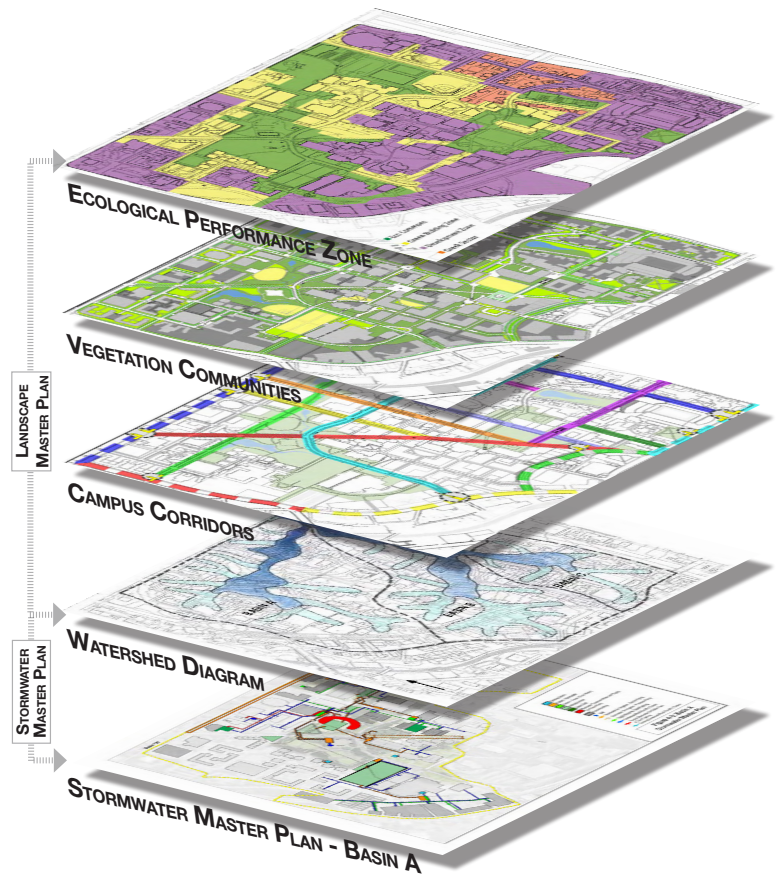
IC Lawn Parkland with Grass areas

## Landscape Master Plan and Stormwater Master Plan

The Landscape Master Plan grew out of the 2004 Campus Master Plan Update (CPMU), which highlighted the role of open space in achieving goals of sustainability and livability. It recommended the landscape could perform valuable ecological work for the Institute, and established the Eco-Commons as a permanent open space in the heart of campus for stormwater management and outdoor recreation.

The Landscape Master Plan is based on the concept that the campus represents two landscapes that are one — an ecological landscape, governed by biophysical processes, and a human landscape, governed by the social activities and experience of people. The purpose of the Master Plan is to engender the performance and value of both through a holistic approach, based on Ecology.

To further separate the layers and comprehensively study the civil engineering, Georgia Tech developed the Stormwater Master Plan for Basin A. The plan outlines the infrastructure needed to achieve the goal of 50% reduction in stormwater runoff from campus.



Masterplan Summary Graphics

## The Right Tree in the Right Place

A healthy community forest begins with careful planning. Trees will be properly placed to avoid collisions with power lines and buildings.

The following should be taken into consideration

1. Height - Will the tree impact anything when it is fully grown?
2. Canopy spread - How wide will the tree grow?
3. Leaf type - Is the tree deciduous or evergreen and where the leaves will drop?
4. Typical tree form - Form or shape typical of the species and the desired result impact placement.
5. Growth rate - Species growth rate and anticipated life expectancy.
6. Site conditions - Soil, sun, and moisture requirements.
7. Fruit - Fruit trees are encouraged, however adjacencies to sidewalks and parking lots should be avoided.
8. Hardiness zone - The hardiness zone typically associated with a specific species and the micro climate of the proposed location.

