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# Marcia Dew Bansley

to be Honored  
with the  
Dan & Tally Sweat  
Community  
Leadership Award

**ULI Atlanta is pleased to announce that Marcia Bansley will be honored with the Dan and Tally Sweat Community Leadership Award at the 23rd Annual ULI Atlanta Awards for Excellence dinner on September 14th.**

Bansley led Trees Atlanta from the organization's inception in 1985 until her retirement in 2011. Throughout her leadership as Executive Director, Trees Atlanta planted 81,000 trees, created a new 2-acre park at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, and passed the first protection and planting law for trees in three major metro Atlanta counties.

During the City's urban revitalization project for the 1996 Summer Olympics, Marcia and Trees Atlanta helped to raise \$4.5 million along with planting trees in and around Centennial Olympic Park. Afterwards, Trees Atlanta continued planting and raising over \$2 million more. Since then, Trees Atlanta has planted over 100,000 trees.

Contributing to the city's reputation as the "City in the Forest", Marcia Bansley has made a tremendous impact on our urban greenspace.

With Marcia's passion for nature and the city she continues to be a champion for Atlanta's landscape by serving on the board of Trees Atlanta. Bansley, is an Atlanta native, earned her undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from Emory University.

Today, Trees Atlanta has a full-time staff that continues its mission to protect and improve Atlanta's urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating.