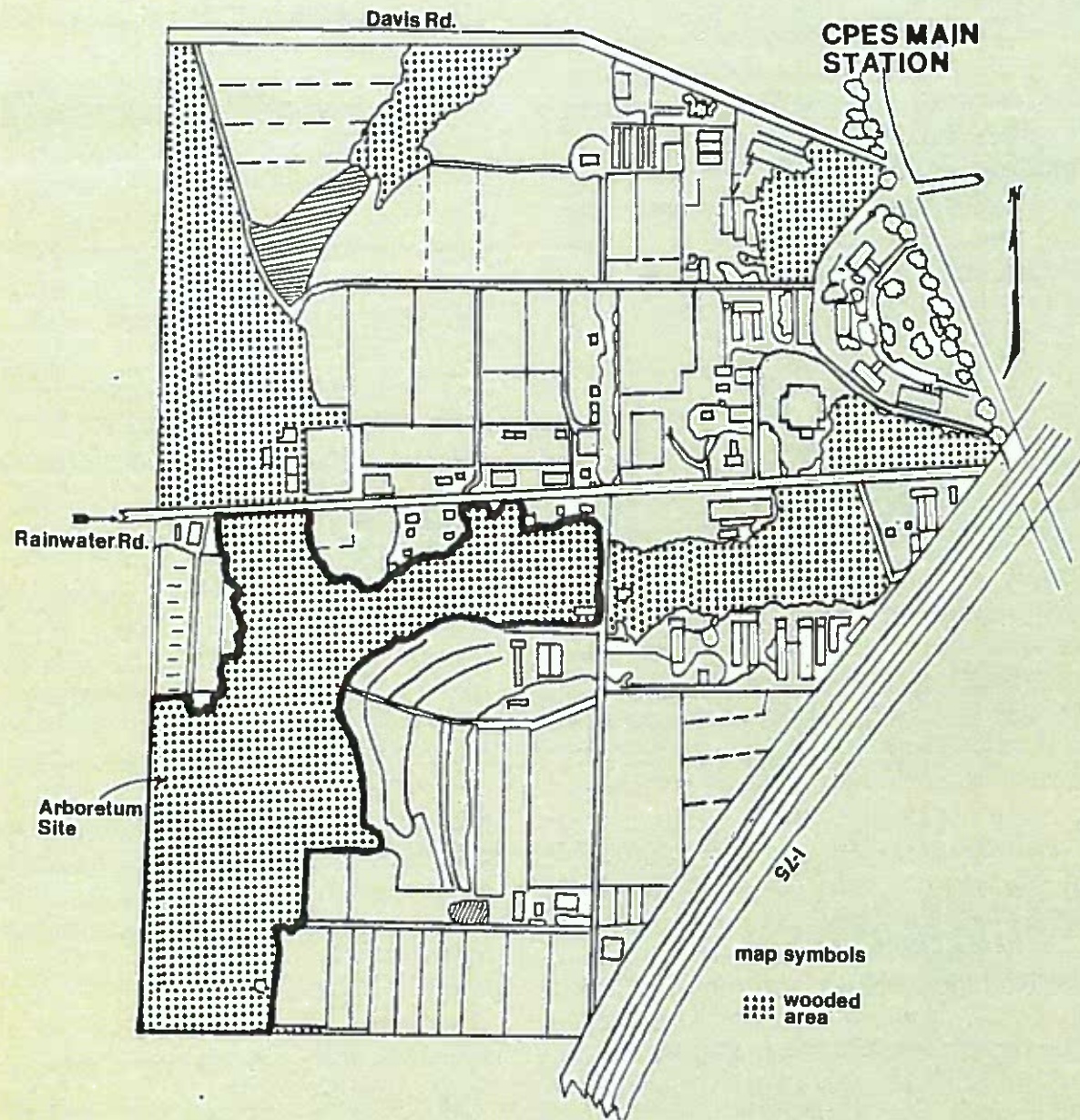
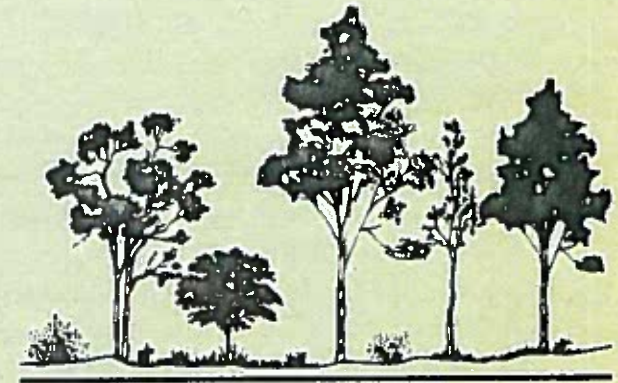


Map of Arboretum Site



COASTAL PLAIN ARBORETUM



University of Georgia
Coastal Plain Experiment Station
Tifton, Georgia

The University of Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station is developing a site on the Tifton station as an arboretum and botanical garden. An arboretum is a place where a collection of trees and shrubs is cultivated for scientific and educational purposes. The Coastal Plain Arboretum will be unique in the Southeast in that it is located on the grounds of an agricultural experiment station and will be devoted to native trees and shrubs of a well-defined physiographic region, the Coastal Plain of Georgia.

The Coastal Plain Arboretum will provide a living resource for the purpose of research, education, and recreation among the native plant species of the Georgia Coastal Plain. There are many interesting, unusual, and attractive plant species found in the Coastal Plain. Often both visitors and residents of Georgia don't see these plants and think of the Coastal Plain as just fields and pine trees. The Coastal Plain Arboretum will provide the opportunity to study the wide variety of Coastal Plain plant life either casually through nature hikes or intensively through research projects. The arboretum will be an especially valuable resource for school groups and college classes.

Development of the Coastal Plain Arboretum began in July of 1987. The 38 acre site provided for the arboretum by the experiment station

is a stream-side forest and wetland. The land runs east and west on the south side of Rainwater Road and turns south to adjoin the Georgia Agrirama.

The first half of 1988 will be spent preparing about 8 acres of the site for plant introduction. The existing trees have been thinned, and a topographic map and drainage plan have been prepared. The university has given the arboretum a small house across Entomology Drive to use as a temporary headquarters.



The master plan for the arboretum includes a headquarters building, walking trails, boardwalks, rest areas, and parking. The first phase of planting will focus on establishing the tree species which will take longest to mature and which will eventually form the "backbone" of the collection. Later planting phases will include placing native shrubs and herbaceous plants in appropriate habitats.

The Coastal Plain Arboretum is being developed by a committee made up of staff members of the University of Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, USDA-Agricultural Research

Service, the Rural Development Center, Abraham Baldwin College, and the Georgia Agrirama. The Arboretum Committee draws on the expertise of professionals with the Soil Conservation Service, the School of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design, and other interested volunteers in order to make the arboretum a reality. The work being done on the Coastal Plain Arboretum is made possible through the support of all the departments at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station, especially Entomology, Horticulture, and Agricultural Engineering. The experiment station has very limited funds for the Coastal Plain Arboretum, and completion and continued maintenance of the site will require donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. Donations to the Arboretum can be made through any committee member. Checks should be made payable to the University of Georgia Foundation and earmarked for the Coastal Plain Arboretum. Donations of plant material can be made by contacting Richard Lowrance (912-386-3514) or Loy Morgan (912-386-3374). All donations to the Arboretum are tax deductible. The members of the Arboretum Committee feel that this will be a valuable resource which will attract the support of a wide range of individuals and organizations in Georgia and the Southeast.