# Fall at the Genius Reserve



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## Mesic Habitat



#### Sample Area





■ I chose a sample area within the mesic hammock habitat that has a 395ft perimeter.

## Species ID



• We spent a couple afternoons identifying species within the sample area.

# **Exotic Species**



Poeacea Grass



Caesarweed



Swordfern



Spanish Needles

## Exotic



Chinaberry Tree



Ear Tree

# **Native Species**



Pokeweed



Rouge Plant

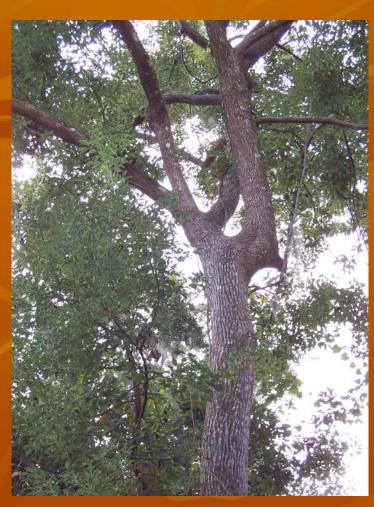


Saw Palmetto



Muscadine Grape

## **Natives**



Laurel Oak



Cherry Laurel

## **Natives**



Hickory



Cabbage Palm

#### **And More Natives**

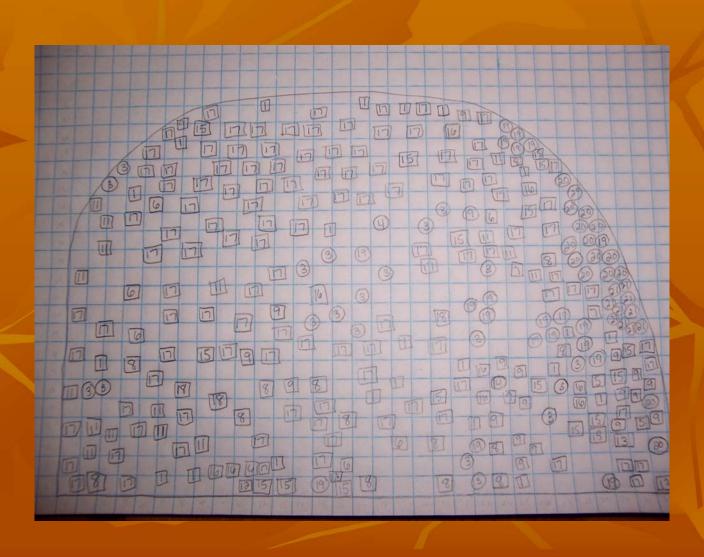


Beautyberry



Magnolia Tree

## Sample Area Overview



#### Animals in the Mesic



Pileated Woodpecker

#### Animals of the Mesic



Armadillo



Bald Eagle



Gray Squirrel



Red-Shouldered Hawk



Raccoon



Yellow Rat Snake

# The Nursery



#### **Propagation**





We helped to accumulate plants for the nursery by digging up seedling plants from around the reserve and an off property site to nurture to later replant around the reserve

## Tagging Hickory





We tagged young hickory to be moved into the nursery later this year

## Keeping things watered



■ A small task to ensure future plants for the reserve.

### **Cedar Grove**



# Weeding- The Constant Project



#### The Organic Herbicide Project







• We attempted to use a natural herbicide on the area to rid it of the weeds but it was an unsuccessful attempt.

## **Spraying Ronstar**



 We settled on using Ronstar as a germination inhibitor. We weed wacked the area, applied the Ronstar and covered with pinestraw.

# **Putting Down the Pinestraw**









#### **Native Plants of the Cedar Grove**





















#### **Exotic Plants of the Cedar Grove**











## **Exotic Plants Big and Small**

Ear Tree- immature





Ear Tree- mature

Chinaberry- mature



Chinaberry-immature



#### The Transition Area Project



■ We planned, then planted a transition area between the Cedar Grove and a project in the hydric area.

### Measuring





First we measured out the area we were designing the plan for and plotted the existing flora so we could distribute the plants and trees correctly.

# Plotting & Planning



#### Overall View of Plan



 Using a set palette of trees and plants we made a layout of the area and proposed plants

#### **Actual Planted Area**