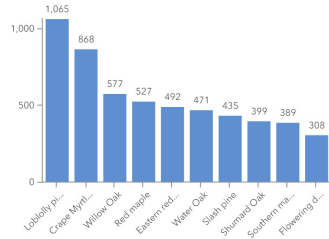


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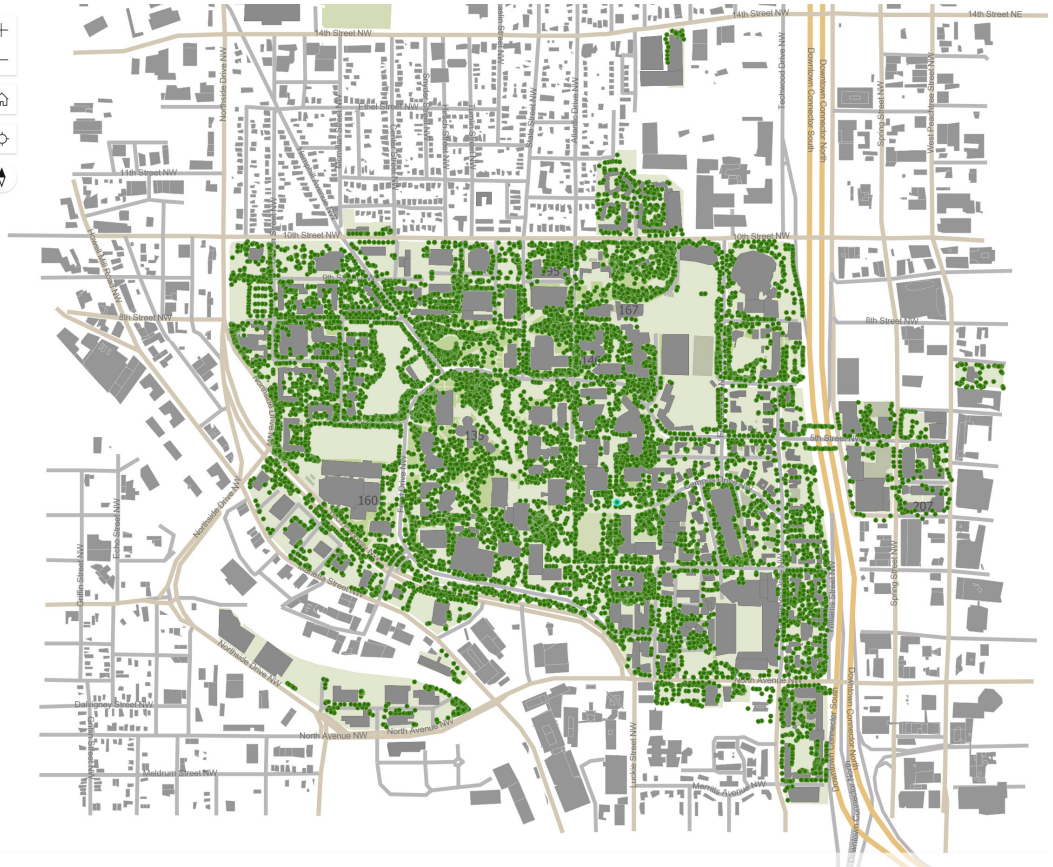


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**23% Canopy Coverage 2023**

## Goals and Targets

Develop an integrated, ecologically based landscape and open space system that will help Georgia Tech achieve its goal of environmental sustainability by

- 1) Increasing campus tree canopy to a minimum of 55%,
- 2) Increase campus coverage by Woodlands to 22%
- 3) Regular maintenance of the campus tree inventory.

The campus tree inventory as indicated in the 2006 Campus Landscape Master Plan 2005 was 5000 trees and the tree canopy coverage was 15-18%. In 2008 and 2009, it was estimated that Georgia Tech Campus had about 6,700 and 7,023 trees respectively providing approximately 33.8% of tree canopy in 2008. In 2012, Georgia Tech completed GIS Tree Inventory of its 2" caliper or greater trees for the 397 acre campus. The inventory total in 2012 was 11,046 with approximately 178 species. Due to an increase in area and accuracy of data collection, the 2012 campus canopy coverage was 25%. The inventory was completed using a GIS base system and was further leveraged to derive environmental benefits resulting from campus trees using the USFS iTree software model. The model as been rerun to update inventories periodically assessing the performance of trees across campus. Georgia Tech's 5 Year Tree Management Plan/Inventory Update provides current data for research and maintenance tracking allow for a variety of planning uses.

