



SC TREE FARM COMMITTEE'S FOREST OWNERS PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 8, 2023
MEDWAY PLANTATION, GOOSE CREEK, SC

The SC Forest Owners Program & Tour slated for November 8 will be at historic Medway Plantation in Goose Creek, SC.

“The program will feature timber and wildlife management of the property, and highlight the challenges of forest management in a rapidly developing area,” says SC Tree Farm Administrator Guy Sabin.

Medway Plantation comprises 6,700 acres of longleaf and loblolly pine, live oaks, tupelo, swampland and lakes as well as the oldest masonry house in South Carolina and an ornamental garden.

The tour will feature the property's longleaf management areas, including management for threatened and endangered species, with discussions from the Plantation's forest manager, Andrew Purcell. A wildlife biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service will discuss future forest management implications with the newly enlisted bat species found in SC's Lowcountry.

The property features an interesting composition of conservation easements which adds to its rich history. Attendees will learn from Emily Purcell, with Ducks Unlimited, about Wetlands America easements on the property and how they factor into future conservation of the land. Tour attendees will learn about urban sprawl and neighborhood expansions that have occurred close to the property, the difficulty of actively managing with these limitations, and how those obstacles have been overcome.

The tour will also highlight the historic Medway House, the oldest masonry house in SC, as attendees will hear from April Wood with the District of Charleston Foundation.



- This event is limited to 50 participants.
- No photography of the historic Medway House will be permitted during the tour.

TOUR STOPS. Stops will focus on:

- Wildlife management for red-cockaded woodpeckers, quail, etc.
- Northern long-eared bat biology and management implications for landowners
- Longleaf management and Wetlands America conservation
- Wildland Urban Interface and the neighboring community
- History of the historic Medway House

LOCATION. Medway Road, Goose Creek SC

• **COORDINATES.** 33.041101, -80.010741

• **DIRECTIONS.** Enter Medway Road from N. Goose Creek Blvd., (US Hwy. 52), approximately 2.7 miles north of the junction of US Hwy 52 and US Hwy 176 in Goose Creek, SC.

EVENT COST. \$80 per person, lunch included

TRANSPORTATION. Attendees will provide their own transportation to the tour site. Parking will be indicated upon arrival. Carpooling is encouraged and attendees will drive their own vehicles during the tour. The property manager will lead the group around the property.

REGISTER ONLINE. www.scforestry.org/am or on the Forestry Association's 2023 Annual Meeting Registration Form.