COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 10, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the Fayette County Forestry Commission.

Background/History/Details:

The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) is a dynamic state agency responsible for providing leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources. Their headquarters is located in Dry Branch, Georgia. District and county offices are located throughout the state.

The forestry unit in Fayette County is located at 137 Corinth Rd in Newnan, GA and responds to Coweta, South Fulton & Fayette counties. The unit covers a total of 327,074 forested acres with 34,219 of that being forested acres in Fayette County. Fayette is still 27% forested.

Forest Rangers routinely promote the protection of Fayette forest lands through educational programs to adults and children, talks to civic groups and homeowners associations. There was 8 hours invested and 275 people reached through three programs.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the Fayette County Forestry Commission.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

The Forestry Commission's mission is to provide leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources.

Recognition

Fayette County Forestry Unit

Whereas, The Georgia Forestry Commission is a dynamic state agency responsible for providing leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources, with headquarters in Dry Branch, Georgia, and with district and county offices positioned throughout the state, including a forestry unit located at 137 Corinth Road in Newnan, Georgia; and

Whereas, The Forestry Unit in Newnan provides services for Fayette, Coweta, and South Fulton counties and covers a total of 327,074 forested acres with 34,219 of that being forested acres in Fayette County; and

Whereas, By utilizing the media, individual contacts, and three forestry educational programs, the Fayette County Forestry Unit continues to educate and inform the public, including 275 students and adults who are participating in the educational programs, with over one-thousand brochures, literature, posters, and promotional materials distributed to the public; and

Whereas, A staff of foresters assists landowners with cost sharing and conservation programs assistance through federal programs, provides forest health information, education, and training, and offers directories for consulting foresters, forestry service contractors, timber buyers, arborists, and Christmas trees and pine straw producers ; and

Whereas, The Fayette County Forestry Unit sold approximately 1,420 seedlings to residents of the county for personal and commercial use; and

Whereas, In the years 2005, 2011 and 2012, the Georgia Forestry Commission recognized the Fayette County Forestry Unit as GFC Northern Unit of the Year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSSIONERS hereby recognizes **The Fayette County Forestry Unit** for their commitment to providing services that encourage the vision of healthy, sustainable forests that provide clean air, clean water and abundant products for future generations.

So proclaimed this 10th day of October 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman