

# Conservation Site Assessment & Planning

Workshop field days at Austin Cary Forest, Gainesville, FL  
January 25-26 **or** 27-28, 2026



Natural Areas  
TRAINING ACADEMY

## DAY 1

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<b>9:15</b>	<b><i>Check-in opens at the ACF Learning Center</i></b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>START</b> Welcome, introductions, icebreaker
<b>10:00</b>	Overview of workshop, online materials, and agenda
<b>10:35</b>	Training/practice on use of forest measurement tools
<b>12:30</b>	<b><i>Lunch (provided by NATA)</i></b>
<b>13:30</b>	Introduction to afternoon field activity
<b>13:45</b>	Demonstration plot of stand level data collection and soils
<b>15:15</b>	Field Activity: plot-level data collection at different quality sites
<b>17:00</b>	Return to classroom; discuss field activity and wrap-up
<b>17:30</b>	<b><i>Adjourn - Optional group dinner in Gainesville (pay on your own)</i></b>

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## DAY 2

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<b>08:15</b>	<b><i>Check-in opens at the ACF Learning Center</i></b>
<b>08:30</b>	<b>START</b> Welcome, warm-up, review from Day 1, overview of agenda
<b>09:00</b>	Planning process, conceptual model group activity
<b>10:30</b>	Management Planning Scenario, time-step exercise (part 1)
<b>11:45</b>	<b><i>Lunch (provided by NATA)</i></b>
<b>12:30</b>	Management Planning Scenario, time-step exercise (part 2)
<b>14:30</b>	Debrief Activity and Discussion: elements of a good management plan
<b>15:15</b>	Workshop wrap-up: CNAM, evaluations, and certificates
<b>16:00</b>	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>

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## January 2026 Online Assignment Checklist



Deadline	Unit	Assignment	Hours
6 January	Module 0 & 1 Introduction	LOGIN to Canvas; setup profile, change Display Name (10 mins) COMPLETE terms and conditions questionnaire (10 mins) REVIEW course overview, instructors, and agenda (20 mins) COMPLETE Site Assessment & Planning Thought Exercise (20 mins)	1 hour
7 January		PARTICIPATE in the Virtual Session: Join Zoom meeting with audio and video (be prepared to fully engage) <b>2:30-3:30 pm [or] 3:45-4:45 ET</b> (depending on field day registered for)	1 hour
13 January	Module 2 Site Assessment	WATCH 6 videos (1.5 hours) Video: Online Resources for Conducting a Site Assessment Video: FNAI Resources (Overview) Video: FNAI Resources (Data Products) Video: FNAI Resources (Services) Video: Collecting Your Own Data for a Site Assessment Video: Rapid Site Assessment Case Study COMPLETE FNAI Exploration Exercise (1 hour) REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (15 mins)	2.75 hours
16 January	Module 3 Management Planning	WATCH 5 videos (2 hours) Video: Developing Management Plans Video: Sarasota County Natural Lands Management Video: Florida Forever Video: Conservation Lands Planning Video: National Forest System Land Management Planning POST a discussion about planning (15 mins) REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (15 mins)	2.5 hours
22 January	Module 4 Preparing for Field Day	WATCH 2 videos (40 mins) Video: Assessing Forest Resources Video: Forest Measurement Videos - OPTIONAL POST response to discussion thread (15 mins) SUBMIT the online course evaluation (15 mins) REVIEW the field day agenda and details (5 mins)	1.25 hours
JAN 25-26 or 27-28	Day 1	PARTICIPATE from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm	16 hours
	Day 2	PARTICIPATE from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm	