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FORSYTH COUNTY STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT
RECEIVES AWARD

Georgia Urban Forest Council recognizes project at Midway Park

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Forsyth County’s first stream restoration project was recently awarded the 2012 Outstanding New Initiative Grand Award by the Georgia Urban Forest Council. The stream restoration project, located inside Forsyth County’s Midway Park, was recognized during an awards ceremony on October 25.

“We are certainly proud this stream restoration project has received recognition from the Georgia Urban Forest Council,” Director of Engineering John Cunard said. “A lot of planning and hard work went into making this project a success. The restoration project allowed us to make important progress in terms of water quality, and also create a space that will serve as an educational tool for the community about watersheds and water quality.”

The stream restoration project was designed to improve overall downstream watershed conditions by stabilizing and restoring approximately 1,000 feet of degraded stream bank, using natural channel design methods. The objectives of the stream restoration project included reducing bed and bank erosion and sedimentation; improving channel stability, water quality, habitat and overall function of the stream; and restoring, enhancing and protecting riparian wildlife corridors.

Forsyth County marked the completion of the stream restoration project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 7, 2012. The project was supported by a United States Environmental Protection Agency 319(h) grant administered by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

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Midway Park is located at 5100 Post Road in west Forsyth County. The project is on a tributary to Cheatham Creek in the Big Creek Watershed.

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