# Significant Trees in the Landscape — Documentation and Care

Southeastern Turfgrass Conference

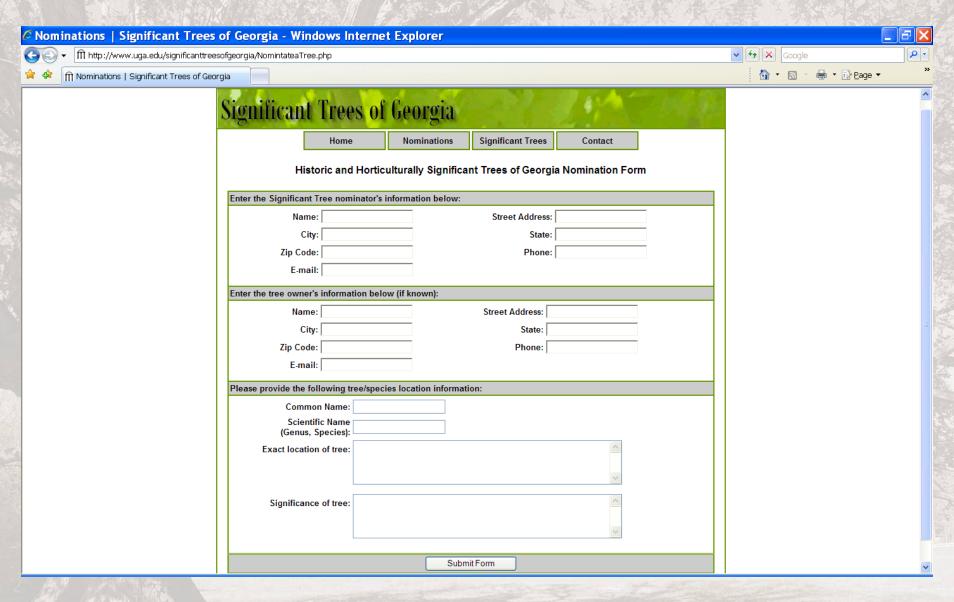
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## Magnolia Lane - 1858





#### http://www.uga.edu/significanttreesofgeorgia/



#### Materials and Methods

- At each tree:
  - Geographically referenced
  - Measured
    - Height
    - Crown
    - DBH



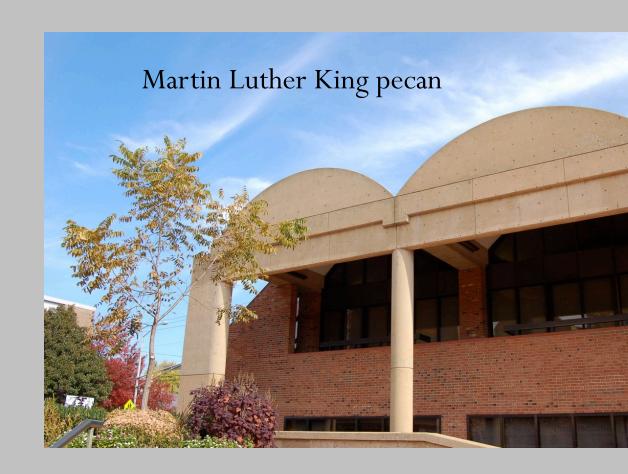
#### Trees on a golf course

- Aesthetics
- Define rooms
  - Frame, backdrop
- Windbreak
- Shade
- Protect houses
- Hazard

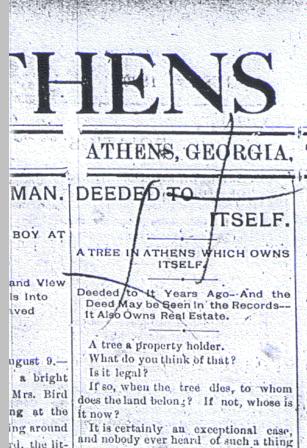


#### Why do people cherish trees

- Memorials
- Memories



#### Tree That Owns Itself — Athens - 1946



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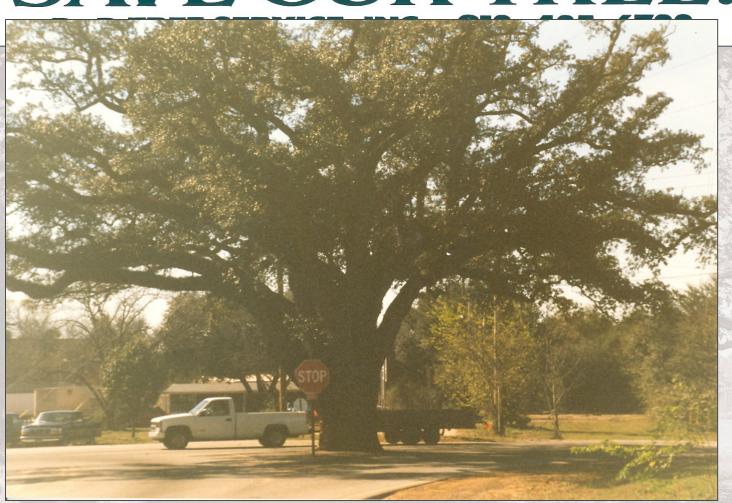
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# GEORGIA HISTORICAL LANDMARK 350 YEARS OLD "FRIENDSHIP OAK" SAVE OUR TREE!



Solace, respite - FDR Oak



## Inspiration - Lanier Oak - 1878



## Link between generations Hartwell pecan – George McMullan 1865



#### Tree vs Turf

- Shade
- Circulation
- Tree Roots
- "Golfballitis"
- 50 feet from turf
- 1.5 X radius
- East and south



# Tree vs Golfer "limited place for them in golf" Donald Ross, Golf Has Never Failed Me

- Playability
- Visibility
- Greens Committee vs Green Committee
- Liability roots and branches

"I think the tree is an unfair hazard and should not be allowed to stand"

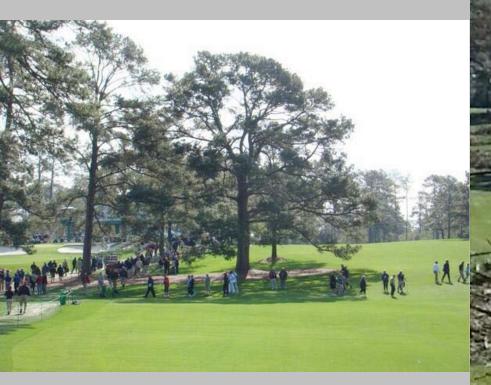
# Most golf courses eventually become overplanted with trees



# Signature Tree Evaluation "Does the tree have a purpose"

- Once per year, Twice per year, Once per month
- Evaluate
  - Prune thin, raise crown
  - Remove
  - Relocate
  - Do nothing

