# Centers for Urban and Interface Forestry Update

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## **Urban Forestry South Updates**

- Urban Forest Strike Team
- i-Tree updates
- Green Infrastructure

#### **Urban Forest Strike Team**

- Refresher modules complete and available
  - UFST.org > UFST Training Material
- VA mock disaster scenario (new training method)
  - Deployment refresher opportunity
  - Training for new tree risk assessment protocol
  - Test deployment procedure through EMAC
  - Demonstrate capability to VDEM & municipalities
- 2014 need for training
  - TS training in Chicago (Mar. 8-10) and DC (June 4-6)
  - Do we TS training needs in region?

#### i-Tree

- Version 6 (i-Tree 2014) released
- Eco research group
  - Regional network of Eco databases
  - To test accuracy of Eco results
  - To fine tune Eco results for SE projects
- Hydro workshop development
  - 2-day, hands-on workshop in ATL
  - Conducted by model developer
  - Tentatively set for March 12 13

#### Green Infrastructure

- Urban Waters project
  - Proctor Creek (ATL)
    - Eco plots
    - Hydro modeling
  - Working with EPA Region 4, USGS and ACOE
- Georgia Tech project
  - Living laboratory using i-Tree Eco
  - Tampa GI conference cistern results
- Asset management development w/ EPA OW
- GI (A to Z) review for WEF
  - Publication due out this summer
- Beta Testing EPA's EnviroAtlas

## Interface South Updates

- Kids in the Woods program
  - Developing outdoor science learning projects for middle school students
    - Bird behavior study
    - Watershed study
    - Natural environment study
  - KIW blog on Interface South next week

## Interface South Updates

- Tampa Bay Watershed Working Group fact sheet on website soon
- Leaves of Change newsletter
  - Social vulnerability and climate change in GA
  - Kids in the Woods project
- Assisting with elementary school green team
  - Student/faculty green team
  - Provide professional development for teachers
  - Meet with PTA to explore green school options