



# WOODLAND VOICES: NEWS FROM THE WCA



## Director's Corner Building Stronger Woodland Communities



Happy New Year! We are thrilled to kick off 2025 at the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation® (CHPP™) with renewed energy and exciting plans for the Woodland Community Advocate (WCA) program. This year, we are reinvigorating the WCA program with new opportunities for learning, engagement, and connection. We're excited to announce that we will host three WCA Institutes this year! If you know someone who would make a great WCA, please send them my way.

Additionally, we are planning a WCA Convening in the near future—date and location to be announced soon. I look forward to revitalizing the WCA program and strengthening our community together. As WCAs, you are the Ambassadors of CHPP™, bringing awareness to our mission and empowering communities with valuable knowledge.

Your dedication and impact continue to inspire us, and I am eager to see what we will accomplish together in 2025! Looking forward to an incredible year ahead!

Onward Together,  
Esther Adams  
Director, Office of Community Engagement

## Educational Moment

Urban Wood is one of the most promising markets developing in forestry. Typically, trees removed from residential properties and in cities were chipped or dumped. However, in recent years organizations with sustainability goals and initiatives have turned to timber and non-timber products from urban trees.

The European Union has increased their demand for urban wood to help combat deforestation in developing countries. Domestically, Room & Board is looking to increase their urban wood intake to make furniture.

Historically underserved neighborhoods often have a lot of trees that are perfect for urban wood. Communities can work together and have trees pruned or removed and share the financial benefits of urban wood. These funds can be used to plant more trees and improve the overall economic and environmental health of these communities.



Forester James Williams touring an Urban Wood Processing Facility in Memphis, TN. In November 2023, he was invited to present at the Urban Wood Academy.

## WCA News

If you have any news you would like to share, please let us know—email [eadams@heirsproperty.org](mailto:eadams@heirsproperty.org)



[www.heirsproperty.org](http://www.heirsproperty.org)



[info@heirsproperty.org](mailto:info@heirsproperty.org)



8570 Rivers Ave. Suite 170,  
N. Charleston, SC 29406

Meet the Community Engagement Team  
&  
the Counties Covered

## Monica Frasier

Colleton County  
Beaufort County  
Jasper County

Hampton County  
Allendale County  
Bamberg County



## Anthony Brown

Charleston County  
Berkeley County  
Georgetown County

Williamsburg County  
Dorchester County



## Dorlisa Adams

Richland County  
Kershaw County  
Sumter County

Lee County  
Chesterfield County  
Clarendon County



## Monica Graves

Marion County  
Florence County  
Darlington County

Dillon County  
Marlboro County  
Horry County



## Kayra Rice

Aiken County  
Barnwell County  
Calhoun County

Lexington County  
Orangeburg County



Get to know the dedicated team working to support families in protecting and maintaining heirs' property.



[www.heirsproperty.org](http://www.heirsproperty.org)



[info@heirsproperty.org](mailto:info@heirsproperty.org)



8570 Rivers Ave. Suite 170,  
N. Charleston, SC 29406

## Term of the Month

### **Best Management Practices**

*Procedures employed during harvesting and/or timber stand improvement activities that reduce erosion and prevent or control water pollution.*



## Upcoming Events

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar**

Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Timmonsville Community Center

### **Free Wills Clinic - Fairfield County**

Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Baptist Church

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar**

Thursday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Lane Town Hall

### **Free Wills Clinic - Aiken County**

Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM

Center for African American History,  
Art, and Culture

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar**

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

First African Baptist Church

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar**

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Old Bishopville High School Gym

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar**

Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Word for Life Ministries

### **Free Heirs' Property Seminar & Clinic**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Timmonsville Community Center

## In CHPP News...

- On January 24, 2025, The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation celebrated a milestone by officially turning 20 years old. Over the past two decades, CHPP™ has developed successful strategies, policies, and procedures to help heirs' property issues and sustainably utilize their land. For a long time, CHPP™ was one of few organizations focused on heirs' property, so we made much of our progress without the benefit of lessons and/or assistance from similarly focused organizations.
- Tree planting season is typically December through early March. Our team has assisted landowners with tract cutting, placing them in a position to apply for funding at the NRCS.
- The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation East Texas Heirs' Property Initiative successfully launched an engaging and impactful event at the Houston Food Bank on January 30, 2025. The event brought together landowners, community leaders, and key stakeholders to address heirs' property challenges in the region.

