

Forest Stewardship Plan

Owner: Chris Chmiel and Michelle Gorman
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County: Athens County **Township/Village/City:** Alexander Township

Parcel ID B010010042101—0.64 acres
 B010010042200—6.34 acres
 Number(s): B010010042300—10.66 acres
Total: 17.64 acres

Location: Section 13 (Fractions 1 & 8), Township 8 North, Range 14 West

Forest Stewardship Acreage:	16.0 acres	Non-forest Stewardship Acreage*:	0 acres
Total Property Acreage:	17.64 acres	*Non-forested acreage for which stewardship recommendations are made.	

This plan has been prepared to qualify the landowner's forestland for the programs checked below:

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

Property coordinates (Intersection of Cherry Ridge Road and Oberholzer Road):

Latitude: 39.1975° North **Longitude:** 82.1186° West

Watershed: Drainage is to the south into an unnamed stream, thence into the West Branch of the Shade River.

General Description

The Chmiel/Gorman property is located in far southern Athens County, near Chase in Alexander Township. The Meigs County line forms the south boundary of the property. Cherry Ridge Road (County Road 82) and a short stretch of Oberholzer Road (a township road) form the north boundary. The surrounding area is generally wooded; a tract of Shade River State Forest is located not far to the west in Meigs County.

The property is situated on gently sloping ground at the headwaters of an unnamed stream. (The U.S.G.S. topographic map shows it as a permanent stream, but I have been unable to find a name for it.) That stream drains to the south into the West Branch of the Shade River. A short ridgetop divides the land into easterly and westerly aspects, but there appears to be little difference in site conditions across the property. Soils are Steinsburg series on the eastern two-thirds of the property, Richland series on the western one-third, and Woodsfield series in the area of the house. See the attached custom soil survey for details. There is a small, washed-out pond just south of the house but probably nothing here that could be considered a **wetland**.

The history of the Chmiel/Gorman property is unknown, but the U.S.G.S. topographic map shows a trail going through the woods from Cherry Ridge Road southwest along the main ridgetop to Goose Creek Road in Meigs County. That trail may have been a township road at one time. The 1905 plat book of Athens County shows a house on the west side of that road, just north of the Meigs County line. If there was indeed a house on the property, then that would represent a potential **cultural, historical, or archaeological resource**. Otherwise, there aren't any known resources of that type on the property.

