Enhancing Rural Economies through Agroforestry: Assessing Emerging Opportunities

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Patriots Plaza
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Vickie Roberts Ratliff is one of nine forestry professionals featured in the Southern Group of State Foresters’ (SGSF) new regional series of videos, People of Forestry, designed to increase awareness of southern forests and the many professional opportunities the forest industry provides.

People of Forestry:
Vickie Roberts-Ratliff of Mississippi
https://youtu.be/I5u4QhPPnzY
Vickie’s Vision

Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

-William Faulkner
Hidden Treasures

Isaiah 45:2-3
Agroforestry placing the right plant, in the right place, for the right reason.

Agroforestry “Perfect Marriage” Agricultural Practices (Henry)-Forestry (Mary) for Shelton Roberts Properties

“Perfect Storm”-Agricultural Ancestry-Marketing-Strategic Goals for Sustainable Meaningful Economic Development
Vickie’s Vision

Meaningful economic sustainable development on 4th generation ancestral property that serves as catalyst for sustainable economic development in a 28% USDA Strikeforce recognized Persistent Poverty Community.
FSC-Agro-Forestry (Eco-Tourism) Specialty Crop Demonstration Site

- Federation of Southern Cooperatives (MOA) Partnership Agreement-December 18, 2013
- Established April 9, 2014
- Targeting Mississippians, Farmers, Foresters from Neighboring States
- “If implemented all over the state, it will bring down the price of fruits and nuts, and as a result will help wipe out obesity in the future.”

Dr. Giresh K. Panicker, Associate Professor & Director for Conservation Research, Alcorn State University
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Fruit Based Alley Cropping Demonstration Site
1st Agro-Forestry Program with Fruits and Nuts in Mississippi
Shelton Roberts Farm-Winona, MS
SRP Agroforestry Demonstration Site

- Eco Agroforestry Alley Crop-Fruit and Nuts
- 11-1-14 ROBERTS/FSC AG FIELD Day
- CIG Grant application 2-24-15
- MSU SARE Grant Applications 2016, 2017
Shelton Roberts Properties, LLC

CRP - Conservation Reserve Program
CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program