



# Session 1: Our Wild Coast Planting for Native Wildlife

## 10:00 am - 11:15

- Speaker 1 <u>Backyard Wildlife Habitat</u> <u>Eamonn</u>
   Leonard Georgia DNR 15 mins
- Speaker 2 <u>Designing for People and Nature</u>–
   Thomas Angell Verdant Enterprises 15 mins
- Speaker 3 Native Plants for Pollinators Amy Schuler & Christa Hayes – Coastal WildScapes – 15 mins

- Discussion 30 minutes
- 11:30 Lunch & Keynote Address

# What is Coastal WildScapes

 Mission: actively preserve and restore the highly significant biodiversity of Southeastern coastal ecosystems by protecting existing native habitats, rebuilding the connectivity of impaired habitats and minimizing the future fragmentation of the coastal landscape.

#### Through:

- Education Outreach
  - · provide and facilitate presentations and field trips.
- Conservation Initiatives
  - provide volunteers in partnership with other organizations to protect and rebuild habitats.
- Grassroots Activities
  - stimulate opportunities to expand involvement and awareness of critical coastal issues.

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# Backyard Wildlife Habitat Eamonn Leonard



### What does Wildlife Need?

"Birds abhor a clean yard.."

#### Space

- What type of yard (wooded, field...)
- Habitat structure

#### Food

 Feeders, fruiting and flowering plants. Diversity (magnolia, black gum, elderberry, Little bluestem, trumpet creeper)

#### Water

Baths, pools, streams, misters

#### Shelter

- Vegetation at multiple levels
- Bird Boxes
- Brush Piles
- Standing snags

### **Native Plant Food Sources**

- Granivores eat seeds
  - Often will visit feeders
  - Try to use Native seed bearing plants too.
- Frugivores eat fruit and berries
  - Visit fruiting shrubs, berries
- Nectivores sugar rich nectar of flowers
  - Attracted to Natives with tubular flowers
  - Will visit supplemental feeders
- Insectivores –insects to feed self & young
  - Need native plants that support insects
    - Spiders, moths, butterflies, beetles, flies, mosquitos, ants, bees wasps, egg clusters, caterpillars, small lizards, snails, etc.
  - Caterpillars & other soft larvae insects for young

## **Common Resident Birds**



Northern Cardinal – Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore



Carolina Chickadee – Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore



Blue Bird – Insectivore / Frugivore



Tufted Titmouse – Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore



Carolina Wren Insectivore /
Granivore /
Frugivore



**Yellow-throated Warbler** - *Insectivore* 



Blue Jay - Omnivorous

# **Resident Woodpeckers**



Downy Woodpecker
- Insectivore /
Granivore /
Frugivore



**Northern Flicker** - *Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore* 

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Omnivorous

### **Winter Birds**



**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – *Insectivore / Frugivore/ Sap* 



**Cedar Waxwing** – Frugivore / Insectivore



**White throated Sparrow** - *Granivore / Frugivore* 



Ruby-crowned kinglet –
Insectivore / Frugivore /
Granivore



**Goldfinch** - Granivore



### **Summer Birds**



**Purple Martin** - *Insectivore* 



**Summer Tanager** – *Insectivore + G.* 



Red eyed Vireo – Insectivore / Granivore



Orchard Oriole –
Insectivore + G



**Great-crested flycatcher** – *Insectivore* + *G* 



Northern Parula -Insectivore + G



Painted bunting -Granivore + Insectivore

# **Spring & Fall Birds**



Blue Grosbeak - Insectivore / Granivore



Black-throated Blue Warbler – Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore / Nectivore



**Baltimore Oriole** – Insectivore / Granivore / Frugivore / Nectivore



American Redstart –
Insectivore / Granivore /
Frugivore

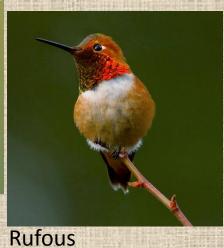


Indigo Bunting – Granivore / Insectivore / Frugivore

# Hummingbirds



Ruby-throated





Allen's

- Try to keep flowering plants all year
- Summer Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Winter variety of western species
  - Rufous, Allen's, Calliope, Black-chinned