# Eisenhower tree Augusta National



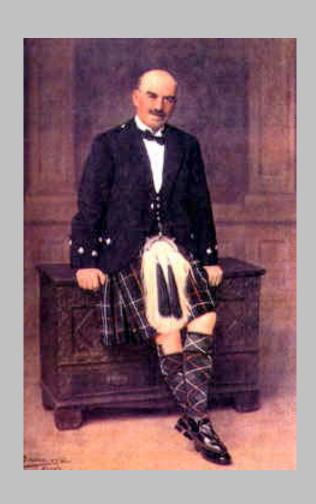


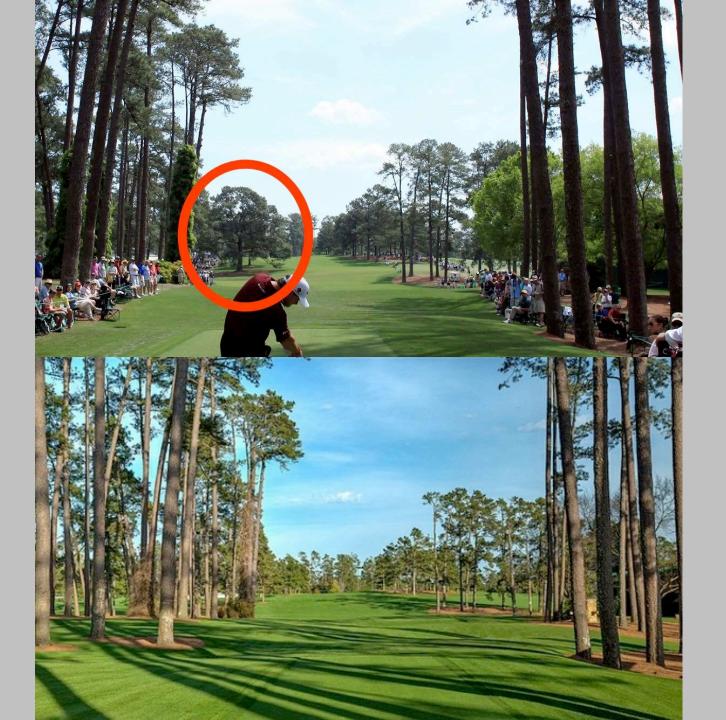
### Eisenhower Tree – Augusta National





#### Dr. Alister MacKenzie





# Monterey pine – 18<sup>th</sup> hole – Pebble beach





## Protect trees – protect roots





## Berlin Oak – Spec Towns - Athens



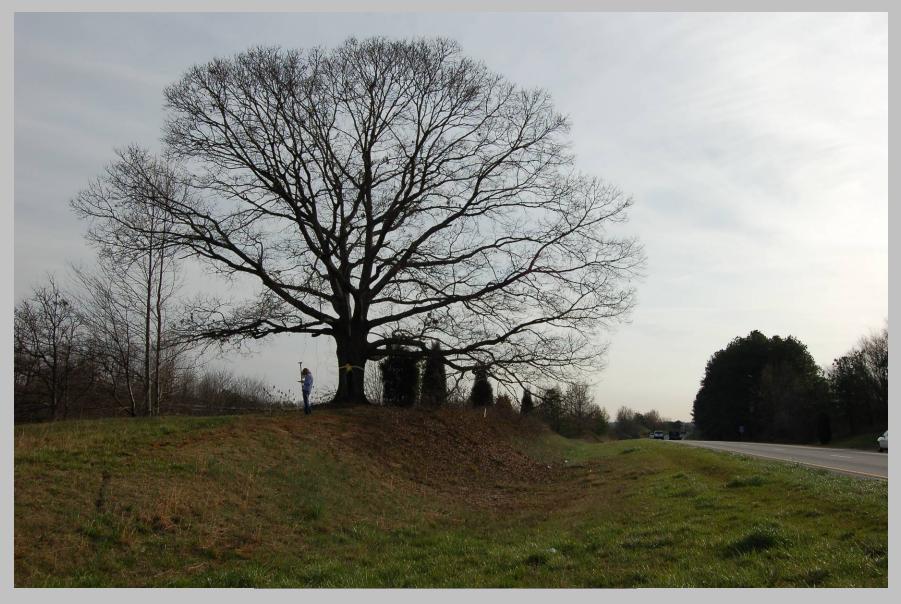
# Lacebark Pine – Athens No grade change, no planting nearby



