




Board Details

(5-members; three (3) year terms; 4 members should have knowledge of urban forestry. Terms shall expire on January 1st of the year the terms expire. Appointments shall be made for three (3) year terms or for unexpired terms.) Reference Ordinance No. 3592, January 22, 1990.

The Board shall act as the technical information collector; clarify tree regulations; act on referrals; guide the creation of a Master Tree Plan; assist in the development of the goals and objectives for the City's Comprehensive Plan with respect to trees; advise all departments of the City on tree issues; communicate general tree information; and develop tree projects; serve on the Tree Board of Appeals.

Overview

 **Size** 5 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional

Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PublicWorks/ProgramsandServices/TreestheUrbanForest/TreeAdvisoryBoard.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

<https://gainesville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Ordinance

Ord. No. 3592, § 1(2-232), 1-22-90; Ord. No. 090878, § 17, 6-6-13



City of Gainesville

Tree Advisory Board

Board Roster



Mr. Ryan Klein

1st Term Nov 07, 2019 - Sep 30, 2020

Category Student Member



Jason A Smith

1st Term Nov 15, 2018 - Jan 01, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission



Marc S. Frank

1st Term Feb 21, 2019 - Jan 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Erick D Smith

1st Term Feb 21, 2019 - Jan 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Claire Manley

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Jan 01, 2023



Vacancy

ProfileView current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

Prefix	Russell	S	Adams	Suffix
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	

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Email Address

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Street Address	Suite or Apt

Gainesville	FL	32653
City	State	Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> *

I do not live in Gainesville

Mobile: (352) 575-8750	Home:
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

CONSOR Engineers	Assistant Project Administrator
Employer	Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Tree Advisory Board: Submitted

PLEASE NOTE: You may only apply for two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees each application cycle. A person may only be appointed to two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees.

Question applies to Tree Advisory Board

The Tree Advisory Board has 1 partial term opening that ends on 1/1/2021.

Question applies to Tree Advisory Board

Applicants to the Tree Advisory Board should have knowledge of urban forestry.

Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?

Yes No

If yes, please submit a detailed explanation of exemption.

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Tree Advisory Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Tree Advisory Board?

I have been involved in various aspects of Gainesville's Urban Forest since I moved here in 1984. I have served on this board in the past and would like to offer my services to the Commission.

Question applies to Tree Advisory Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

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Members of all City of Gainesville Advisory Boards and Committees must only serve two (2) consecutive terms, except for the City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board.

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Upload a Resume

[TAB-2.pdf](#)

Please upload a file

Demographics

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Russell Adams

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Background

2018-Present	Conсор Engineers (Assistant Project Manager)
2017-2018	Oasis Landscape Services (Landscape Manager)
2015-2017	Scheda Ecological Associates (Project Manager)
2004-2015	Jones Edmunds Construction Engineering Services, Inc. (Senior Landscape Inspector)
2000-2011	Montgomery Botanical Research Center (Plant collections)
1999-2004	Oasis Landscape Services (Manager)
1993-1994	Holbrook Travel Inc. (Tour Leader)
1988-Present	Gainesville Tree Farm (Owner)
1984-1987	Gainesville Tree Farm (Manager)
1983	Washington Oaks State Garden (Horticulturist)
1982-1983	Baby's Breath Nursery (Sales)
1981-1982	Classic Nurseries (Landscape Labor)
1978-1980	Cofers Home and Garden Center (Sales)

Areas of Specialization

- Landscape Inspection
- BOLD Landscaping
- Project Management
- Landscape Installation
- Landscape Establishment Period
- Landscape Design
- Plant Production
- Contract Management and Development
- Urban Forestry
- Plant Propagation

Training and Certifications

- ISA Certified Trainer for Grades and Standards, 2015
- ISA Certified Arborist
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification
- Florida Storm Water, Erosion, Sedimentation Control
- Advanced Training Florida Grades and Standards
- FDEP Green Industry-BMP Certification
- Senior Landscape Inspector

Education

Bachelor of Science | 1988 | University of Florida

- Major: Environmental Horticulture

- Gamma Sigma Delta Honors Society

Publications and Presentations

- Jody L. Haynes, Loran M. Whitlock, Bart Schutzmzn, Russell Adams 2008. A New Endemic Ceratozamia from Honduras *The Cycad Newsletter* 31 (2/3):16-21 June/September
- Bart Schutzmzn, Russell Adams, Jody L. Haynes Loran M. Whitlock 2008. A New Endemic Zamia from Honduras *The Cycad Newsletter* 31 (2/3):21/26 June/September.
- Bart Schutzmzn, Andrew Vovides, et Russell Adams 2004. Validation of the Name *Zamia elegantissima* Bol. Soc. Bot. Mex.74: 97 137-145
- Adams, R.S.2002 Panamanian Paradise Revisited *The Cycad Newsletter* 25(1):7-9
- Bart Schutzmzn, Andrew Vovides, et Russell Adams. 1999 A New Zamia from Central Panama *Phytologia* 85: 137-145
- Adams R.S.1999. Propagation and cultivation of selected gingers in the subtropics. *Journal of International Plant Propagators*
- Florida Grades and Standards for Palms: Russell Adams participated in several presentations to industry representatives regarding the new grades and standards he helped to develop and part of a committee.
- Regenerated Sabal Palms: Russell Adams, with the assistance of Griffin's Tree Farm, conducted a one-day seminar regarding the new grading standards, wild harvest of Sabals, and regeneration of Sabals. Palms for Landscape Architects, Nurserymen, Division of Plant Industry Staff, FDOT Staff.
- Propagation and cultivation of selected gingers in North Florida: Russell Adams presented at the 111th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society, St. Petersburg, FL