For example, since 2012, there has been significant construction across campus and several large champion trees were lost due to a variety of issues. This has had impacts on the canopy coverage. However, even with these impacts, Georgia Tech has maintained the canopy coverage of 23% while increasing the number of trees by more than 4,000. As of October 2023, Georgia Tech has 15,020 trees.

# Communication Strategy

Since the adoption of the Campus Tree Care Plan and Policies by the Advisory Committee and Georgia Tech Administration approval, several articles on Georgia Tech's participation in the Tree Campus USA have been placed in the student's newspaper "The Technique", the staff news paper "The Whistle" and the "Daily Digest". These communication strategies provide a variety of methods to inform the campus community about tree related maintenance activities and events on campus.

## GTPD Awarded College Police Department of the Year

BLAIR MEEKS  
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) has been recognized by a national law enforcement publication as the college department of the year for 2021. In its inaugural recognition, LAW Publications is calling attention to departments across the country for efforts in community engagement. In addition to department of the year, the group also gives awards for community spirit, collaboration, and community impact.

LAW Publications recognized several GTPD-led programs, including community coffee gatherings, an adopt-a-cop program with area business and student organizations, and a car-poolage drive for homeless people in neighboring communities. "I believe giving people the opportunity to engage with officers in their community will give them a chance to see beyond the badge," said GTPD Sergeant Jessica Howard in the award recognition. "We enjoy the interactions just as much." Learn more at [lawpublications.net](http://lawpublications.net).



Captain Troy Walcott talks with student athletes at a Community Engagement Day event in November 2021.

## TECH TOWER TREE REMOVED



Standing 103 feet high and almost as iconic as Tech Tower itself, this majestic white oak, or Quercus alba, has ringed our campus for more than a century. Unfortunately, the oak was observed hazardous, which means the tree possessed a significant defect and the potential for falling on a building, car, or pedestrian. The removal of the white oak will make for a clearer view of Tech Tower and new trees will take its place with their own opportunity to grow and flourish.

## Example of article in "The Whistle"



### Tech Expands Online Learning Presence

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Georgia Tech has signed an agreement with Coursera to put its web-based courses online and create new opportunities for hands-on learning in the classroom.

"Georgia Tech is committed to using technology and advanced platforms to enrich and expand educational opportunities," said President G. F. "Ruff" Frazier. "Through Georgia Tech's Office of Professional Education, we already offer courses to more than 25,000 students worldwide. Steps such as this agreement will enable even more students throughout the world to have access to Georgia Tech's expertise, and help to meet the needs for lifelong learning."

"It seems clear that higher education is currently experiencing the first ripple of a wave that could drastically alter the method, scope and scale of educational access and delivery," said Ruff. "I am proud and excited to see president of academic affairs, 'Georgia Tech has been in the business of offering online courses and education for some time. By joining Coursera we seek to expand our presence in that space, provide increased global access to our excellent educational products, experiment with new methods and ideas in the delivery of education and, most importantly, enhance the learning options and convenience for our own students."

Tech's initial courses include Computational Photography, Computational Investing, Energy 101 and Control of Mobile Robots. The Institute plans to add online courses across a range of disciplines to the online platform.

"The technological sophistication and expectations of today's college students drastically impact their institutions," said

### NSF Names Tech Core Innovation Corps Location

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced that Georgia Tech will be a founding network "node" for its Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program, which aims to develop scientific and engineering discoveries into useful technologies, products and processes.

With a three-year, \$1.5 million grant, Tech will research, analyze and leverage data from the I-Corps program to develop an understanding of how academic institutions can improve support for innovation ecosystems and how the I-Corps network creates new collaboration entities. The geographic regions to support commercialization opportunities. The Institute will watch the I-Corps curriculum to cohorts of

### Beetles to Blame for Tree Removal

SCIENTIFIC NEWS  
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

A water oak on the south end of Tech Green was removed on July 18 after losing a battle against the Asian ambrosia beetle.

