

Wildlife/Woodland Stewardship Management Plan



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Owner's Information:

Owner: May L.M. Bonnaud

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Case Number: _____

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This plan is valid for the period beginning January 1st, 2024 and ending January 1st, 2034

Plan Status: New

Inventory Method: On-site Property Review

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Owner May L.M. Bonnaud
Address 163 Old Coach Rd
Athens, OH 45701
Phone (740)447-5125 Case Number: _____
Cell _____ Email Address: setif42@aol.com
County Athens Township/Village/City: Athens Township
Parcel(s): A010010017600, A010010022201
Location: From Athens Ohio take US-33E, take exit 199B, then turn right onto old route 33, left onto Longview heights followed by a right turn onto old coach road which dead ends onto property at 161 old coach road.

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 124.75 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: 8.36
Total Property Acres 133.11 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made.

This plan was written to qualify the landowner's woodland for the programs checked below:

- Ohio Forest Tax Law American Tree Farm Program
 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) CAUV

Property coordinates (report in WGS 84, decimal degrees.)

Longitude: -82.075631 Latitude: 39.296482

Landowner Objectives

1. To improve and enhance the habitat for all wildlife.
2. To maintain and improve timber production.
3. To improve vegetative diversity of native plants throughout the property.
4. To become and remain eligible for EQIP, CAUV or other cost share and tax reduction programs.
5. To manage the property for all the attributes and opportunities that exists in a forest ecosystem including soil and water management, landowner recreation and other compatible conservation uses.