Additional Professional Affiliations & Certifications

- International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and
- International Society of Arboriculture TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment Qualified)
- Florida Urban Forestry Council Executive Committee Member
- City of Gainesville Tree Advisory – Board Member 2015-2018
- City of Gainesville Tree Board of Appeals– Board Member 2015-2018
- FNGLA/FDOT Liaison Committee

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January 31, 2020

City of Gainesville Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

Since my arrival to Gainesville in 1984, I have stayed active in this community that I call home. I've proudly contributed to the urban forest of Gainesville, Alachua County, and the State of Florida. As manager and then owner of Gainesville Tree Farm, I have propagated, grown and sold/donated hundreds of trees that now shade the lawns, streets, homes and commercial buildings of Gainesville and the surrounding areas.

Gainesville Tree Farm was one of the original vendors of the GRU-sponsored TREEmendous tree giveaway. We were also a fixture at the Native Plant Societies Sales and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Festivals and Plant Sales. I have been affiliated with Kanapaha Botanical Gardens since 1984 and was named an honorary lifetime member of the North Florida Botanical Society in 1986.

For five years, I served as manager of the landscape division for Oasis Landscape Services of Gainesville. In this role, I was involved in constructing many of the prominent landscapes in Gainesville, including the Alachua County Downtown Library and the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center (now Doubletree). As quality control manager for the Landscape, Pest Control, and Maintenance Division of Oasis, I helped manage and maintain many properties throughout the City of Gainesville and Alachua County, most notably the Thomas Center.

During my 11 years at Gainesville-based Jones Edmunds and two years at Tampa-based Scheda Ecological Associates, I worked as a consultant to the Department of Transportation (DOT). As the first senior landscape inspector for the DOT in the State of Florida, I have been involved in the construction of virtually every landscape on the state highway system in District 2, which covers from Jacksonville to Perry, or from Hamilton County south to Marion County. These 100+ projects have varied in price and complexity from simple right-of-way and retention pond tree plantings in the \$300,000 range to large intricate BOLD landscape projects with complex irrigation systems in downtown urban areas in Jacksonville and Orlando costing several million dollars. I have also constructed projects as far south as Miami/Dade and west to Tampa. For the last 10 years, I have also been responsible for the two-year establishment phase of most landscape projects in this geographic range. This opportunity has given me invaluable experience and insight into the process of managing trees from instillation through establishment – a three-year process on most projects. This oversight requires an intimate knowledge of water management, fertilization, pest control and pruning.

As project manager for Scheda Ecological Associates, in addition to construction oversight, I was also part of the design team for the Turnpike, Districtwide Miscellaneous Landscape Architecture Services and District One, and District Two Miscellaneous Landscape Architecture Services contracts. These five-year

contracts include the entire scope of work necessary to bring a landscape project from conception through completion. During the pre-design phase, I completed the initial site analysis, soil sampling and analysis interpretation; then I made recommendations for plant selection and placement and provided constructability review. I also conducted technical maintenance specifications during the design process, as well as complete plant inspections at the nurseries.

I am currently employed at Consor Engineers as a Project Administrator. In that role as a consultant to the FDOT I oversee approximately twenty-five million dollars of landscape projects in the Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Jacksonville areas.

In addition to my professional work, I was active on the Alachua County Horticultural Advisory Committee (ACHAC), serving as the founding president in 1991 and serving again as president in 2001. As a task force of local growers, educators and government officials, ACHAC met regularly to discuss the current trends, practices and problems of Alachua County's ever-growing agricultural community. We also look at future trends and impending government regulations to see how best to inform, educate and integrate Alachua County's agriculture into society. I have worked closely with local officials to develop local tree ordinances and regional guidelines for the planting, establishment and maintenance of trees in northern Florida.

I was also honored to be on the board for the Florida Urban Forestry Council. As a contributing member of the Florida chapter of this national organization, I was asked to serve on the executive committee. In this role, I helped with educational outreach to promote sound horticultural practices and standards designed to enhance and protect the urban forest in Florida. I then served on the FNGLA/FDOT Liaison Committee, which is a group of landscape architects, nurserymen, contractors and inspectors who meet twice per year with the FDOT to review the standards that govern the installation of all landscape projects on the federal highway system.

I have worked tirelessly and passionately over the years to educate the public about new plant species as well as proven horticultural practices including pruning, fertilization and pest control. This quest has led to paid public speaking engagements from Miami to Charleston, South Carolina. I've also appeared on more than a dozen locally produced television shows such as The Weekend Gardener, and I've been published in multiple industry publications. In 2015-2016 I was part of an ISA Workshop that toured the state to introduce the 2015 Revision to the Division of Plant Industry Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants.

I am proud to have served on both the Tree Advisory Board and Tree Board of Appeals from 2015-2018. In that appointment I worked with current board member and city staff to protect and promote Gainesville's urban forest, advance sound arboriculture practices, and educate the public.

If selected for the current vacancy on the board I promise to continue my advocacy for Gainesville's urban forest, and to help make Gainesville a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Russell Adams