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Project Learning Tree® Awards Three Service-Learning Grants in Georgia

Washington, D.C. – Project Learning Tree® (PLT), the environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation, announced today that it awarded three *GreenWorks!* grants in Georgia. The recipients and projects funded by the grants are as follows--

Chestatee High School, Gainesville, “Local Streams Flow into a Lake at Risk”: Students in the environmental club are building an outdoor classroom in a wooded lot on school property to educate the community about water quality and water conservation. The students initiated the project after reading about how drought is affecting Lake Lanier and its tributaries.

Hill Country Montessori School, Palmetto, “Rain and Pollinator Garden”: To address a problem with water runoff on the school property, students will develop a garden, known as a rain garden, to re-use the water. Students in all grades will work research, design, planting and maintenance. It will be planted to attract wildlife, particularly bees and other pollinators.

Lamar County 4-H, Barnesville, “Healthy Harvest”: Through this intergenerational and multi-organization project, fifth-graders will work with adult volunteers to plan, plant, cultivate, and harvest a vegetable garden. They will sample the produce to learn more about healthy eating, donate a portion to a local food bank, and sell a portion at a farmers’ market.

Since 1992, Project Learning Tree has distributed more than \$500,000 to fund 730 grant projects in communities across the country. Proposals for Fall 2008 grants are due on October 31, 2008. Grants up to \$5,000 are available. □ □

For more information about *GreenWorks!*, and a complete list of Project Learning Tree’s *GreenWorks!* grant awards, visit www.plt.org or contact Jackie Stallard, Manager of Education Programs, 202.463.2475 or jstallard@plt.org.

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Project Learning Tree® (PLT) is the environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation. . PLT provides educators with comprehensive environmental education curriculum resources that can be integrated into lesson plans for all grades and subject areas. PLT teaches students “how to think, not what to think” about complex environmental issues, and helps students learn the skills they need to make sound choices about the environment. Developed in 1976, PLT has an international network of more than 500,000 trained educators using PLT materials that cover the total environment. The American Forest Foundation, a nonprofit conservation and education organization, works for healthy forests, quality environmental education, and informed decision-making about our communities and our world.

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