

20 min. approximately, max.

Below numbers roughly relate to individual slides

Possible titles =

- 'Be In The Know About Gainesville's Urban Forest'
- 'Gainesville's Trees and Urban Forest'

### *INTRODUCTION*

1. Presentation prepared by the City's Tree Advisory Board (explain our board, TAB reports to City Commission)
2. TAB works with City Arborist and City Urban Forestry Inspector (explain who and roles)
3. This presentation pertains to City of Gainesville (include map- since many folks don't realize they live in the County so need to be clear this only applies to City)
4. Purpose of presentation is to inform residents about the City's urban forest, tree regulations, and tree programs
5. Presentation will touch on commercial but will focus on residential issues (explain commercial vs residential refers to a site's zoning)

### *TREE BASICS*

6. What is a tree? (General definition, diagram)
7. What 'DBH' and 'caliper' means?
8. What 'regulated tree' mean – In COG, larger than 8" DBH?
9. What is the difference between 'canopy' and 'understory'?
10. What is 'deciduous' versus 'evergreen'?
11. What does 'native' mean?
12. What are tree species common to City of Gainesville? (List with images top 5-10 or so)
13. What is the urban forest? (General definition, overall map, give some fun facts)
14. Give very high-level overview of Urban Forest Management Plan (intro, background- provide website)

### *TREE REGULATIONS*

15. What regulates tree plantings and removals in the City? (Explain that Land Development Code, which is approved by Commission, regulates land use within the City for public health, safety and welfare, and that code requires tree plantings as well as regulates removals)
16. What does LDC require for tree removals? (explain there is a difference residential vs. commercial – But only discuss residential details, define mitigation and replacement regulations, provide code references)
17. Overview of tree removal permit (What info is required, how to fill it out, where to submit)
18. What to consider before removing trees? (licensed contractor with professional experience in Gainesville, tree removal permit, tree mitigation costs and that those are not the actual removal costs)

### *TREE PROGRAMS*

19. COG tree giveaway program (What it is, how to apply)
20. Urban Forestry Workshop (What it is, general date/how to access)
21. Arbor Day events
22. COG using tree mitigation funds to plant in public parks and right of ways (List what the tree fund is and show images of some recent installs)

### *MORE INFORMATION*

23. Contact City Arborist and can attend TAB meetings (Provide website and contact info)
24. Final slide = 'Thank you for your interest in Gainesville's trees!' statement