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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Camden County Receives Grant to Replant Trees**

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – January 11, 2019 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of an award from the Georgia Urban Forest Council's Georgia ReLeaf Program. The \$2,315 grant will be used to purchase approximately eighty (80) trees to be planted in parks throughout the county.

During Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, Camden County parks lost approximately 110 trees. The new trees will be planted in five Camden County parks: Browntown Wilderness Park, Camden County Recreation Center, Howard Peeples Park, Maple Ford Park, and Sweetwater Park. Additionally, these trees will assist in reducing storm runoff, minimizing flooding, and providing wind protection.

"This funding provides a wonderful opportunity for Camden County to replace some of the trees that were lost or damaged by the recent hurricanes," said Grants Manager Julie Haigler. "Camden County residents will soon be able to enjoy the benefits of a healthy tree canopy because of partnership with the Georgia Urban Forest Council."



From Left: Commission Vice-Chair Gary Blount, Commissioner Lannie Brant. Commission Chair Jimmy Starline, Grants Manager Julie Haigler, Commissioner Chuck Clark, and Commissioner Ben Casey.

The Georgia Urban Forest Council in cooperation with the Georgia Forestry Commission established the Georgia ReLeaf Program to bring urban forests back to life by planting trees in public areas such as parks, schools, main streets, and business districts.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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