# **Owls of Georgia**

All possible Yard Birds



**Barred Owl** 



**Great Horned Owl** 



Barn Owl



Eastern Screech Owl

# **Raptors of Georgia**



**Red Tailed Hawk** 



American Kestrel





Osprey



**Red Shouldered Hawk** 



Loggerhead shrike

- Trees
  - Black gum (Nyssa sylvatica)
  - Tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera)
  - Native oaks (Quercus, virginiana, Q. lyrata, Q. michauxii)
  - American Beech (Fagus grandiflora)
  - Hawthorns (Crataegus sp.)
  - Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)
  - Eastern Red Cedar (Juniperus silicicola)
  - Sweetgum (Liqidambar styraciflua)
  - Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)

- Shrubs
  - Southern Arrowwood (Viburnum dentatum)
  - Winged sumac (Rhus copallinum)
  - Swamp Dogwood (Cornus foemina)
  - Elderberry (Sambucus canadensis)
  - American Beautyberry (Callicarpa americana)
  - Devils Walkingstick (Aralia spinosa)
  - Native Hibiscus (Hibiscus sp., Kosteletzkya)
  - Native Azaleas (Rhododendron canescens, R. viscosum)
  - Wax Myrtle (Morella cerifera)
  - Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)

- Vines
  - Muscadine (Vitis rotundifolia)
  - Cross vine (Bignonia capreolata)
  - Trumpet vine (Campsis radicans)
  - Poison Ivy (Toxicodendron radicans)
  - Coral Honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens)
  - Passion vine (Passiflora incarnata)

- Herbaceous
  - Native Salvias (Salvia coccinea, Salvia azurea)
  - River Oats (Chasmanthium latifolium)
  - Tickseed (Coreopsis sp.)
  - Beebalm (Monarda sp.)
  - Blackeyes susan (Rudbeckia sp.)
  - Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis)
  - Goldenrod (Solidago sp.)
  - Coral bean (Erythrina herbacea)
  - Little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)
  - Purple lovegrass (Eragrostis spectabilis)

#### Cats

- Keep cats indoors
- Keep feeders and water sources open enough that cats can't sneak up on birds

#### Large window panes

- Stickers on window
- Put feeders close to window

#### Diseases/rancid food

 clean and change feeders and food regularly

#### **Invasive Species**

- Toxic seed Nandina / Birds
- Toxic litter Tallow / leopard frog
- Habitat loss nesting / structure

#### **Herbicides/Pesticides**

Try a chemical free yard

#### Lack of food

- Seasonally appropriate food missing
- Litter layer missing
  - Snails use liter (food for birds)

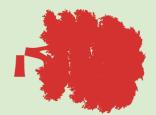
#### Lack of cover

- Lack of evergreen species
- Litter layer missing
  - Reptiles and herps need for cover.

# Threats to Wildlife

### **BIRD MORTALITY**

ITS CAUSES AND WAYS TO REDUCE IT





#### HOW TO REDUCE THEIR IMPACT:

· Keep cats indoors

#### CHEMICALS HOW TO REDUCE THEIR IMPACT:

- · Limit the broadcast spray of pesticides and insecticides
- Introduce integrated pest management practices in agricultural areas

#### LEGEND

Estimated Number of Birds Killed per Year

#### CAUSE: COLLISIONS

#### HOW TO REDUCE THEIR IMPACT:

Reduce night lighting in and on tall buildings Warn car drivers in high-collision areas

Install flash rather than steady-burning lights on communication towers

Place wind turbines away from areas of high bird concentrations



birds are killed by building windows



birds are killed by



birds are killed by

annually



power lines (collision and electrocution combined) annually

Created by Smithsonian



#### **SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE**

SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018 9am – 1pm Ashantilly Center Hwy. 99 Darien, Georgia







Vendors with diverse native plants for your landscape Lecture on native azaleas of Georgia by Ernest Koone Free educational programming, food and drinks www.coastalwildscapes.org







Cay Creek Wetland Demonstration Garden

\*\*Designing for People & Nature\*\*

Thomas Angell

# The Value of Wetlands



- Flood Protection & Erosion Control
- Habitat & Species Diversification
- Aesthetics & Recreation
- Water Filtration Processes: Sedimentation, adsorption, biodegredation, filtration



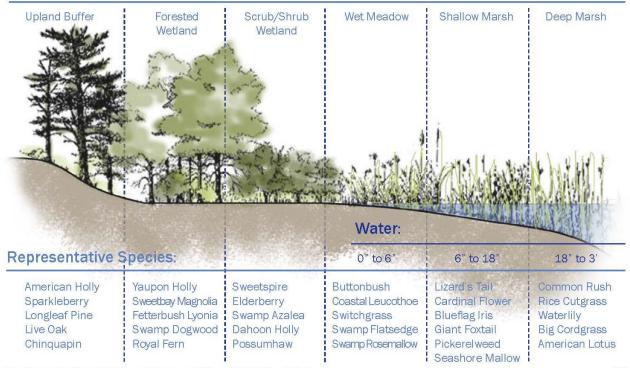
# **Wetland Vegetation Zones**

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#### PLANTING TIPS:

- · Look for ditches or ephemeral wetland areas in your neighborhood for cues about plant selection
- Most wetland species are deciduous so include some evergreen rushes and sedges for winter color
- Consider biodiversity and plants that benefit attractive wildlife like butterflies and birds

#### **Vegetation Zone:**



# Cay Creek Habitat Diversity









# **Existing Conditions & Uses**





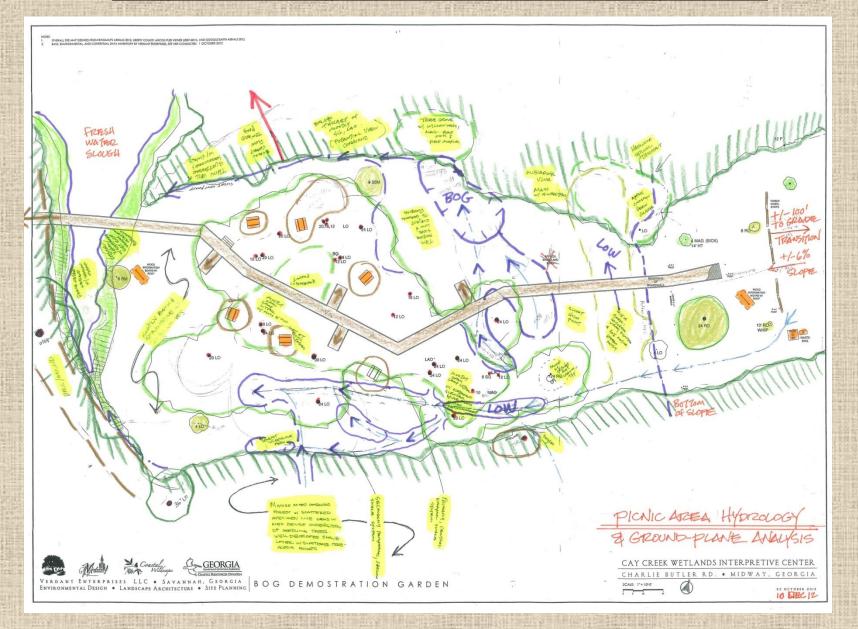




# Master Plan

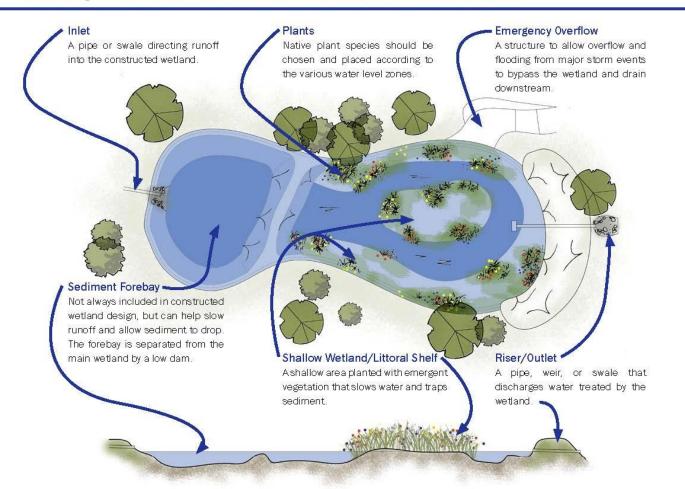


# Picnic Area Hydrology Analysis



# Components of Constructed Wetlands

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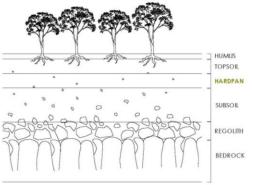
# Wetland Demonstration Garden Plan



# Lowcountry Hardscape

#### WHAT IS HARDPAN?

Hardpan refers to a dense layer of soil that typically sits below the uppermost soil layer, anywhere from 6 to 25 inches below ground. Hardpan can result from human practices, such as compaction from plowing or heavy traffic, or can be created by natural processes like glacial action or heavy rain. It is mostly impervious to water and restricts root growth, so strongly disliked by farmers and gardeners.











