

South Carolina Urban and Community Forestry Council

2008 Annual Report

Compiled 10/08 by Tim Gillette, 2008 U&CFC Secretary

Executive Committee Officers

President - Eddie Bernard
Treasurer - Clark Beavans
Advisor - Liz Gilland

Vice President – Danny Burbage
Secretary - Tim Gillette

Board of Directors - Kathryn Basha, Timothy Edwards, Tom Knowles, Sandra Korbelik, Sally Krebs, Luther Marchant, Dave Marren, Jimmy Painter, Christina Wells

Ex-Officio Members - Don Ham, George Sawyer, Edmund Most, Mike Russell

Executive Coordinator –Opal Rousey

Annual Members Meeting: - The last members' meeting was held on November 8, 2007 at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia.

Board of Directors Meetings:

January 25, 2008 - Santee State Park
January 25 & 26, 2008 Annual Retreat – Santee State Park
April 4, 2008 - SC Forestry Commission Headquarters
August 22, 2008 – SC Forestry Commission Headquarters
October 29, 2008 – Greenville Marriott, Greenville

Executive Committee Meetings:

January 26, 2008 – Santee State Park
February 21, 2008 – Conference Call
April 4, 2008 – SC Forestry Commission
April 13, 2007 – SC Forestry Commission
July 15, 2008 – Conference Call
August 14, 2008 – Conference Call
October 21, 2008 – Conference Call

Membership - 239 members; 25 Corporate, 73 Governmental, 139 Individuals, 2 Student

Newsletters - There have been 3 issues of *The Acorn*, Volume 17, published (winter, spring, summer). Plans are for a fourth issue to be printed in November.

Accomplishments include:

- Partnered with the ISA Southern Chapter and the SC Forestry Commission to produce an educational workshop targeted toward working arborists, The Carolina Arborist Workshop, which was held on September 11, 2008 at Harbison State Park. There were 85 + attendees.
- Researched partnerships with other associations and groups (ISA & GA Forestry Council)
- Awarded the Heritage Tree Program: A majestic White Oak (*Quercus alba*) that presides over Irmo's Town Park.
- Awarded the Golden Acorn Award Program: Liz Gilland received the Golden Acorn for Distinguished Service to Urban and Community Forestry. The Town of Irmo received the Outstanding Urban Forestry Program Golden Acorn Award.
- Continued the production of the Acorn and the "Tree Sheets". Issues included Fall 07 – Ginkgo, Winter 08 – Fringetree, Spring 08 – Japanese Cryptomeria, Summer 08 - Eastern Red Cedar.
- Extended visibility of Tree Sheets by submitting them to SC Nursery and Landscape Association; SC Landscape & Turfgrass Association; and SC American Society of Landscape Architects magazines.
- Developed and administered a fiscally responsible budget for the Council (\$43,450).
- The 2007 Heritage Tree Award was presented to the Town of McClellanville's *Deer Head Oak* on Saturday, May 10th, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Oak Street and Pinckney Street.
- The Council was a co-sponsor of the Urban Forestry Committee under the Southern Group of State Foresters Summer Meeting in Columbia on June 8 – 11, 2008. Approximately 25 participants from around the southeast were a part of the UF Committee Meeting.
- Co-sponsored the Sustainable Parking Lot Design with Canopy Trees seminar with Charleston Trees on October 28, 2008. 80 attended.
- Discussed and researched the possibility of changing the name of the council.
- Applied for and received a 2008 grant from the SC Forestry Commission for continuation of a contract Executive Coordinator, newsletter publication, and other programmatic efforts.
- Cosponsored with the SC Forestry Commission the i-Tree workshop held in Awendaw in May 2008. Approximately 14 people were in attendance at this specialized training.
- Develop and implement the "Trees: A Community of Relationships" conference in Greenville, SC, October 30-31, 2008. 100 attended.
- Initiated search for future executive coordinator.