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GEORGIA FORESTRY

Reducing the Impact of Wildfire in Georgia Project: Mariner's Landing - Camden County, Georgia

March 2003



State of Georgia

SUCCESS STORY:

Mariner's Landing Camden County, GA

The Mariner's Landing Project is just one of the many ways in which Georgia is effectively using federal grant funds.

The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) and partners (listed below) received a grant from the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) "National Fire Plan" (NFP) Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Mitigation Program.

The grant funded a project that was implemented in Southeast Georgia's Camden County. The Mariner's Landing Community and the Pinewood Estates Mobile Home Park of St. Mary's, Georgia were "classic" Interface Areas, as they were surrounded with planted pines, and thick underbush bordered the homes.



The following mitigation practices have helped reduce the impact of wildfire in these Georgia communities:

An 80- to100-foot fuel reduction buffer zone was created around the communities. ACCOMPLISHMENT: Helped to slow the progression of any encroaching wildfire.

Brush was mowed, firebreaks were harrowed, herbicides were applied, and grass seeding was planted. ACCOMPLISHMENT: Helped reduce fuel load, and stabilized the buffer zone.

Project Title: Mariner's Landing - Camden County, Georgia - March 2003

Congressional District: 1

Total Cost for Project: \$3,043.06

Source of Funds: National Fire Plan (USFS) - Mitigation Grant

Grant Program: National Fire Plan - Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) Mitigation Grant

Project Contact: GFC WUI Specialist, Bob Campbell - (912) 576-5387 This WUI Specialist position is funded through a combination of State Fire Assistance money, Forest Stewardship money, and Information and Education money. The NFP-Economic Action Program will also be funding this position.

Partners: Georgia Forestry Commission, Rayonier, International Paper Co., Kingsland & Camden County Fire Departments, Kut Kwick Mowers, and Mariners Landing Homeowners Association.

For more information:

National Fire Plan (NFP) - **www.fireplan.gov**

National Association of State Foresters (NASF) www.stateforesters.gov

Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) www.gfc.state.ga.us