Florida Gulf Coast University Designated As Tree Campus USA School

On January 9, 2010 Florida Gulf Coast University became the second university in the state to become designated as a Tree Campus USA school. A Tree Care Advisory Committee comprised of students, faculty, staff, and community members was formed to find way to collaboratively develop a Tree Campus Plan. The committee team included Ecologist and Community Representative, Chris Stephens, Faculty Representative, Sarah Davis, Student Representatives, Keishla Negron-Acevedo and Amanda Adams, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant, Vikki McConnell, Facility Management Representative, Al Bielen, and Community Forester, Mike Weston.

This past April, FGCU Tree Care Advisory Committee members organized its Arbor Day Observance during the FGCU Student Earth Day. On this day, over a 100 baldcypress trees and long-leaf pine trees. FGCU is now in the process of renewing their designation for the 2011 year. The committee counts with the support of numerous individuals from the university including staff, students, and administrators. The 2011 Tree Campus USA designation will help this program launch more service-learning opportunities for students.

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