

Local Wetlands Protection Workshop
Delta Innovation Hub, University of Georgia
May 7

Tentative Agenda (Updated 2 April)

- 8:45 am Coffee and snacks
- 9:15 am Welcome
Seth Wenger and Steffney Thompson, UGA
- 9:30 am The value of wetlands (including “isolated” ones)
Rhett Jackson and Darold Batzer, UGA
- 10:00 am Overview of the Sackett Decision
Matt Shudtz, UGA
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Panel: How the federal wetlands regulatory program works in practice, including the roles of federal agencies, state agencies, local governments and consultants.
Eric Somerville, US Environmental Protection Agency
Jason O’Kane, US Army Corps of Engineers
Jennifer Welte, GA Environmental Protection Division (tentative)
Tony Greco, Nutter and Associates
- 11:45 am Legal implications of the decision and downstream impacts
Bill Sapp, Southern Environmental Law Center
Matt Shudtz, UGA
- 12:15 pm Lunch Break
- 1:15 pm Challenges when protecting wetlands
UGA Land Conservation Clinic
- 1:30 pm Existing local protection approaches
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- 2:15 pm Options to increase wetlands protection
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- 3:15 pm Discussion
- 3:45 pm Wrap-up