

Wildlife Forestry in Bottomland Hardwoods Workshop

Date and Location: October 5, 2021. Colleton County, South Carolina

Presentation Session

**Location: Colleton County Parks and Rec Pavilion
280 Recreation Lane, Walterboro, SC**

- 9:15-9:30 Registration Opens
- 9:30-9:45am Welcome & Introductions
1. Forest Stewards Guild's Southeast Program and Bottomland Hardwoods (*Shawn Swartz, Southeast Region Manager, Forest Stewards Guild*)
- 9:45-11:15am Presentations
1. Ecology & value of bottomland hardwood forests for wildlife and water quality (*Dr. William Conner, Forestry and Environmental Conservation Department, Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science, Clemson University*) – 30 mins
 2. Silviculture & Management Suggestions:
 - o Forest Management in Bottomlands (*Tim Evans, Director of Land Conservation, Audubon SC*) – 30 mins
 - o Tools: the Guild's Management Plan Template (*Dakota Wagner, Southeast Region Coordinator, Forest Stewards Guild*) – 15 mins
 3. Resources Available for Landowners (*TBD*) – 15 mins
- 11:15-11:30am Field Tour Logistics
- 11:30-12:00pm Lunch
- 12:00-12:30pm Travel to Field Site 1

Field Tours

Locations: Webb's Forest in Colleton County & Beehive Farm in Charleston County

- 12:30-1:30pm Webb's Forest: Chehaw River Channel Rice Fields in Colleton County
Exact driving location provided on the day of the workshop
At this stop, we will look at a bottomlands site undergoing natural successional processes. Bonus: We will observe a longleaf pine restoration site where longleaf has been underplanted under loblolly pine and the loblolly is slowly being managed out of existence through frequent low intensity fire.
- 1:30-1:50pm Travel to Field Site 2
- 1:50-3:50pm Beehive Farm in Charleston County
Exact driving location provided on the day of the workshop
This site has seen major impacts from historic land leveling, ditching and diking. This has caused the natural succession of bottomlands to not behave in a typical fashion. We will look out how the impacts to the natural topography has shaped the site and discuss how to restore bottomland forests with birds and wildlife in mind.
- 3:50-4:00pm Wrap-Up in the Field
A big thank you to our sponsors and partners for the space, lunch, and an overall more valuable experience.

