

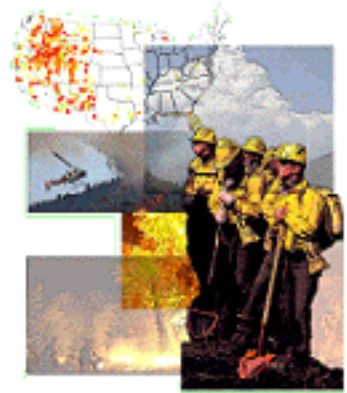


State of Georgia

National Fire Plan

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

March 2003



**SUCCESS
STORY:**

Seminole Firewise Seminole County, GA

The Seminole Firewise 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 Southwest Georgia's Seminole County. A combination of fire prevention and firewise messages around the Lake Seminole community emphasized the three E's of fire prevention: Enforcement, Engineering, and Education.

Approximately 32 prescribed burns were carried out covering 900+ acres on Corps of Engineers and private lands.

Firewise clean-up days were held around homes in the community and incendiary fires were reduced substantially due to enforcement and lake area patrols.



This project has been selected for a Bronze Smokey Bear Award.

Excellent example of a cooperative project between community, adjacent landowners, and state and local agencies.

ATV was purchased with grant funds to assist in prescribed burning operations, as well as power saws, blowers, ladders for homeowners to use in firewise clean-up. A truck acquired through the FEPP Program was refurbished to a Type 6 engine and assisted in this grant.

Project Title: Seminole Firewise. - Seminole County, Georgia - March 2003

Congressional District: 2

Total Cost for Project: \$25,000

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, Seminole Co. Fire Dept. (Spring Creek VFD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seminole County Sheriff's Dept., and Donalsonville News.

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