#### HARDPAN IN DESIGN

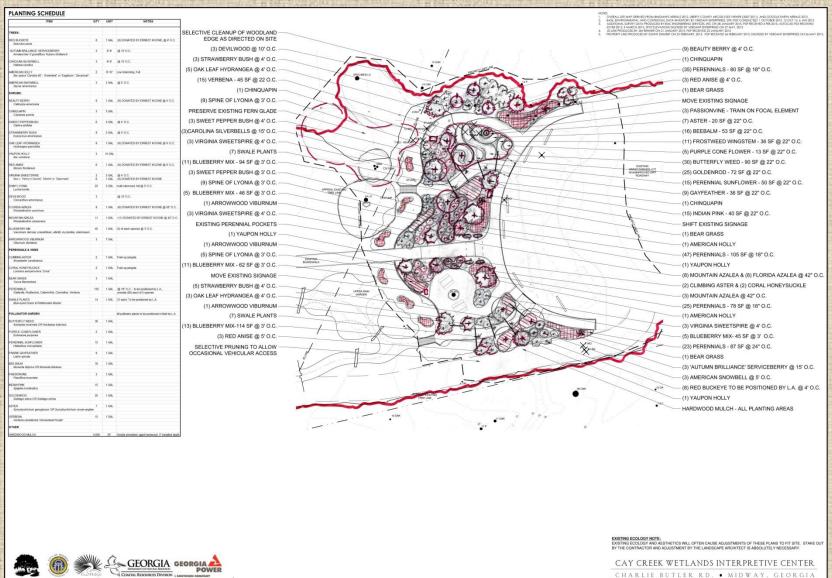
Hardpan can be a dynamic component in a designed landscape. Over time, the soft rock melts and morphs in response to environmental factors like water. The hardpan becomes host to bryophytes such as mosses and liverworts, and the designed element becomes a living sculpture in the landscape.







# **Native Plants**



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# Phase I: Wetland & Swale Garden









# Lessons Learned: Adapting to a Changing Climate









# Phase II: Upland Garden









# Creative Stormwater & Native Plants









# **Community Involvement**









#### **Education & Outreach**









#### Interpretive Signage

stormwater into a system of swales and seeps, or rain gardens, rather than allowing the water to flow across the entire area. Look back towards the parking lot and follow the water's journey under bridges, through wooden flumes, over vegetation and into two rain gardens—one of which you are standing next to right now. The serpentine, vegetated route slows the flow of stormwater, allowing it to seep into the groundwater.



#### Puddle-loving Plants

Because the level of moisture in the swales and seeps fluctuates with seasonal climates, these planted systems are resilient and dynamic. In these areas that are always moist and sometimes totally submerged, we have planted native, emergent plant communities, including the following species:











Narrow-leaf Lizard's Tail













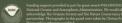














#### Follow the Water

#### The Journey from Mesic to Hydric

In the Native Demonstration Garden, water winds its way downhill through a system of vegetated swales and rain gardens. Constructing a wetland system can be an attractive way to control the volume and improve the quality of stormwater runoff from developed areas. Follow the water's path from mesic upland habitat to hydric lowland habitat, and observe how the plants transition from upland to lowland species to reflect the movement from drier soil to wetter soil.



and integrate. Ecotones are typically more diverse than the habitats on either side.











What is that rock?

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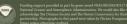














#### <u>Partnerships</u>

- City of Midway
- Coastal WildScapes
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation: 5 Star Grant
- A Southern Company: 5 Star Grant
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)
- Verdant Enterprises, LLC