## Protect – move the highway



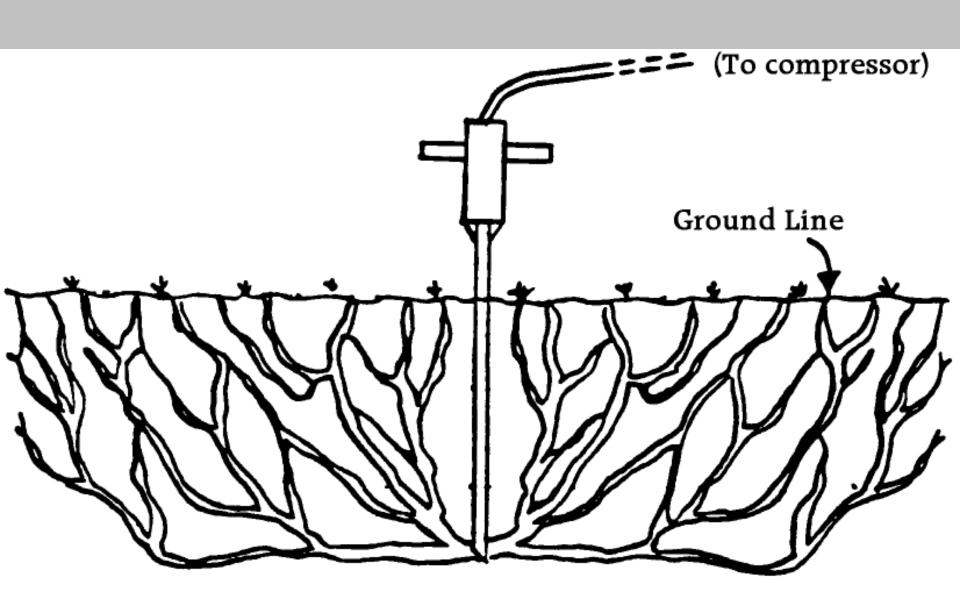
#### I-85 Oak



#### Harris Oak







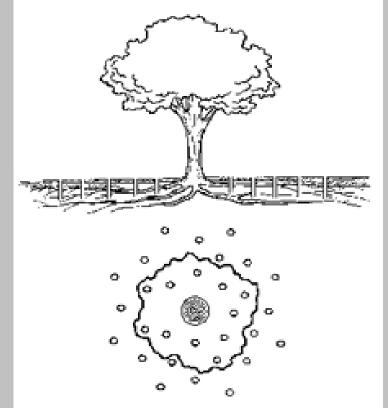
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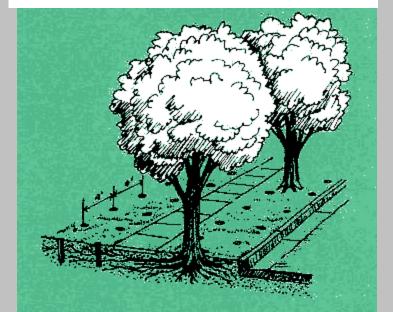
#### Air Tech



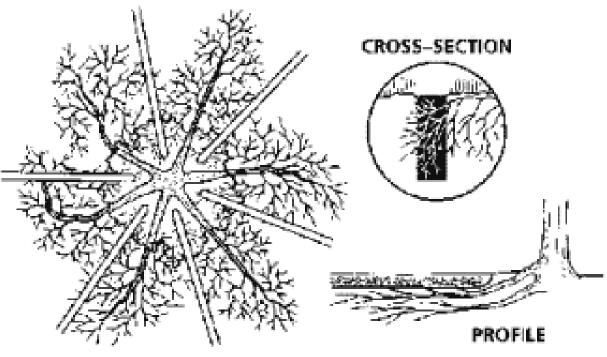
#### Vertical mulching











## Radial Trenching

**OVERHEAD** 





# Surface root pruning Competition and Liability

- Lift turf
- Air spade root
- Cut root



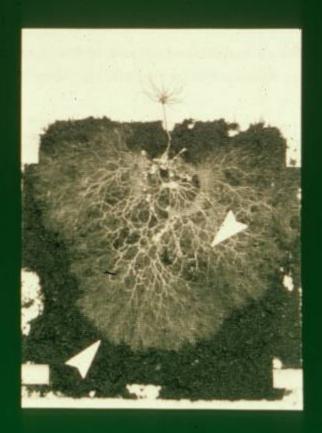


#### Mycorrhizae benefits

Symbiotic relationship

Benefits:

