

Stewardship of Our Environment
Soil and Water Conservation Society 2025 Annual Meeting
Lakepoint State Park June 11, 12, 13, 2025

Wednesday June 11 - Seminar

- 1:00 PM Opening Comments & Welcome
 Ashley Campbell, President AL SWCS
- 1:10 PM Keynote: A Look over the Landscape at Our Resources and Environment
 Dr. Mark Masters, Albany State University
- 1:45 PM Soils and Ecoregions of Alabama
 Dr. Joey Shaw – Auburn University (retired)
- 2:20 PM Critical Habitats in Alabama's Ecoregions
 Dr. Rebecca Bearden, AL Geologic Survey

2:55 PM Break

- 3:25 PM Endangered Species Implications for Land Management
 Ray Metzler, Alabama Forestry Commission
- 3:55 PM ACES Programs Addressing Concerns in Alabama's Ecoregions
 Becky Barlow, Associate Dean of Extension, College of Ag, and Assistant Director for Agriculture,
 Forestry, and Natural Resources
- 4:25 PM Black Belt Prairie Restoration
 Claude Jenkins, Alabama Wildlife Federation
- 4:55 PM Closing Remarks

Thursday June 12 - Field Day

- 7:00 AM Breakfast (buffet) – Lakepoint Lodge Restaurant – Waters Edge
- 8:00 AM Load buses for Field Day
- 8:05 AM Depart for Field Day

Managing a Forest with Ecosystem Objectives - Loblolly and Longleaf Pine Forest, Wildlife, and Threatened and Endangered Species, i.e. Gopher tortoise – Lance Dement, landowner/forest farmer, John Curtis, NRCS, John Doesky, U.S.FWS

Developing a Subdivision (Heartland Havens) using Best Management Practices – Developer Steve Corbit; John Curtis, NRCS; Perry Oakes, PE, ALSWCC

Farming with Water Conservation and Soil Improvement Objectives - Charlie Speake, farmer, John Curtis and Perry Oakes, NRCS; Soil Profile Descriptions in a Pit - Frank Cochran, NRCS

Hatchechubbee Creek Park – Lunch and Plant ID

Treating Slope Failures along U.S. 431 – Wesley Fulmar, ALDOT

Backyard Orchards –Alternative land use and related issues – Walter Corcoran, Jr. landowner/farmer

Invasive Plants and Their Control – Japanese climbing fern, privet, cogongrass, Eastern baccharis, nandina (Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge)– Jacob Hodnett, AL Department of Transportation

4:30 PM Committee Meetings (CCA, CPESC, IECA)

6:00 PM Dinner at Lakepoint Lodge Restaurant - Stay for Great Presentation

6:30 PM Historical View of Eufaula, AL – Doug Purcell, Executive Director (retired), Historic Chattahoochee Commission

Friday June 13

7:00 AM **Breakfast** – Lakepoint Lodge Restaurant – Waters Edge

8:00 AM **Business Session**

8:45 AM **Break, Silent Auction**

Seminar

9:00 AM Venomous Snakes of Alabama
Jimmy Stiles, Wild Taught Environmental Education

9:30 AM **Break, finish Silent Auction**

10:00 AM Progress in Battling Herbicide Resistant Plants
Dr. Aniruddha Maity, Assistant Professor, Auburn University Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences

10:30 AM Safety/First Aid
Greg Brewer, Safety and Training Director, Alabama Forestry Commission

11:00 AM Master Naturalist Program
Emily Burchfield, Volunteer Training Coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

11:30 AM The New, *GeoAlabama* Bandana
Dr. Bill Deutsch, Research Fellow, Emeritus, Auburn University Department of Fisheries

12:01 PM Closing Remarks

12:05 PM Safe Travels Home

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