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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The **Administrative History** following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed

eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Chapter 224-1 entitled "Grant Programs", containing 224-1-.01 submitted February 8, 1994.

Grants 224-1-.02, .03 submitted June 6, 1994.

Grant 224-1-.01 revised, new Grant entitled "Demonstration Woodbridge Program FY 95", submitted August 24, 1994.

Grant 224-1-.01 entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 96" submitted August 8, 1995.

Grant 224-1-.01 entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 97" submitted August 23, 1996.

Grant 224-1-.01 entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 98" submitted September 26, 1997.

Grant 224-1-.01 entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 99" submitted August 31, 1998

Chapter 224-2 entitled "Notification of Timber Harvesting Activity" has been adopted. Filed September 25, 2002; effective October 15, 2002.

Chapter 224-3 entitled "Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.

Chapter 224-3 amended. F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.

Rule 224-2-.01 amended. F. Aug 5, 2015; eff. Aug 25, 2015.

Chapter 224-3 repealed in its entirety. F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 224, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 224-1. GRANT PROGRAMS.

Rule 224-1-.01. Woodbridge Program FY 99.

(1) General Scope and Purpose of the Grant Program. The purpose of the grant program is:

(a) to provide a cost-effective woodbridge technology through selective applications of wood bridges on the secondary road system of Georgia;

(b) to enhance forest management opportunities and incentives on forests belonging to the non-industrial private landowner.

(2) Many communities and counties have bridges that are deficient, or obsolete. Wood bridge designs are now available which can carry any legal load allowed on a highway in the state. Demonstrating this technology with qualified cooperators will allow a broader and faster dissemination of this cost-effective technology to communities throughout the state. The program will be made available to potential grantees from county and municipal governments throughout the state. As market demand for forest products increase from bridge construction activities, reforestation efforts should be enhanced as well as additional incentives to grow and manage forests.

(3) General Terms and Conditions of the Grant. The general terms and conditions of the grant are:

(a) maximum grant amount is $35,000 per vehicular bridge site, and $10,000 for pedestrian bridge sites;

(b) the recipient must agree to match contributions on a 50/50 cost-share arrangement with the state for both vehicular and pedestrian bridges.

(c) the grant recipient must bear the burden of any cost-overruns above budget amounts, and above grant maximum limits.

(d) the grant recipient must agree to use properly preservativetreated natively occurring timber species for the wood component of the bridge;

(e) all highway vehicular bridges must be designed to HS20-44 load rating;

(f) additionally, a grant application is required.

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant. The grant recipient must be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia such as a county, or municipality which operates, maintains, or is otherwise responsible for local pedestrian and/or vehicular bridge systems. Joint applications between adjoining political subdivisions are allowed.

(5) Criteria for the award of the Grant are:

(a) Structural and Environmental Integrity. Proposal should include a description of the structural components of the bridge, design specifications, identification of wood species and preservative treatments to be used. If the proposal is approved for funding, an appropriate registered engineer must sign off as the engineer of record.

(b) Rural Development - Local Economy. The use of species native to the State is important. Emphasis is placed on developing and using regional resources in the structural design, productions of the components and construction of the bridge to promote local and/or regional industry and increase employment. State the benefits to the local economy of the improved transportation system facilitated by the bridge.

(c) Visibility and Publicity. Aesthetic quality along with public attention should be emphasized. Cooperation among various government units (federal, state, local) and private industry (materials suppliers, designers, contractors) is encouraged.

(d) Case History. The proposal must demonstrate a commitment to document the bridge project from the start through all stages of development, including regular inspections of the bridge after installation is completed.

(e) Timely Progress Documentation. A timely progress plan should be documented and followed that includes target dates of site selection, site profiling, final design, obtaining necessary permits, supply of materials, material preparation and machining, preservative treatment, and fabrication and erection.

(f) Actual Cost Documentation. This is a commitment to track all project costs through all phases of the project development and construction.

(g) Estimated Cost. The bridge superstructure should have a cost, considering both initial and life cycle cost, competitive with, and preferably less than, a bridge of competitive materials.