Phosphorus uptake
Water uptake
Disease suppression



### Mycorrhizae

- Native populations
- Limited by fertilization and watering
- Viability issues



# Lightning protection





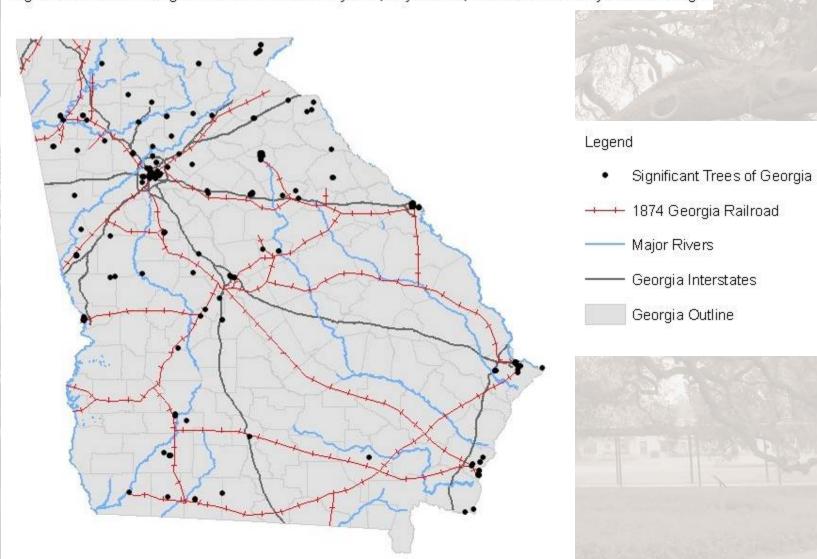
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## Cabling and Bracing



Significant trees of Georgia and the 1874 railroad system, major rivers, and the interstate system of Georgia



