



Accomplishments for 2013

Programs & Events

- Provided educational symposiums, presentations and web-based training materials and information for coastal native habitats. Programs included *Open the Garden Gate* and *Salt Marsh Swing*
- Conducted spring and fall Lunch and Learn Events and field trips
- Collected native plant seeds to provide regionally-specific genotypes of native plants for propagation and public distribution working in partnership with the staff at the Jekyll Island Greenhouse complex. Propagated plants were available at our spring and fall plant sales
- Created Coastal Habitat Certification program and awarded our first Coastal Habitat Certified garden in Georgia
- Conducted two citizen science events in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to beneficial pollinators and native plants for National Pollinator Week
- Led botanical field trips at Cannon's Point Preserve, St. Simons Island
- Developed new logo design celebrating coastal flora & fauna
- Celebrated our Members with a *Feast of the Southern Wild* oyster roast

Partnerships

- Partnered with The Nature Conservancy, Coastal Georgia Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, and Altamaha River Keeper to remove invasive plants from the Altamaha River
- Partnered with The State Botanical Garden of Georgia to provide course material for a Certificate in Native Plants and participated in their Georgia Native Plant Initiative
- Partnered with Georgia Department of Natural Resources to expand educational opportunities to mitigate the impact of invasive exotic plants
- Partnered with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to implement a native plant garden habitat at the Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge Welcome Center (USFWS Grant)
- Partnered with Georgia Forestry Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service to create a Firewise Landscape Booklet as an education resource about native plants, wildlife friendly gardening, and fire resistant landscaping
- Partnered with the Friends of Sapelo to begin implementation of a Native Plant Garden on Sapelo Island

- Partnered with City of Midway on a grant for Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center with educational material, botanical and zoological inventories, and a comprehensive interpretive signage package
- Partnered with Verdant Enterprises Landscape Architects and the City of Midway on a Master Plan and Conceptual Landscape Plans for Cay Creek Interpretive Center
- Planned and organized the Re-Dedication of the Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center in partnership with the City of Midway

Volunteering

- Provided volunteers for invasive species removal work at Cannon's Point Preserve, St. Simons Island
- Provided volunteer citizen scientists to partner with The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Department of Natural resources and Little St. Simons Island for continued development and implementation of Living Shoreline and native plant habitats
- Designed a Native Landscape Plan for Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge
- Provided volunteers and organized regular work days for control of invasive exotic plants at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center



Mission

The mission of Coastal WildScapes is to 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. We have three overarching strategies to accomplish our mission:

Educational Outreach
Conservation Initiatives
Grassroots Activities

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