

## Native Plant Society Outing Event Summary February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

The Michaux Conservancy hosted 25 members and friends of the Lowcountry Chapter of the Native Plant Society for a morning of education and recreation. Participants arrived at 10:00



and listened to a brief presentation by Noisette Company co-founder, Jim Augustin, about the history of the land included in the Noisette Creek Vegetation Survey Project. Those who were not able to attend the January presentation about the project were then briefed about the purpose of the project and the morning's activities. Everyone

was given cameras, guide books and observation worksheets to help them identify and capture the various native and invasive plant and tree species they would find on the walk.

The roughly hour-long tour took participants through the former Naval officer housing district, Chicora Gardens, Riverfront Park and portions of the Noisette Creek Preserve. Botanists and arborists in the group provided information about the variety of plants and trees observed and Jim Augustin continued to explain the cultural and historical context of the area. At the conclusion of the walk, some participants stayed for a bag-lunch in Riverfront Park and enjoyed the sunny day.



Overall, the event was a great success. The information gathered will provide an initial framework for developing education and outreach strategies which will take place in the spring and summer.