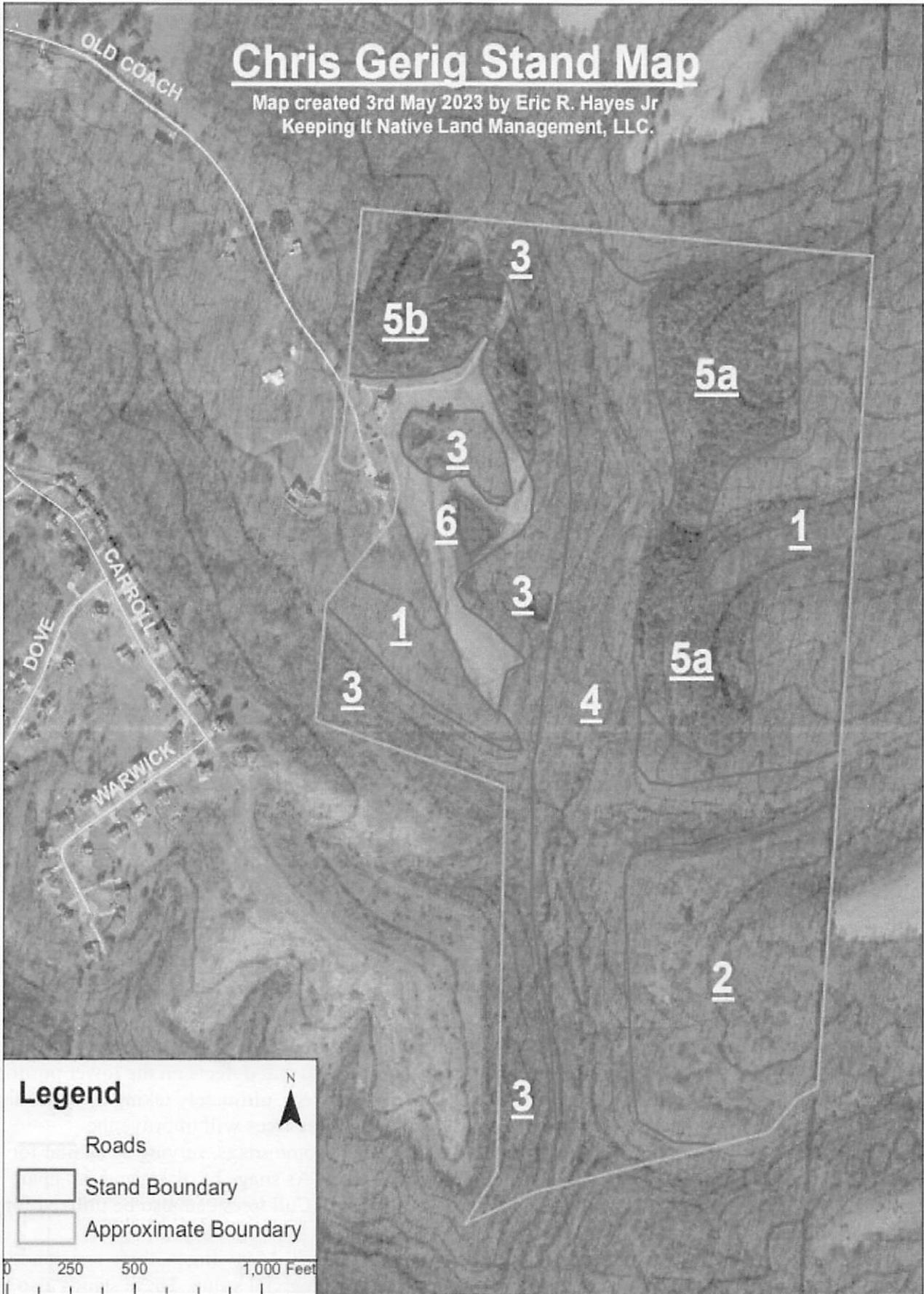
General Woodland Description

May has just taken new ownership of the property formerly Edgart, LTD was purchased in 2 parts. One parcel was purchased in 2006 and the other parcel was acquired in 2012. This property is located at 161 Old Coach Road Athens, Ohio 45701 Athens Township, Athens County. The property is accessible from the road via private drive that provides access to the NW portion of the property. The property has ridge top, gradual to very steep topography, and bottomland riparian zones. Elevation ranges from 800 to 960 feet above mean sea level. Boundary lines are pretty evident with paint located around most of the property, lines should be re-marked with oil-based tree marking paint.

The current landowner primarily utilizes the property for recreation, rentals, and investment. Enhancing wildlife and forestry habitat on the property is the primary goal for the landowner. There are some very nice oak and hickory dominated areas that have a heavy maple beech midstory and should be improved ASAP. Non-native invasive species (NNIS) have been located throughout the property and are very heavy in some areas. There are areas that are heavily dominated by autumn olive, bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, privet and several other NNIS. Shrubby and grass NNIS are located throughout the property. This property has opportunity to apply for the USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

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Wildlife/Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations

Stand # 1 - 25 acres

Dominant Species: White oak, black oak, red oak, hickories, poplar, red maple, sugar maple, beech, blackhaw viburnum

Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation: Upland Central Hardwoods

Stand Diameter or Size Class: All size classes

Stocking Level: Fully stocked

Stand History: Unknown

Topography: Gently rolling with small watershed drainages

Invasive plants or insects impacting this stand: Variable densities, predominately light throughout most the area with some pockets of heavy amounts of Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, autumn-olive and bush honeysuckle. Control efforts have been implemented in some of these areas.

Stand Description: Mixed hardwoods of all size classes predominately oak, hickory and maple in the overstory. Midstory is dominant with maple and beech with NNIS species scattered patchy in variable densities.

Past management activities completed in this stand: NNIS Control with cut/stump application efforts(Fall 2022)

<i>Management Recommendations:</i>
Deaden all NNIS
Midstory Management & Cull tree removal
Group/Temporary opening
Continuously monitor and deaden any NNIS

Desired forest type or dominant vegetation: Upland Central Hardwoods

Desired stand structure: Even aged

Is a timber harvest recommended? No

Comments: Quickly control what few NNIS are throughout the stand and start midstory management and cull tree removal. Once NNIS are managed then start on the mid story management while completing any cull tree removal necessary.

Cull trees are trees that are undesirable for reaching management objectives. They are often poorly formed with broken tops or crooked stems or have large limbs and defects on the lower portion of the main stem. Cull trees interfere with the growth of neighboring trees, ultimately taking up space that would be better suited to grow a more desirable tree. Deadening these trees will improve the productivity of the woodland. Girdled cull trees may eventually become snags, serving as habitat for wildlife and supporting organisms that are not found in living trees. As snags break up and fall apart over time, they contribute valuable woody debris back into the soil. Cull trees can also be utilized for firewood, brush piles and farm lumber.

There are a couple opportunities for group/temporary openings. Many times, there are stands of trees within woodlands that have no current or expected future commercial value. These stands also tend

Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2024	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	133.11	Mark and maintain all boundaries with oil-based tree marking paint every 5 years. Mark trees along lines so that someone can easily see from one mark to the next.
2024 - 2025	1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	43	Deaden all NNIS and grapevine control
2025 - 2027	1, 2, 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	74	Follow up NNIS treatment
2026 - 2027	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	~4	Enhancement Planting
2026 - 2029	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Midstory management Cull tree removal Temporary opening Edge feather
2029	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	133.11	Mark and maintain all boundaries with oil-based tree marking paint every 5 years. Mark trees along lines so that someone can easily see from one mark to the next.
2029 - 2030	4 & 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.75	Deaden all NNIS and grapevine control
2030 - 2032	4 & 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.75	Follow up NNIS treatment
2034	Entire Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	Next Site Visit – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, and plan updates once every ten years, based upon the date of the last woodland evaluation conducted by your forester	

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