

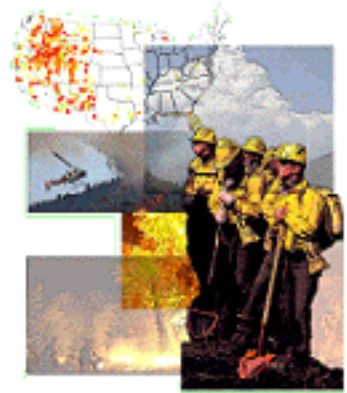


State of Georgia

# National Fire Plan

Reducing the Impact of Wildfire in Georgia  
Project: White County - White County, Georgia

March 2003



## SUCCESS STORY:

# White County White County, GA

The White County 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 North Georgia's White County. A Firewise workshop that was held at Smithgall Woods in White County, a comfort station at Unicoi State Park retrofitted with Firewise materials and landscaped for firewise, and numerous homeowner firewise presentations at locations such as Sautee-Nacoochee Community Center, Sky Valley, Bean Creek, and Big Canoe, along with newspaper articles and inserts, posters, brochures, and roadsign signs, all presented the message "Don't Be A Fuel."

Several interface prescribed burns were conducted on private property and DNR property for demonstration purposes.



**The goal is to integrate WUI Grant with Forest Stewardship and Urban & Community Forestry. The WUI Coordinator is handling this project. This grant is a special project within the total project for White County.**

**National meetings are attended by the WUI Coordinator. The meetings have served in a networking capacity with other Firewise project managers and researchers.**

**Additional 2002 grant to continue project, which will help with risk assessment. A video is in progress explaining the use of prescribed fire in the interface.**

**Project Title:** White Co. - White County, Georgia - March 2003

**Congressional District:** 9

**Total Cost for Project:** \$35,000

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

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

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**Partners:** Georgia Forestry Commission, White Co. Fire Dept., White County Board of Commissioners, UGA Extension Service, GA Dept of Natural Resources, and Smithgall Woods WMA.

### For more information:

National Fire Plan (NFP) -  
[www.fireplan.gov](http://www.fireplan.gov)

National Association of  
State Foresters (NASF) -  
[www.stateforesters.gov](http://www.stateforesters.gov)

Georgia Forestry  
Commission (GFC) -  
[www.gfc.state.ga.us](http://www.gfc.state.ga.us)