



Gary White

Interim Director, Georgia Forestry Commission

Gary White was appointed Deputy Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission January 1, 2018.

Gary was a Community Forester for the Sustainable Community Forestry Program (SCFP) in the Northeast region of the state. Before the inception of SCFP White managed the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) Pilot Project in White County where he helped develop home risk assessment methods and the Firewise program for the GFC and wrote some of the first Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Gary has also served as Chief Ranger in Johnson County and as Chief Ranger/Forester in Franklin-Hart unit of the GFC. Before becoming Deputy Director, Gary was the Chief of Forest Management at GFC. Gary worked in the private sector as a procurement forester for Canal Wood Corporation for several years as well. Gary earned a forestry degree from West Virginia University and served two years in the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso West Africa.

White and his wife Katrina live between Hartwell and Royston and have one son who recently graduated from UGA. Gary is an assistant scoutmaster for the Franklin Springs Boy Scout Troop.