The small Asian ambrosia beetle infests trees in the spring by laying its own and depositing eggs, leaving a deposit of fungus on which the larvae will feed. The hatched larvae then grow into adult females that further colonize the fungus, causing the tree to wilt and die.

"We are in the process of having tree specialists come and treat the trees in the area of the infested trees so they will be protected," said Warren Page, director of facilities operations and maintenance. An additional one at the corner of Hopewell Avenue and Forest Drive is also infested. There are also the first experiences Facilities has had with mature trees being infested. New trees will be planted to replace those removed.

www.whistle.gatech.edu

## Example of article in "The Whistle"



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## Meet Quentin Holden, Tree Surgeon

Quentin Holden, certified as an arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture, takes care of Tech's trees.



Apr 02, 2019 - Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech's campus has more than 13,000 trees. So, it makes sense to have a tree surgeon to aid in the care and feeding of such a large canopy. That's where Quentin Holden comes in.

Holden, certified as an arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture, is a tree surgeon in Facilities. The job has a wide range of duties.

## Related links

- Georgia Tech Tree Viewer
- Remembering Big Al
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Georgia Tech Tree Surgeon **Quentin Holden** (fifth from right) attended a ceremony in which Gov. Brian Kemp proclaimed Feb. 28 Arbor Day in Georgia. Photo taken Feb. 15, courtesy of the Governor's Office.

## Example of article in "The News Center"

# Awards and Recognition

In addition to being an annual Tree Campus USA recipient since 2008, Georgia Tech has received several awards since the last submission of the tree care plan in 2014. Below are the awards and recognitions Georgia Tech has received for several programs related to trees and the campus landscape.

## 2015 PGMS Green Star Award

The Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) recognized Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia with an Honor Award in the Society's 2015 Green Star Awards competition. The award was given in the University and College Grounds category for exceptional grounds maintenance.



2023 PGMS Grand Green Star Award

## 2015 GUFC President's Award

The Georgia Urban Forest Council recognized Georgia Tech for its Comprehensive Urban Campus Tree Inventory and Management Practice.



2021-2026 Arboretum Accreditation

## 2016 ArbNet Level II Accredited Arboretum

Georgia Tech meets the requirements for and is recognized as a Level II Arboretum

## 2017 Georgia Water Conservancy

### Chattahoochee Riverkeeper - Green 13 Award

Georgia Tech received the Green 13 Award for the planning and implementation of a variety of green solutions to reduce stormwater runoff. These include re-establishing and managing forests as a significant component of this infrastructure.



2015 GUFC President's Award

## 2023 Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)

### Jury's Choice Award

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Planning and Design.

## 2023 PGMS Green Star Grand Award

Georgia Tech's Landscape Services department earned a 2023 Green Star GRAND AWARD from the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS), the highest award ever received by the Institute from this organization.



2017 Green 13 Award

## Dedicated Annual Expenditures for Campus Tree Program

Georgia Tech has dedicated three full time employees (a certified arborist, a tree surgeon, and a tree assistant) and a portion of the Ops Manager's time totaling \$180,710.57 for the tree program. On average, Georgia Tech Landscape Services spends \$19,000.00 to purchase new trees per year. The following equipment is used in the maintenance and care of our campus trees.

• Hand-held GPS Unit	\$9,500.00
• 2015 chipper truck with 65' bucket	\$100,000
• 2 Vermeer BC700XL Chipper	\$37,174.00
• Backhoe	\$93,441.00
• Chainsaw/Pole saw (11)	\$9,990.00
• Climbing Gears	\$1,000.00

Equipment Maintenance/yr	\$2,000
Grand total on equipment	<u>\$251,105</u>

Annual Contract Labor Cost	\$180,710.57
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## The Georgia Tech Beautification Day (TBD) and Earth Day

The Georgia Tech Beautification Day and Earth Day held annually in March or April, account for 200-300, faculty & staff volunteers. Participants at 3 hours per volunteers x \$20 equals \$27,000.00 of volunteer labor per year. They participate in planting trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers, laying sod, spreading pine straw and wood chips, pulling weeds, picking up trash, etc. on the Georgia Tech campus. This event is open to students, staff, faculty, administration, and visitors.

