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STI "FULL LINE" BRANCHES OPEN IN KANNAPOLIS AND GREENSBORO



We are pleased to announce that our latest branch expansions are "full line" facilities, providing all of STI's Landscape Products (irrigation, lighting, water gardens, drainage and fountain equipment), as well as all of STI Turf Care Equipment's products (landscape maintenance mowers, power equipment, parts, accessories and service) to our contractor customers. These two new locations join our lineup of existing full line branches in Charlotte (Albemarle Road), Richmond and Chesapeake.



Jerry Plock



Chris England

Jerry Plock will manage the Greensboro facility, with Chris England as Assistant Manager. They can be reached at 336-564-1999. Jerry comes to STI Turf Care with several years of experience in turfgrass maintenance, golf course management and outdoor lighting. Chris also has several years of experience as a power equipment dealer and in landscape maintenance and irrigation.

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Wayne Knox



Steven Griffith

Wayne Knox will manage the Kannapolis facility, with Steven Griffith as Landscape Products Specialist. They can be reached at 704-932-3166. Wayne has many years of experience as a power equipment dealer and Steven's background is in landscape, irrigation and lighting contracting.

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GREEN SPACE OFFSETS GLOBAL WARMING

A University of Manchester study has calculated that a 10% increase in green space in built up urban centers would offset the predicted rise in global temperatures over the next 75 years! Street trees, green roofs and parklands all contribute to the cooling effect caused by the release of water vapor into the air by the plant material's natural process of transpiration. In addition, more rainfall would be returned to the ground in urban regions rather than running off into storm drains, streams and rivers. Fears over water use have lead many communities to restrict lawn and green space development. As members of the green industry, we should all be promoting the positive long term benefits this important study has pointed out.

JEFF WILLINGHAM JOINS STI

Jeff is the new Landscape Products Group Territory Sales Manager for the upstate SC, western NC and eastern TN markets. Jeff has many years of experience as a lighting and irrigation contractor and brings a wealth of knowledge to assist our contractor customers in his new position at STI. Jeff, his wife Shannon and two children will reside in Morganton, NC. He can be reached via cell phone at 864-361-0385.

