



Florida Land Steward Tour: Property of Stephen and Danna Matheny *2023 Florida Land Stewards of the Year* Madison County, Florida

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023

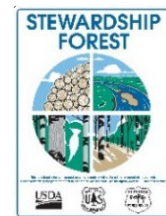
**Property of Steve and Danna Matheny, Madison County
Meet at the property at 9:00 AM ET, adjourn after lunch**

Stephen and Danna Matheny, our 2023 Florida Land Stewards of the Year, own and manage approximately 90 acres in Madison County, most of which has been in their family for generations. Over time, as the family grew and aged, much of the property has been divided and converted from mature pine woods to agricultural crops until only Steve's 90 acres and his parent's 70 acres remained, isolated and changed by oak encroachment and harvesting. It is here that he has spent the last decade working to rehabilitate these woods. Working with Florida Forest Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other partners he has made great progress on their goals for the property. He completes most land management activities on his own including prescribed fire, hardwood reduction treatments, mowing, and fire line maintenance.



Join us for a tour of the property and meet these exemplary land stewards. Tour topics will include, upland pine habitat restoration, wildlife management, longleaf pine regeneration, prescribed burning, connecting to assistance, and more. This will be a walking tour of reasonable length, less than 1 mile total. Wear appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle.

Register: Cost is \$15 per person, lunch and materials included. Register online at <https://fls-tour120823.eventbrite.com>. **Space is limited so register soon!** Contact Chris Demers for more information, cdemers@ufl.edu, (352) 846-2375.



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Property address:
753 NE Dill St
Madison, FL 32340

Follow "Forest Stewardship Tour" tour signs to the parking area.