

November 9, 2022 - Zoom

Participants: **Leslie Boby** - Southern Regional Extension Forestry, **Matthew Burns** - Clemson University, **Vic Ford** – Arkansas, **Jason de Koff** - Tennessee State University, **Shirley Baker** - University of Florida, **Justin Quetone Moss** - Oklahoma State University, **Mark McCann** - UGA Extension, **Carolyn Banks** - Alcorn State University, **James Henderson** - Mississippi State University, **Dan Goerlich** - Virginia Cooperative Extension, **Joshua Idassi** - SC State University -1890 Extension, **Becky Barlow** – Auburn University/Alabama Extension, **Karnita Garner** – Alabama A&M University/Alabama Extension, **Alejandro Bolques** - Florida A&M University, **Sid Dasgupta** – Kentucky State University, **Craig Wood** – University of Kentucky, **Saqib Mukhtar** – University of Florida

POW reports:

1. *Fact finding mission to determine what is happening regarding natural disaster responsiveness and opportunities for collaboration.* – nothing to report
2. *Conduct a regional analysis of urban agriculture programs. Are there curricula we can duplicate and share?* – nothing to report
3. *Plan joint meetings with North Central-Southern Region ANR Program Leaders. These will include topical quarterly virtual meetings and a potential in-person meeting.* Matt Burns – gave update that will start planning soon.
4. *Team will continue to partner with Russ Garner and the SRDC heirs property working group as a POW. We will continue to increase our understanding as program leaders by inviting Russ/members of the SRDC to visit with the team over the next year. We will partner with the SRDC to find state champions of Heirs Property and to help distribute the information and training the SRDC has developed.* http://srdc.msstate.edu/heir_property/index.html. Becky Barlow gave the following update: The training will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354, on November 29-30 and will provide an overview of the program's goals as well as share resources developed or in-process to support your outreach efforts. The Policy Center will pay for hotel rooms. We will reserve and directly pay for your lodging expenses for the meeting in Atlanta. In order for us to secure your hotel room, we ask that you complete the following link by Nov. 9. Seating is limited to 50. Registration link: https://msudafvm.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29IZ0LU35TQYpaC **The session is now filled.**

Individual updates:

James Henderson – Update from Mississippi looking

Update from Florida – Already some flooding on the eastern part of the state from hurricane Nicole. Shirley Baker agreed to provide an update on their work on disaster preparedness at the next meeting.

Mark McCann - Next Falls EDEN meeting with be in Savannah in September.

Joshua Idassi – partnering with Clemson on climate smart forestry grant. They are looking for post-docs and graduate students to work on this project.

Vic Ford – There is a project looking at tree canopy to predict tree diameter using light based technology. There is an opportunity to use this as part of carbon credit related forest inventories to help reduce the costs.

ANR PLN Committee meeting

Future meetings:

In notes from the Ft. Worth meeting the following was noted:

"Future topics for quarterly calls include climate smart agriculture (i.e., ECOP priority, USDA-NIFA grant funding opportunities) and AI (artificial intelligence) fundamentals for agent training, and opportunities in commercialization of technology (research and extension collaborations)."

Please be thinking about items that can be presented that would be of interest and address the topics above. If you have an idea please let Vic Ford, Jason de Koff, or Becky Barlow know and we can get you on the agenda.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Zoom link: <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/88102236258>

Please be prepared to present committee updates.

Dr. Shirley Baker and Dr. Saquib Mukhtar agreed to provide an update on their work on disaster preparedness.