



GCAP

Georgia Conservation Assistance Program

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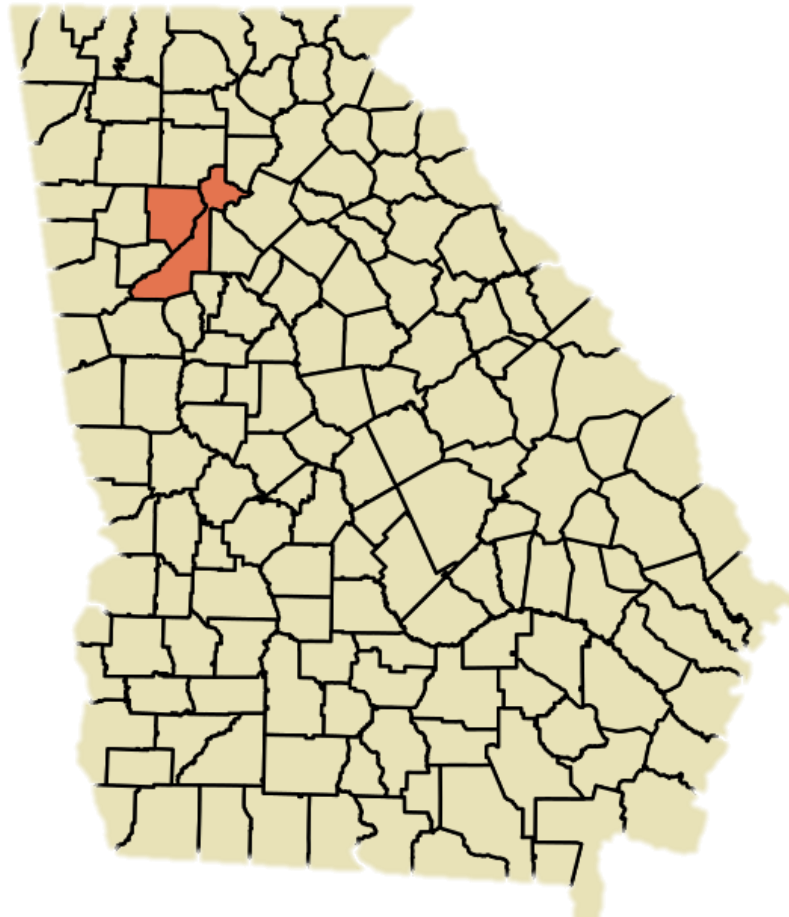