(6) Directions and deadlines for applying for such grant. Requests for applications and additional information should be directed to the:

Georgia Forestry Commission

Utilization, Marketing & Development Department

P.O. Box 819

Macon, Georgia 31202-0819

or phone 912-751-3521. Deadline for submitting an application is set for October 15, 1998, with final awards prior to July 1, 1999.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-1-.01
Authority: Ga. Law 1955, pp. 309-314; O.C.G.A. Sec. 12-6-5.
History. Original Grant description entitled "Demonstration Woodbridge Program FY 94" received February 8, 1994.
Submitted: Grant description, entitled "Demonstration Woodbridge Program FY 95" received Aug. 24, 1994.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 96" received Aug. 8, 1995.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 97" received Aug. 23, 1996.
Submitted: Sept. 26, 1997.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 98" received Sept. 26, 1997.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Woodbridge Program FY 99" received Aug. 31, 1998.

Rule 224-1-.02. Georgia Community Tree Planting Program FY 94.

(1) Statutory Basis for Grant Program: Georgia Law 1995, pp. 309-315; O.C.G.A. Sec. 12-6-5.

(2) General Scope and Purpose of the Grant Program. The general scope and purpose of the grant program is to provide an opportunity for communities and non-profit groups throughout the State of Georgia to purchase and plant trees in urban areas.

(3) General Terms and Conditions of the Grant. The general terms and conditions of the grant are:

(a) The recipient agrees to implement the tree purchases and planting project as described in their original Georgia Community Tree Planting Program application;

(b) The recipient agrees to match with cash an equal amount to the grant to be used for tree purchases only;

(c) The recipient agrees to provide documentation of the tree maintenance program in accordance with the Georgia Forestry Commission's *Tree Standards Guidelines;*

(d) the recipient agrees to complete the project within a one year timeline;

(e) The recipient agrees to submit a project completion report, financial statement demonstrating match dollars and a satisfactory rated Certification of Compliance within the one year time frame;

(f) to submit an annual report of survival rates for three years from the date of the Certification of Compliance;

(g) To maintain trees in a healthy condition for three years from the date of the Certification of Compliance and to replace any trees that die or are removed from the project site;

(h) To maintain all project records in an orderly form for State audit for at least three years from final payment date.

(4) Eligibility requirements are that the grant recipient be a government entity or non-profit group and must provide a Federal Employer's Identification number. The recipient must be able to provide, either with staff, volunteers or sub-contractors, tree care and maintenance for three years following the project installation.

(5) Criteria for the award are:

(a) Funding to be used by recipient for purchase of trees;

(b) The recipient agrees to match 50/50 with cash for tree purchases only;

(c) The recipient must specify size, species and number and location of trees to be purchased and planted;

(d) The trees must be planted on public land;

(e) A three year maintenance program is required for care of the trees after installation, and the program must be described in the application;

(f) A liability waiver must be signed releasing the Georgia Forestry Commission from any liability associated with the project.

(g) The applicants must complete the project and paperwork within a one year time frame.

(6) Directions and deadlines for applying: Requests for information about the Georgia Community Tree Planting Program should be made to:

Georgia Forestry Commission

Georgia Community Tree Planting Program

P.O. Box 819

Macon, Georgia 31298-4599

or phone (912) 751-3326. Deadline for submitting an application is May 15, 1994. Projects must have completed planting by April 30, 1995.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-1-.02
Authority: Ga. Law 1955, pp.309-315; O.C.G.A. Sec. 12-6-5.
History. Original description entitled "Georgia Community Tree Planting Program FY 94" submitted June 6, 1994.

Rule 224-1-.03. Georgia Community Tree Planting Program FY 95.

(1) Statutory Basis for Grant Program: Georgia Law 1955, pp.309-315; O.C.G.A. Sec. 12-6-5.

(2) General Scope and Purpose of the Grant Program. The general scope and purpose of the grant program is to provide an opportunity for communities and non-profit groups throughout the State of Georgia to purchase and plant trees in urban areas.

(3) General Terms and Conditions of the Grant. The general terms and conditions of the grant are:

(a) The recipient agrees to implement the tree purchases and planting project as described in their original Georgia Community Tree Planting Program application.

(b) The recipient agrees to match with cash an equal amount to the grant to be used for tree purchases only.

(c) The recipient agrees to provide documentation of the tree maintenance program in accordance with the Georgia Forestry Commission's *Tree Standards Guidelines.*

(d) The recipient agrees to complete the project within a one year timeline.