## Waycross Oak

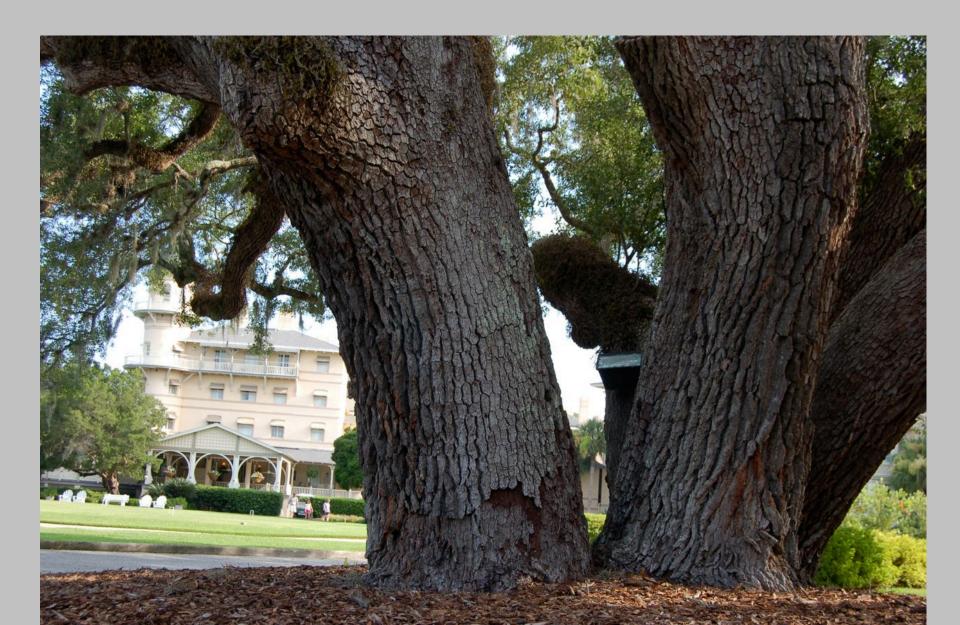


## Georgia Trustees State Seal



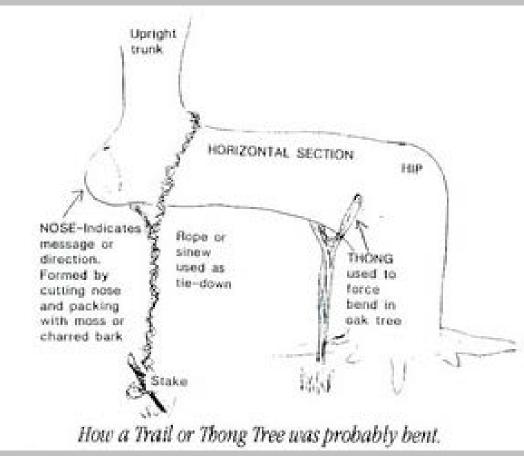
Not for self, but for others

## Live Oak – Oaking – Jekyll Island

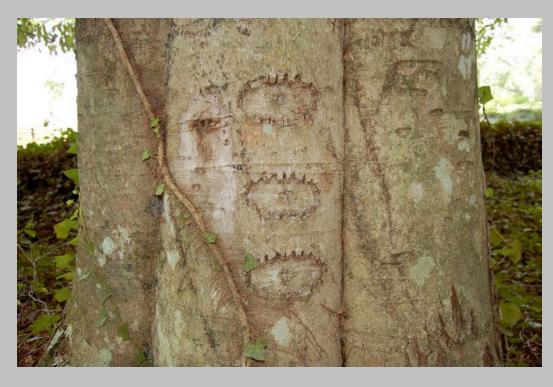


#### White Oak – Trail Tree





## American Beech – Arborglyphs - 1838





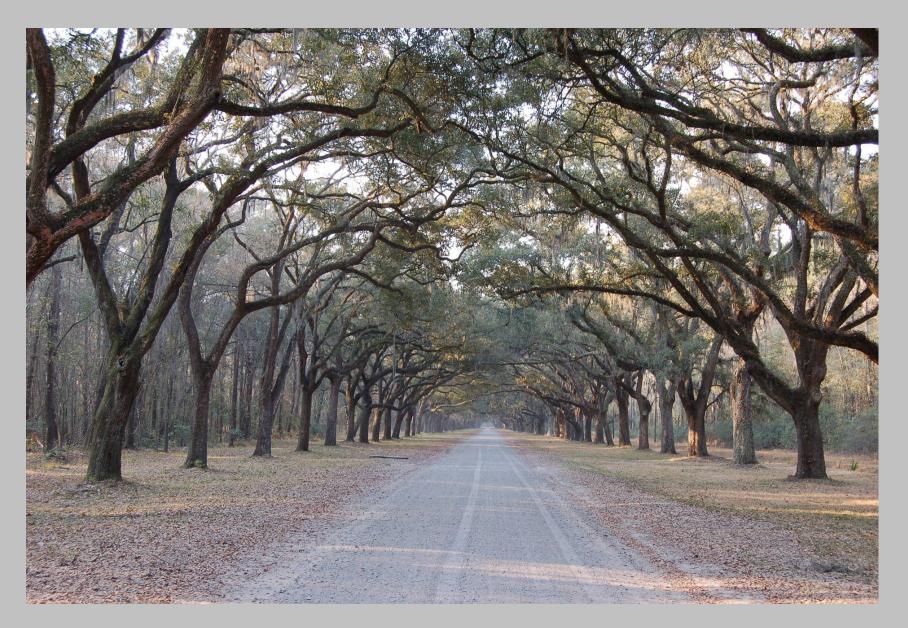
# Chickamauga - 1863



# Andersonville Magnolia



#### Wormsloe - 1897



# Bonaventure Cemetery – 1875 - Savannah



# Charles Herty Longleaf Pine



## Crackers Magnolia



#### Moonshine Post Oak



## Summary

- Inspect
- Predict
- Protect