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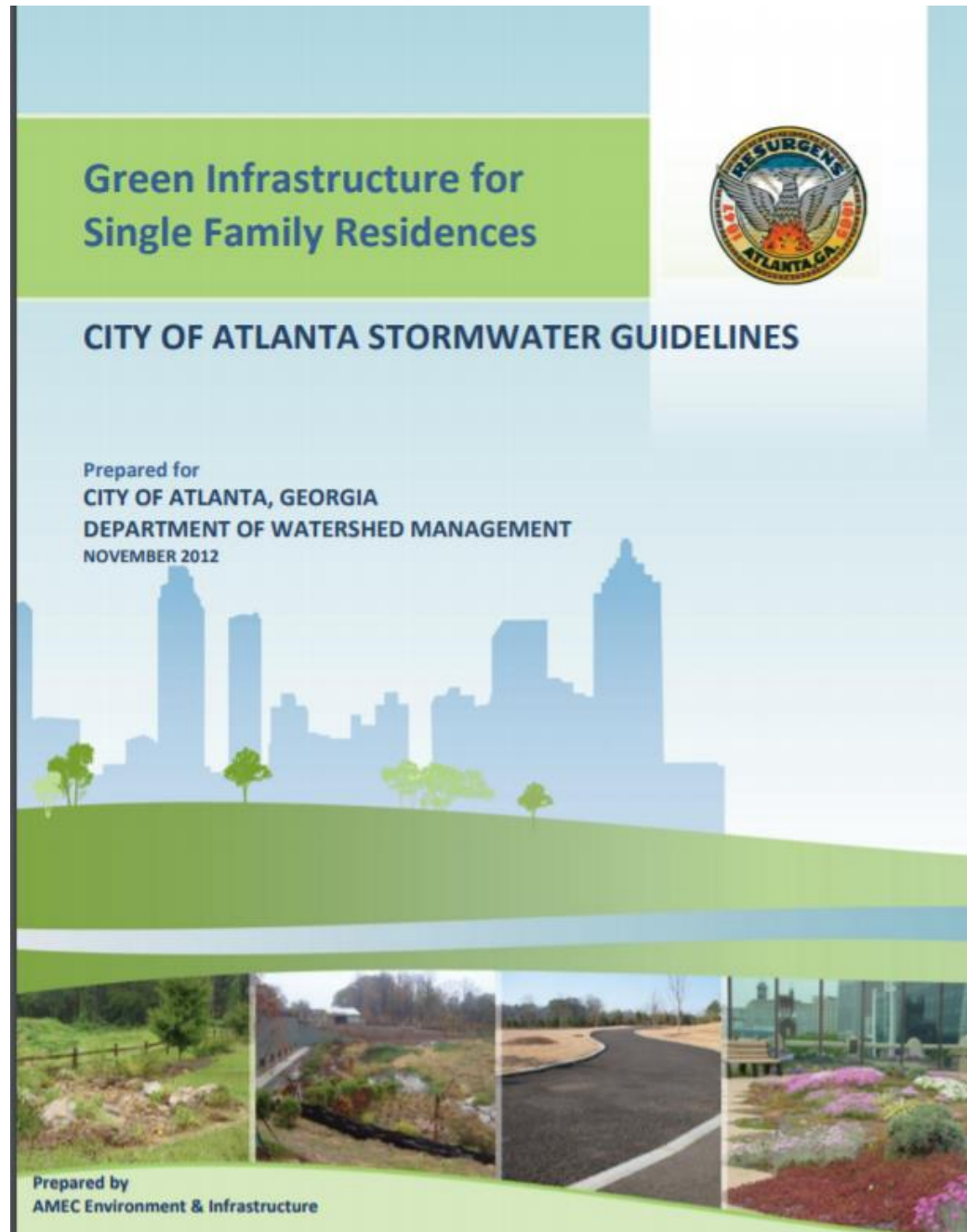
GCAP: Program Overview

The **Georgia Conservation Assistance Program** is a partnership between **GACD, United States Department of Agriculture, Cobb County Conservation District, Fulton County Conservation District and Trees Atlanta** that provides 100% funding for the installation of stormwater control best management practices (BMPs) on residential properties in Cobb and Fulton counties.



Getting Started..

1. Guidance from **Virginia Association of Conservation Districts** and **North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
2. Formed a GCAP Committee
3. Drafted GCAP Manual



Application Procedure

- Application period was open for several weeks in September 2020 through GACD's website- received over 200 applications
- All applications were ranked based on financial need and need for services.
 - All applications were scored using a rubric we created
 - Title 1 School District
- Top 10-15 highest scoring applicants move to site assessment round of application
- Districts approve funding for each individual site based on assessment; NRCS approves sites are located in a 303D area
- ***Installs begin!***



Application Guidelines

- Property must be single family residential property located in Cobb or Fulton County
- Homeowner must sign off on application (renters welcome to apply with homeowner signature)
- Land that corresponds to an equivalent BMP in a cost-share program (such as with USDA-NRCS), is not eligible for participation
- NRCS verifies all properties are located within a 303D impaired watershed

****GCAP funds installation of BMPs only. Homeowner will be responsible for maintenance***



Eligible BMPs for GCAP include:

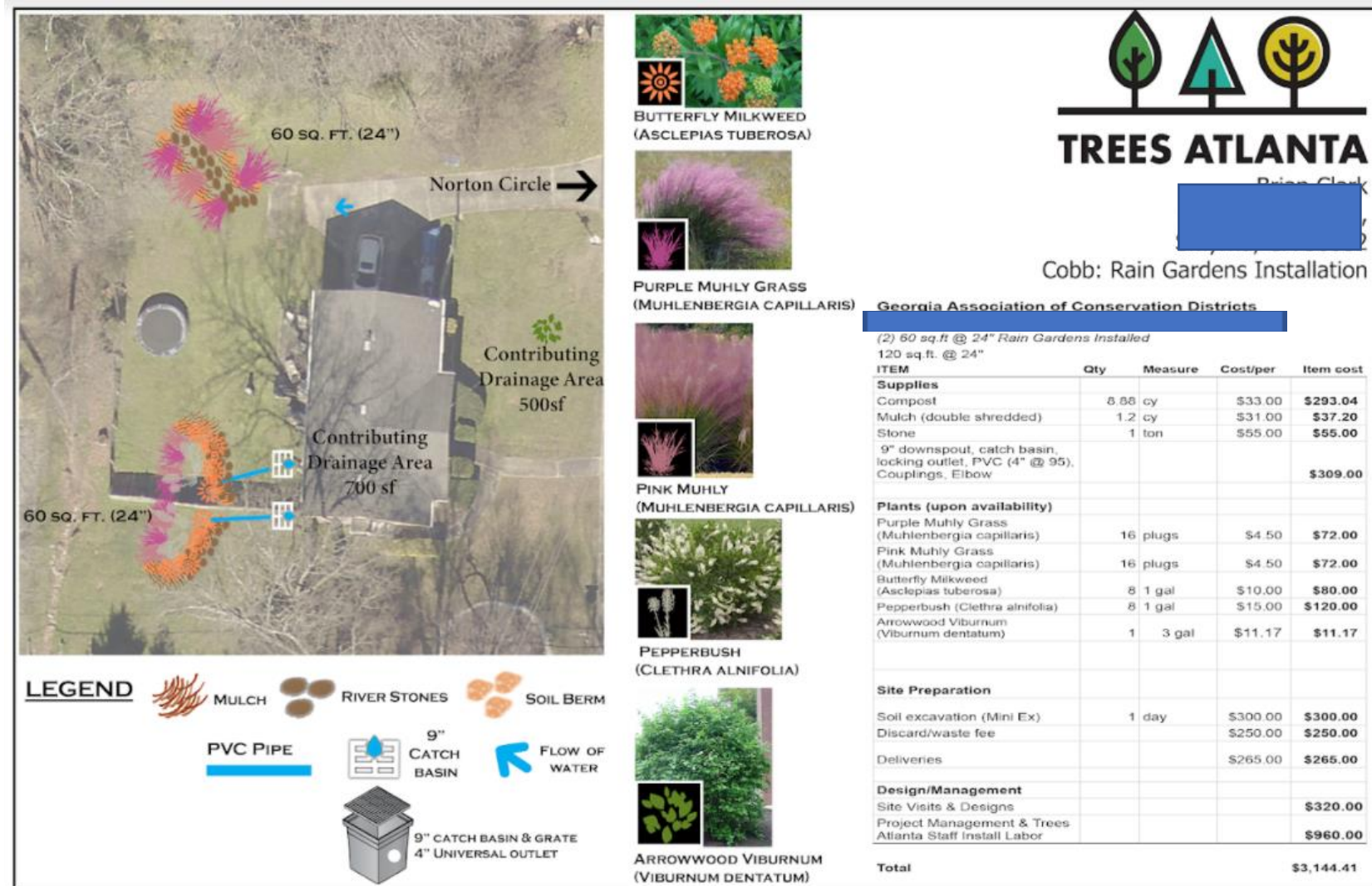
- Rain gardens
- Cisterns
- Dry wells
- Downspout disconnects
- Impervious surface removal
- *Any combination of the above*



Site Assessments and Installations



- “Founded in 1985, Trees Atlanta works to mitigate Atlanta’s tree loss, protect its forests, and increase its tree canopy. Empowered by a community of volunteers, Trees Atlanta serves the metro Atlanta area and has grown to become one of Atlanta’s most widely known and supported non-profit organizations.”





Installation of BMPs



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Green Infrastructure Outreach

- Dr. Gary Hawkins, University of Georgia Crop & Soil Science Department
- Martin Wunderly, University of Georgia Extension
- Rolando Orellana, University of Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture



Where we are now

- Trees Atlanta has completed all Round 1 installations for both counties
- They are now working on performing site assessments for Round 2 participants
- ***GACD in partnership with the Cobb County and Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation Districts have funded around \$50,000 in site improvements!***



Resources- www.gacd.us/gcap

RESOURCES

GCAP MANUAL

WEBINAR PRESENTATION

FAQ

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