

## The Forest Stewards Guild- Georgia Bottomland Hardwood Field Forum May 3, 2016

As part of the Guild's efforts to define and disseminate a model of ecological forestry for bottomland hardwood management in the Southeast, we held a field forum at the Conservation Fund's Sansavilla Property in Georgia on May 3, 2016. A small, but high caliber, group of resource managers attended the event including individuals working in private consulting, state government, and the non-profit sector.



The Sansavilla property is located in Brantley County near Brunswick, GA. This parcel was previously owned by Conservation Forestry, LLC and was recently acquired by the Conservation Fund. The property will eventually be changing ownership to the Georgia DNR, with the long-term goals of longleaf pine restoration and wildlife management. While no active bottomland hardwood management has been performed on this site since the Conservation Fund took ownership, bottomland hardwoods represent a large proportion of the land-base. The bottomlands were previously managed intensively by Conservation Forestry, resulting in a variety of different stand conditions and age classes throughout.

We visited several sites fostering good conversations around such issues as local market conditions, intermediate versus regeneration treatments, site operability and wildlife habitat concerns.

