

# Local Wetlands Protection Workshop

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Delta Innovation Hub, University of Georgia  
210 Spring Street  
Athens, GA 30602



**UNIVERSITY OF  
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School of Law  
*Land Conservation Clinic*



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## Getting to the Workshop

- We recommend you park in the North Campus Parking Deck, which is located at 235 S. Jackson Street, Athens, GA 30602.
- The Delta Innovation Hub is a short (0.1 mile) walk from the North Deck. Walking directions are attached.

## Workshop Program

- 8:45 am    **Coffee and Light Refreshments**
- 9:15 am    **Welcome**  
*Seth Wenger and Steffney Thompson, University of Georgia*
- 9:30 am    **The Value of Wetlands (Including “Isolated” Ones)**  
*Rhett Jackson and Darold Batzer, University of Georgia*
- 10:00 am    **Overview of the Sackett Decision**  
*Matt Shudtz, University of Georgia*
- 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*  
*Tony Greco, Nutter and Associates*

- 11:45 am **Legal Implications of the Decision and Downstream Impacts**  
*Bill Sapp, Southern Environmental Law Center*  
*Matt Shudtz, University of Georgia*
- 12:15 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:15 pm **Questions from Participants**
- 1:30 pm **Existing Local Protection Approaches**  
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- 2:15 pm **Options to Increase Wetlands Protection**  
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- 3:00 pm **Discussion**
- 3:30 pm **Wrap-Up and Summary**

<b>USEFUL INFORMATION &amp; CONTACTS</b>	
<b>Wi-Fi Information:</b> Connect to <i>UGA_Visitors_Wifi</i> and open a web browser window.	<b>UGA Parking Services:</b> (706) 542-7275  <b>Delta Innovation Hub:</b> (706) 542-6768



**SUSTAINABILITY NOTICE**

We have endeavored to reduce waste as much as possible. The plates, utensils, and cups you will use today are all compostable. At the end of the workshop, please return your name badge holders to us for future use.