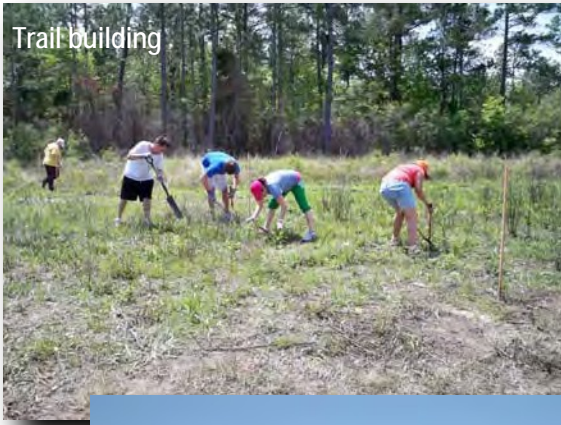


# Mississippi Habitat Stewards



Trail building



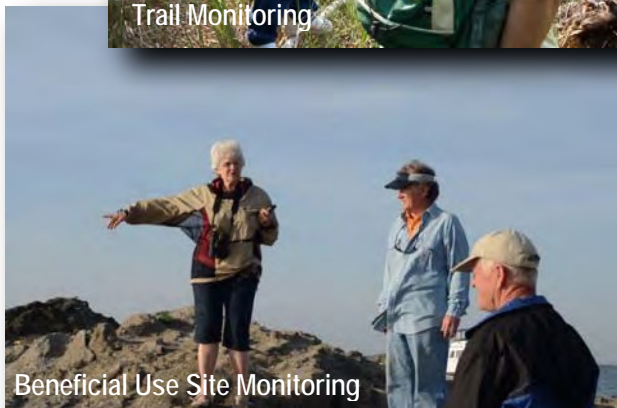
Bird Monitoring



Learning GPS



Trail Monitoring



Beneficial Use Site Monitoring

The Mississippi Habitat Stewards is a program of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation on our Gulf Coast. The program is a one-of-a-kind volunteer group trained to provide habitat management services to natural area managers, especially those related to public use, access and interpretation. Some of the many different activities include: treatment or removal of invasive plants, native plant restoration, trail building and monitoring, bird monitoring, and beneficial use of dredge material monitoring. New this year are continuing education events to keep Habitat Stewards engaged.

After volunteers complete a training course, mentors match volunteers with certain interests and skills to partners with corresponding needs. The success rate of the program depends on the continued mentoring and landowner needs assessments provided by Mississippi Wildlife Federation as well as keeping our volunteers happy! Within the past four years, 57 students have completed the 24 hour training program and have reported over 7397 hours of volunteer service as of December 2014.

## Project Partners

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Coastal Preserves  
Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge  
Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain  
University of Southern Mississippi Marine Education Center  
City of Gautier, Shepard State Park  
Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area  
The Nature Conservancy

## 2015 Training Class

Our fall 2015 class begins in September. If you are interested in becoming a Habitat Steward, please contact us!

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