(e) The recipient agrees to submit a project completion report, financial statement demonstrating match dollars and a satisfactory rated Certification of Compliance within the one year time frame.

(f) To submit an annual report of survival rates for three years from the date of the Certification of Compliance.

(g) To maintain trees in a healthy condition for three years from the date of the Certification of Compliance and to replace any trees that die or are removed from the project site.

(h) To maintain all project records in an orderly form for State audit for at least three years from final payment date.

(4) Eligibility requirements are that the grant recipient be a government entity or non-profit group and must provide a Federal Employer's Identification number. The recipient must be able to provide, either with staff, volunteers or sub-contractors, tree care and maintenance for three years following the project installation.

(5) Criteria for the award are:

(a) A maximum funding amount of $5,000 per applicant to be used for purchasing trees.

(b) The recipient agrees to match 50/50 with cash for tree purchases only.

(c) The recipient must specify size, species and number and location of trees to be purchased and planted.

(d) The trees must be planted on public land.

(e) A three year maintenance program is required for care of the trees after installation, and the program must be described in the application.

(f) A liability waiver must be signed releasing the Georgia Forestry Commission from any liability associated with the project.

(g) The applicants must complete the project and paperwork within a one year time frame.

(6) Directions and deadlines for applying: Requests for information about the Georgia Community Tree Planting Program should be made to:

Georgia Forestry Commission

Georgia Community Tree Planting Program

P.O. Box 819

Macon, Georgia 31298-4599

or phone (912) 751-3326. Deadline for submitting an application is July 15, 1994. Projects must have completed planting by April 30, 1995.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-1-.03
Authority: Ga. Law 1955, pp. 309-315; O.C.G.A. Sec. 12-6-5.
History. Original description entitled "Georgia Community Tree Planting Program FY 95" submitted June 6, 1994.

Chapter 224-2. NOTIFICATION OF TIMBER HARVESTING ACTIVITY.

Rule 224-2-.01. Notification of Timber Harvesting Activity Rule.

The Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission, as authorized by O.C.G.A. Section 12-6-24(c) hereby establishes the standard form, (hereinafter Form 12-6-24) attached hereunto, to be used by any Georgia counties requiring such timber harvesting notification and affected businesses in the notification of timber harvesting activity. Form 12-6-24 complies with all information requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 12-6-24. Form 12-6-24 shall be provided to the county of harvest by the timber harvester prior to if possible, but in no event later than 24 hours prior to any harvest action. Each separate tract of timber harvest will require a separate Form 12-6-24. Form 12-6-24 may be submitted in person, by transmission of an electronic record via telefacsimile, e-mail, or such other means as approved by the governing authority, or by mail. Notice shall be made only in such form as prescribed by rule or regulation of the director, and shall be limited to the information set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 12-6-24.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A.§ 12-6-24(c).
History. Original Rule entitled "Notification of Timber Harvesting Activity Rule" adopted. F. Sept. 25, 2002; eff. Oct. 15, 2002.
Amended: F. Aug. 5, 2015; eff. Aug. 25, 2015.

Chapter 224-3. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 224, ch. 224-3

Rule 224-3-.01. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Establishment and Purpose of Quarantine" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Definitions" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Regulated Articles" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Quarantined and Regulated Areas" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Conditions Governing the Intrastate Movement of Regulated Articles" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.06. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Conditions Governing the Movement of Regulated Articles from Quarantined

Areas" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.07. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Issuance and Cancellation of Certificates and Limited Permits" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.08. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Compliance Agreements and Cancellation" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.09. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.09
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.10. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.10
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Attachment and Disposition of Certificates and Limited Permits" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.11. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.11
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Costs and Charges" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.

Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.12. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.12
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Inspection and Disposal of Regulated Articles and Pests" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.13. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.13
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Unlawful Acts" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Rule 224-3-.14. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 224-3-.14
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Violation is a Misdemeanor" adopted. F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Amended: F. Jul. 29, 2014; eff. Aug. 18, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.

Appendix 224-3-.14A. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 224, ch. 224-3, app 224-3-.14A
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 12-6-16.
History. Appendix - "Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project, EAB Regulatory Flight Zones in Georgia (purposed)." F. Mar. 21, 2014; eff. Apr. 10, 2014.
Repealed: F. May 26, 2021; eff. June 15, 2021.