

**GA-EPPC Reorganization Meeting
October 29, 2003**

The following officers and directors were elected to serve two year terms:

Officers:

President – Jim Allison (DNR Heritage Program)
Vice President – Connie Gray (DeKalb County Parks and Recreation)
Secretary – Leslie Edwards (Wildwood Urban Forest)
Treasurer – Elaine Nash (Georgia Native Plant Society)

Board of Directors:

Chuck Bargeron (UGA – Bugwood web site and database)
Malcolm Hodges (The Nature Conservancy)
Russell Hattaway (Georgia Green Industry Association)
Alex Levy (Federal Highway Administration – Roadsides and habitat)
Cindy Reittinger (DNR – State Parks and Historic Sites)
John Taylor (USDA Forest Service)
Wayne Morris (North Georgia College and State University)

Although the organization has not been officially active for two years, some events related to GA-EPPC occurred during that time. The GA-EPPC was a nominal sponsor of Rivers Alive in October. GA-EPPC sponsored the “Privet Pull and Microstegium Massacre” at the Chattahoochee Recreation Area again for the fourth year; in 2002 the event was featured in an article in *Wildland Weeds*. Invasive exotics were featured in shows on GPTV and Turner South.

Connie Gray gave a presentation about pest plant issues in DeKalb county parks. Greenspace/restoration efforts are elevating public perception of invasive exotics.

Several people stressed the need to network with other groups, including utilities, the Georgia Vegetation Management Association, and the CAPPS program.

A committee was established to work on hosting a pest plant control workshop by September 2004. Workshop Committee volunteers are Connie Gray, John Taylor, Tim Murphy, Theresa Schrum, Dave Moorhead, Greg Levine, Brighton West, Rusty Hattaway, Cindy Wentworth and Stephanie Lucas.