Other associated costs of the campus tree management are:

Tree Inventory database maintenance by Georgia Tech Center at \$20,000/yr

Updated Georgia Tech Campus Landscape Master Plan 2010

Conducting 5-year Tree Management Plan/Inventory update at \$47,000 annually

Summary of the dollar value dedicated to the tree program by Georgia Tech are:

• Labor staff/yr	\$180,710.57
• Labor contract/yr	\$120,000.00
• Labor volunteer/yr	\$ 27,000.00
• Tree purchase/yr	\$19,000.00
• Materials/yr	\$7,500.00
• Equipment investment	\$251,105.00
• 5 year tree management plan/inventory update	\$47,000.00
• Database tree maintenance/yearly	\$20,000.00
• Staff associations & training cost	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$675,315.57

Georgia Tech's full time student population is 45,000 x \$3 annual expenditure requirement is \$135,000. Therefore, Georgia Tech is well over the required amount of expenditures needed for Tree Campus USA participation.

## Definitions:

- Caliper. The diameter or thickness of the main stem of a young tree or sapling as measured at six (6") inches above ground level. This measurement is used for nursery-grown trees having a diameter of four inches or less.
- Canopy trees. A tree that will grow to a mature height of at least 40 feet with a spread of at least 30 feet.
- Clearing. The removal of trees or other vegetation of two inches DBH or greater.
- Critical Root Zone. The minimum area surrounding a tree that is considered essential to support the viability of the tree and is equal to a radius of one foot per inch of trunk diameter (DBH).
- Development. The act, process or state of erecting buildings or structures, or making improvements to a parcel or tract of land.
- Diameter, breast height (DBH). The diameter or width of the main stem of a tree as measured 4.5 feet above the natural grade at its base. Whenever a branch, limb, defect or abnormal swelling of the trunk occurs at this height, the DBH shall be measured at the nearest point above or below 4.5 feet at which a normal diameter occurs.
- Green space. Any area retained as permeable unpaved ground and dedicated on the site plan to supporting vegetation.
- Green space plan. A map and/or supporting documentation which describes for particular site where vegetation is to be retained or planted in compliance with these regulations. The green space plan shall include a tree establishment plan, or a tree protection plan, and a landscape plan.
- Impervious surface. A solid base underlying a container that is nonporous, unable to absorb hazardous material, free of cracks or gaps and is sufficient to contain leaks, spills and accumulated precipitation until collected material is detected and removed.
- Landscape plan. A map and supporting documentation which describes for a particular site where vegetation, is to be retained or provided in compliance with the requirements of this policy. The landscape plan shall include any required buffer elements.
- Native tree. Any tree species which occurs naturally and is indigenous within the region.
- Tree establishment plan. A map and supporting documentation which describes, for a particular site where existing trees are to be planted in compliance with the requirements of these regulations, the types of trees and their corresponding trees for reforestations.
- Tree protection plan. A map and supporting documentation which describes for a particular site where existing trees are to be retained in compliance with the requirements of the regulations, the types of trees and their corresponding tree for reforestations.
- Tree protection zone. The area surrounding a preserved or planted tree that is essential to the tree's health and survival, and is protected within the guidelines of these regulations.

# ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address/Tree location \_\_\_\_\_ Tree no. \_\_\_\_\_ Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tree species \_\_\_\_\_ dbh \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Crown spread dia. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tools used \_\_\_\_\_ Time frame \_\_\_\_\_

## Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target protection	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 – rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
			Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1								
2								
3								
4								

## Site Factors

**History of failures** \_\_\_\_\_ **Topography** Flat  Slope  \_\_\_\_\_ % **Aspect** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Site changes** None  Grade change  Site clearing  Changed soil hydrology  Root cuts  Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
**Soil conditions** Limited volume  Saturated  Shallow  Compacted  Pavement over roots  \_\_\_\_\_ % Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
**Prevailing wind direction** \_\_\_\_\_ **Common weather** Strong winds  Ice  Snow  Heavy rain  Describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree Health and Species Profile

**Vigor** Low  Normal  High  **Foliage** None (seasonal)  None (dead)  Normal \_\_\_\_\_ % Chlorotic \_\_\_\_\_ % Necrotic \_\_\_\_\_ %  
**Pests/Biotic** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abiotic** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Species failure profile** Branches  Trunk  Roots  Describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Load Factors

**Wind exposure** Protected  Partial  Full  Wind funneling  \_\_\_\_\_ **Relative crown size** Small  Medium  Large   
**Crown density** Sparse  Normal  Dense  **Interior branches** Few  Normal  Dense  **Vines/Mistletoe/Moss**  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recent or expected change in load factors** \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

### — Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown  LCR \_\_\_\_\_ % Cracks  \_\_\_\_\_ Lightning damage   
 Dead twigs/branches  \_\_\_\_\_ % overall Max. dia. \_\_\_\_\_ Codominant  \_\_\_\_\_ Included bark   
 Broken/Hangers Number \_\_\_\_\_ Max. dia. \_\_\_\_\_ Weak attachments  \_\_\_\_\_ Cavity/Nest hole \_\_\_\_\_ % circ.  
 Over-extended branches  Previous branch failures  \_\_\_\_\_ Similar branches present   
**Pruning history** Dead/Missing bark  Cankers/Galls/Burls  Sapwood damage/decay   
 Crown cleaned  Thinned  Raised  Conks  Heartwood decay  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reduced  Topped  Lion-tailed  Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flush cuts  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Condition (s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_

Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_  
**Load on defect** N/A  Minor  Moderate  Significant  **Load on defect** N/A  Minor  Moderate  Significant   
**Likelihood of failure** Improbable  Possible  Probable  Imminent  **Likelihood of failure** Improbable  Possible  Probable  Imminent

### — Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark  Abnormal bark texture/color   
 Codominant stems  Included bark  Cracks   
 Sapwood damage/decay  Cankers/Galls/Burls  Sap ooze   
 Lightning damage  Heartwood decay  Conks/Mushrooms   
 Cavity/Nest hole \_\_\_\_\_ % circ. Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Poor taper   
 Lean \_\_\_\_\_ ° Corrected? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition (s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_

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### — Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible  Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stem girdling   
 Dead  Decay  Conks/Mushrooms   
 Ooze  Cavity  \_\_\_\_\_ % circ.  
 Cracks  Cut/Damaged roots  Distance from trunk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Root plate lifting  Soil weakness   
 Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition (s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_

Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_  
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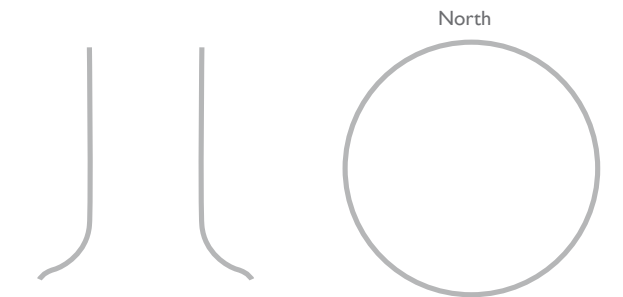
Target (Target number or description)	Tree part	Condition(s) of concern	Likelihood											Consequences				Risk rating (from Matrix 2)			
			Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact <i>(from Matrix 1)</i>			Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe				
			Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely						Very likely		

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely


Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low



**Notes, explanations, descriptions**

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**Mitigation options**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall tree risk rating**      Low  Moderate  High  Extreme

**Overall residual risk**      None  Low  Moderate  High  Extreme       **Recommended inspection interval** \_\_\_\_\_

**Data**  Final  Preliminary      **Advanced assessment needed**  No  Yes-Type/Reason \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspection limitations**  None  Visibility  Access  Vines  Root collar buried Describe \_\_\_\_\_