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Michael R. Robinson

Biography

Michael R. Robinson is a 1978 graduate of University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources and Conservation.

He began his professional career as a Forest Ranger, with the then named Florida Division of Forestry, stationed in Perry, Fl. In August 1979, he was promoted to County Urban Forester for Indian River County in Vero Beach.

In November 1979, he began his career with Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) as an Urban Forester responsible for contract line clearance crews and the initiation and implementation of an urban forestry program for the utility. This was a totally new field for utilities at that time. No other utility had foresters in lower level management in the field in the country. Now that is the norm and many used JEA as a model. In 1995, he was promoted to JEA Forester, with responsibility shared with 2 other foresters for the entire utility district. He remained in this position until his retirement in 2013 with nearly 34 years of service in the Jacksonville area.

During his career, Mike, as he likes to be called, was the recipient of several local, state, national, and international awards and recognitions. He has served as the Utility Representative on several industry specific associations and their respective Boards of Directors.

He is currently serving his fourth term as President of Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc., the second oldest tree advocacy group in the nation. Greenscape has been in operation for over 42 years and is responsible for the addition of over 300,000 trees to the Jacksonville canopy. Mike has been affiliated with the organization for over 25 years.

Mike resides in Jacksonville with his wife of 36 years and has 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Awards and Professional Recognitions

1997 - Outstanding Professional Award- Florida Urban Forestry Council

1998-2006- Utility Representative, Florida Urban Forestry Council

2002 - Nature of Caring Award- Volunteer Jacksonville

2004, 2005- President, Florida Urban Forestry Council

2006-2013- Utility Representative, Florida Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

2009 – President, Florida Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

2010 - True Professional Award- International Society of Arboriculture

-Edward W. Bok Award- Florida Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

2012- Canopy Award for Individual- Greenscape of Jacksonville

-Friend of Extension Award- Duval County Extension Service

2013 – Individual Environmental Award- City of Jacksonville Environmental Board