

GVMA GOALS

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the Georgia Vegetation Management Association (GVMA) is to act as a means for extending the knowledge of individuals who have expressed interest and have experience in the management of vegetation. The GVMA endorses the belief that each person responsible for managing vegetation is also a steward of the environment and shall consider all valid environmental concerns when making decisions for the proper management of vegetation.

The intention of this fellowship of vegetation managers is to collect, discuss and disseminate accurate and up to date information regarding vegetation management. The objective will be to provide members and other interested persons the tools necessary to make prudent and knowledgeable decisions in managing vegetation.

The association will be a strong advocate of integrated vegetation management practices. Many of the benefits and added values that our society enjoys require that certain practices be utilized. The association will encourage mutual understanding and respect among those engaged in the practice of managing vegetation.

INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Utilities, transportation departments, foresters, and aquatic and invasive plant managers require a combination of control methods to practice integrated vegetation management. Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) is the systematic approach vegetation managers use to determine the most appropriate vegetation management solution:

- Problematic species are identified,
- Action thresholds are considered.
- Various control options are evaluated.
- Selected control(s) are implemented.

Control options may include fire, biological, chemical, cultural, manual, or mechanical techniques. The choice of control option(s) is based on effectiveness, environmental impact, site characteristics, worker and public health and safety concerns, and economics.

*See you at the
Marriott
Savannah Riverfront
March 18-20, 2009*



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**GEORGIA VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 18 - 20, 2009
SAVANNAH, GA



The 2009 GVMA Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront **March 18 - 20**.
Marriott Savannah Riverfront - (912) 233-7722
Please register with the hotel by February 18th, 2009 to get the special GVMA rate of \$175 per night.
Log on to www.gvmaweb.com for more details.

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING • MARCH 18-20, 2009 • MARRIOTT SAVANNAH RIVERFRONT • SAVANNAH, GA

visit www.gvmaweb.com to register online

Wednesday, March 18

- 1:00 Golf Tournament
- 7:00 Board Dinner

Thursday, March 19 (other events)

- 8:00 - 12:00 Certified Arborist Testing
- 6:00 PM BBQ Dinner • Location to be determined •

Thursday, March 19

- 7:55 Welcome
- 8:00 Right-of-Way Brush Control - Then and Now • Jimmy Ethridge, GTC
- 8:30 Vendor Updates
- 9:00 NERC Reliability Standard FAC-003-1 & It's Impact • Matt Chambers, Georgia Power
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Lidar • Bob Richens, Arbor Metrics
- 10:45 Roadside Vegetation Management in Georgia • Ray Dorsey
- 11:30 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 Safety - Chad Crow, GEMC
- 1:45 New Options for Weed Control on Grass Roadsides • Dr. Scott McElroy, Weed Scientist, Auburn University
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 Aquatic Herbicide Uses in the Vegetation Management Market • Jonathan Smith, BASF
- 3:45 Panel Discussion, Ground Floor Maintenance • Jim Wagner, Georgia Power Company; Chris Horton, Diverse Power
- 4:30 Closing

Pesticide Credits - Categories 23 (Forest), 24 (Ornamental & Turf), 26 (Aquatic), 27 (Right of Way), and 36 (Wood Treatment)

ISA Credits - Continuing Education Units

Friday, March 20

- 8:00 Herbicide Applications for Dummies (aka Granular Herbicide Applications) • Chris Steeley, SSI Maxim Company, Inc.
- 8:30 Vendor Updates
- 9:00 Customer Relations • Dow AgroSciences
- 9:30 Stream Bank Crossings & Buffers • Susan Avent, Georgia Transmission
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 TGR • Perry Odom
- 11:00 Business Meeting
- 11:30 Closing



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Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

ISA Certification Exam
You will need to call the Southern Chapter of ISA to register for this exam 30 days prior to the exam date

Make Checks payable to:
GVMA

Early Bird Registration on or before February 12 **After February 12**

Attending _____ x \$95 = \$ _____ # Attending _____ x \$115 = \$ _____

Please mail registration form to:

Names attending Golf Tournament: _____

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