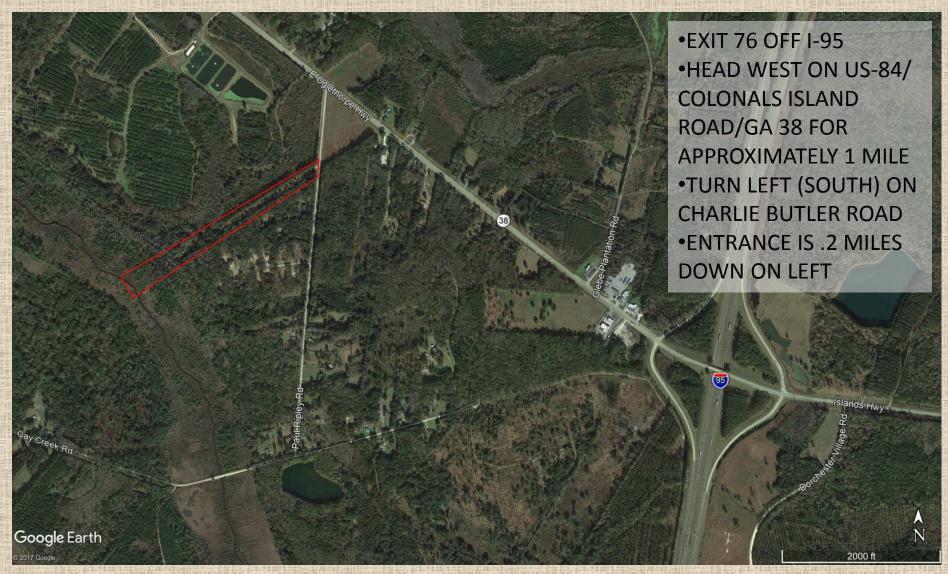








#### Visit Cay Creek



COORDINATES: 31°47'7.02"N, 81°23'41.53"W





# Native Plants for Pollinators Amy Schuler & Christa Hayes

#### Why Natives?

- Support pollinators
- Provide aesthetics
- Reduces pesticide & fertilizer use
- Requires less water
- · Provides wildlife habitat
- Increases biodiversity
- Brings nature home!







Species Abundance



20,000 butterfly species worldwide

750 in North America north of Mexico

172 in Georgia

116 in coastal Georgia

### **Beyond Butterfly Gardening**







#### Pollinator Gardens

### Seasonality of Bloom



### Spring Blooming



#### Red Buckeye: Nectar Plant





#### Carolina Satyr on Paw Paw





## Violet Host Plant for Variegated Fritillary





## Sassafras Host Plant for Spicebush Swallowtail





## Lace Wing Roadside Skipper on Blue Flag Iris



### Hickory Host Plant for Banded Hairstreak







#### Monarch on False Indigo Bush





### Water Lily: Nectar Plant



#### Monarch on Toothache Tree



### Southern Oak Hairstreak & Zebra Swallowtail on Sparkleberry





## Sweetleaf Host Plant for King's Hairstreak



#### Hawthorne Host Plant for Striped Hairstreak



### Summer Blooming



### Twin-spot Skipper on Wild Petunia





#### Pearl Crescent on Black-eyed Susan



#### Painted Lady on Blanketflower





## False Foxglove Host Plant for Common Buckeye





### Lupine: Nectar Plant





### Great Purple Hairstreak, Ceraunus Blue, & Varigated Fritillary on Sweetscent







#### Thistle: Nectar Plant





## Eastern Tiger Swallowtail & Common Buckeye on Blazingstar





## Henry's Elfin & Holly Azure on Yaupon Holly





## Swarthy Skipper & Pearl Crescent on Coreopsis





### Spicebush Swallowtail & Fiery Skipper on Redroot





#### Gulf Fritillary on Vanillaleaf



### Seashore Mallow with Ruby-throated Hummingbird





#### Hibiscus as Nectar Plant











# Sandhill Milkweed with Monarch Caterpillar Host Plant for Monarch & Queen





#### Milkweed: Nectar Plant







### Zebra Longwing on Scarlet Sage





# Passionflower Host plant for Zebra Longwing & Gulf Fritillary









### Fall Blooming



### Gulf Fritillary on Climbing Aster





#### Monarch on Juniper Sweadner's Hairstreak (Juniper Obligate)





## Tropical Checkered Skipper on Swamp Sunflower





### Silver Spotted Skipper & Gulf Fritillary on Ironweed





### Painted Lady & Long-tailed Skipper on Blue Sage





#### Sneezeweed: Nectar Plant







### Abstain from Leaf Blowers



- Natural ground cover (leaves, topsoil, and mulch) protects, nourishes, & provides moisture to plants and animals, including important pollinators.
- Butterflies & insects need leaves for their habitats.
- Bumblebees nest in soil or piles of dead leaves.

### Species Impacted by Leaf Blowers

- Fall local populations, migrants
- Winter Time
- Early Spring



#### Neonicotinoids in Your Garden

Acetamiprid Clothianidin

Imidacloprid

Nitenpyram

**Nithiazine** 

Thiacloprid

**Thiamethoxam** 



#### Reduce Neonicotinoids

## Seaside Goldenrod Solidago sempervirens



This plant is resistant to salt, and unlike other goldenrod, does not spread by rhizomes. Flowers are golden yellow on slender, arching stalks, and are a primary food source for migrating monarchs. Leaves are evergreen, sticking around through winter. Contrary to the common misconception, it is ragweed not goldenrods that cause allergies. An early summer pruning will cause the stems to branch and give a bushier habit.



Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

### Coastal WildScapes presents

## Pollinator Habitat Grants

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### Any Questions?!











