

Award-winning landscape management



In the last two years, 5 full-time staffers maintained this property and installed annual color twice yearly. They also renovated the water feature, provided remedial work on a 40-year old Japanese maple and stabilized a flood plain in the complex's nature preserve.

Post Dunwoody Apartment Homes

The 1998 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Condominium, Apartment Complex or Planned Community

In keeping with the Post mission statement, "to provide the superior apartment living experience" for their residents, the lush, inviting, naturalistic grounds of this award-winning property are integrated to serve as outdoor living environments.

The Post Dunwoody Apartment Homes is a 20-acre, 530-unit, upscale, garden-style apartment community in north Atlanta, GA. The property has two resort-style swimming pools; two tennis centers; a 25-plot urban vegetable garden; an eight-acre nature preserve; a one-mile jogging/biking trail that borders the nature preserve; 10 picnic areas; and 1/4 mile of road footage.

To maintain year-round color interest, 15 annual beds, totaling 13,500 square feet, are installed twice yearly. Summer annual displays are incorporated in late April, and cool-season presentations of tulips and pansies are planted in November. More than 30,000 square feet of herbaceous perennial displays also offer seasonal color support.

The grounds are made up of a very diverse plant palette: turfgrasses, such as Meyer zoysia in irrigated areas, and Tif 419 hybrid bermuda in nonirrigated areas; evergreen and deciduous trees; woody ornamental shrubs; ground covers; ornamental grasses; herbaceous perennials; annuals; and wetlands.



Property at a glance:

Location: Atlanta, GA

Staff: Post Landscape Operations

Category: Condominium, Apartment Complex or Planned Community

Year site built: 1989

Total acres maintained: 20

Acres of woody ornamentals: 4

Acres of display beds: 1

Total man-hours/week: 80

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ The multilevel koi pond, surrounded by specimen conifers, must be carefully maintained. The groundcovers must be hand pruned.
- ▶ Neighboring development just south of this property has caused the team to increase its efforts to maintain the ambience of these apartment landscapes.
- ▶ Regular deadheading and pruning of summer annuals keep them shapely, in peak bloom and inbounds.
- ▶ Taking care of the many specimen conifers is a large challenge, including preventive and curative measures such as systemic injections for pest control.