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Free Small Farms Opportunity Workshop on Sapelo Island, Jan. 23

STATESBORO, Ga. – A free workshop for small scale farmers and anyone interested in starting a small agricultural operation will be held at the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve Long Tabby Educational Lab on Jan. 23, 2014, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn about financial assistance provided by USDA agencies to small agricultural producers, as well as receiving expert advice on rural development issues, irrigation basics, and other technical matters. In the afternoon, a field trip of SINERR has been scheduled for the attendees.

To register for the free workshop, participants should contact the GSWCC Statesboro office (912) 681-5241 or the Coastal Georgia RC&D Council (912) 495-2070 and leave a message with their name and telephone number.

The 6,100 acres of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (SINERR), located along the western perimeter of Sapelo, is dedicated to research, education, stewardship, and sound management of coastal resources.

The Small Farm Opportunity Workshop is sponsored by Albany State University, Coastal Georgia RC&D Council, SINERR, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, GSWCC, and USDA agencies that include Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally-led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight.

More information on protecting, conserving and improving Georgia's soil and water resources is available on the GSWCC website at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov> or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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