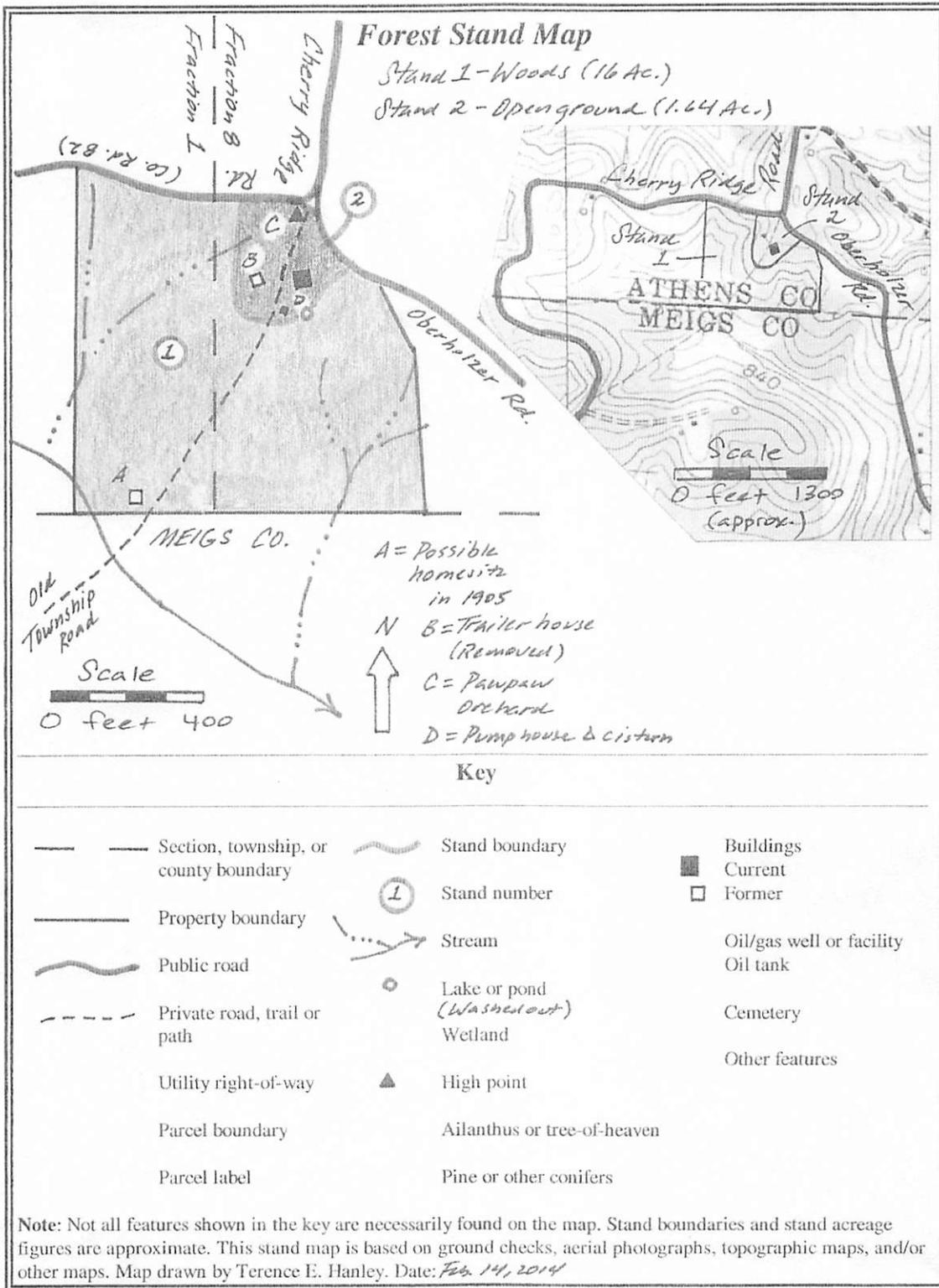
In all likelihood, this property was cleared sometime in the nineteenth century for farming and grazing of livestock. If so, it appears to have been abandoned sometime in the first half of the twentieth century, perhaps in the 1920s or '30s, but probably no later than 1945 or 1950. I base that supposition on two things: 1) The fact that the woods are more or less even-aged and about 60 to 80 years old; and 2) A preponderance of what would be considered early-successional or old-field species, including yellow-poplar, red maple, white ash, black cherry, sassafras, bigtooth aspen, and the now eradicated multiflora rose. There is comparatively little oak, hickory, and sugar maple, and I did not notice any beech or basswood, which would be considered late-successional species.

The Chmiel/Gorman property can be divided into two stands:

Stand 1 (16.0 acres) is a stand of well-stocked, even-aged poletimber and sawtimber.

Stand 2 (1.64 acres) is a non-forested stand that includes the house, the pump house and cistern, the pawpaw orchard, and all other open ground.

There aren't any known **rare, threatened, or endangered species** on the property. However, I found a fairly large-diameter ironwood tree in the woods. I think that would constitute a unique natural feature.



Schedule of Management Activities

Year	Stand	Area (Acres)	Recommendations
2014-2016	All	17.64	Locate and mark your property boundary lines using a brightly colored, brush-type, oil-based (or equivalent) brand of boundary-marking paint applied to trees and fence posts along the perimeter at a distance of no more than 50 or 60 feet between marks
2014-2024	All	17.64	Keep an eye out for non-native, invasive species, especially ailanthus or tree-of-heaven and bush honeysuckle; if you find these or other such species in your woods, do your best to eradicate them at your earliest opportunity
2014-2024	1	16.0	Improve your woods by cutting low-value and low-quality trees; improvement cutting can be by a combination of commercial cutting (timber harvest, firewood harvest, etc.) and non-commercial cutting (timber stand improvement or TSI); if necessary, consult with a professional forester before proceeding

Before harvesting or selling timber or engaging in other intensive forest management activities, be sure to consult with a professional forester.

Stand 2

Area: 1.64 acres

Forest Type: Non-forest (home site, pawpaw orchard, and other open ground)

Comments: Continue to manage as desired for agricultural production (pawpaws, goat pasture, etc.). Be sure to exclude goats and other livestock from the woods.