

## *Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

Owner	William J. and June L. Abbott		
Address	11 Smokehouse Lane		
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Phone	Case Number		
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County	Athens	Township/Village/City:	Sec 6 & 12 Ames Twp.
Parcel(s):	C010010012000, C010010014800		
Location:	Located at 17384 Wrightstown Rd.		

Woodland Stewardship Acreage:	75.52	Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*:	31.13
Total Property Acres	106.65	* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are Made: Stands 1 & 2	

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Forest Tax Law  | <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Farm Program             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAUV Property Tax Reduction |

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

Longitude: 39.206836 N Latitude: -82.093050 W

### *Landowner Management Objectives*

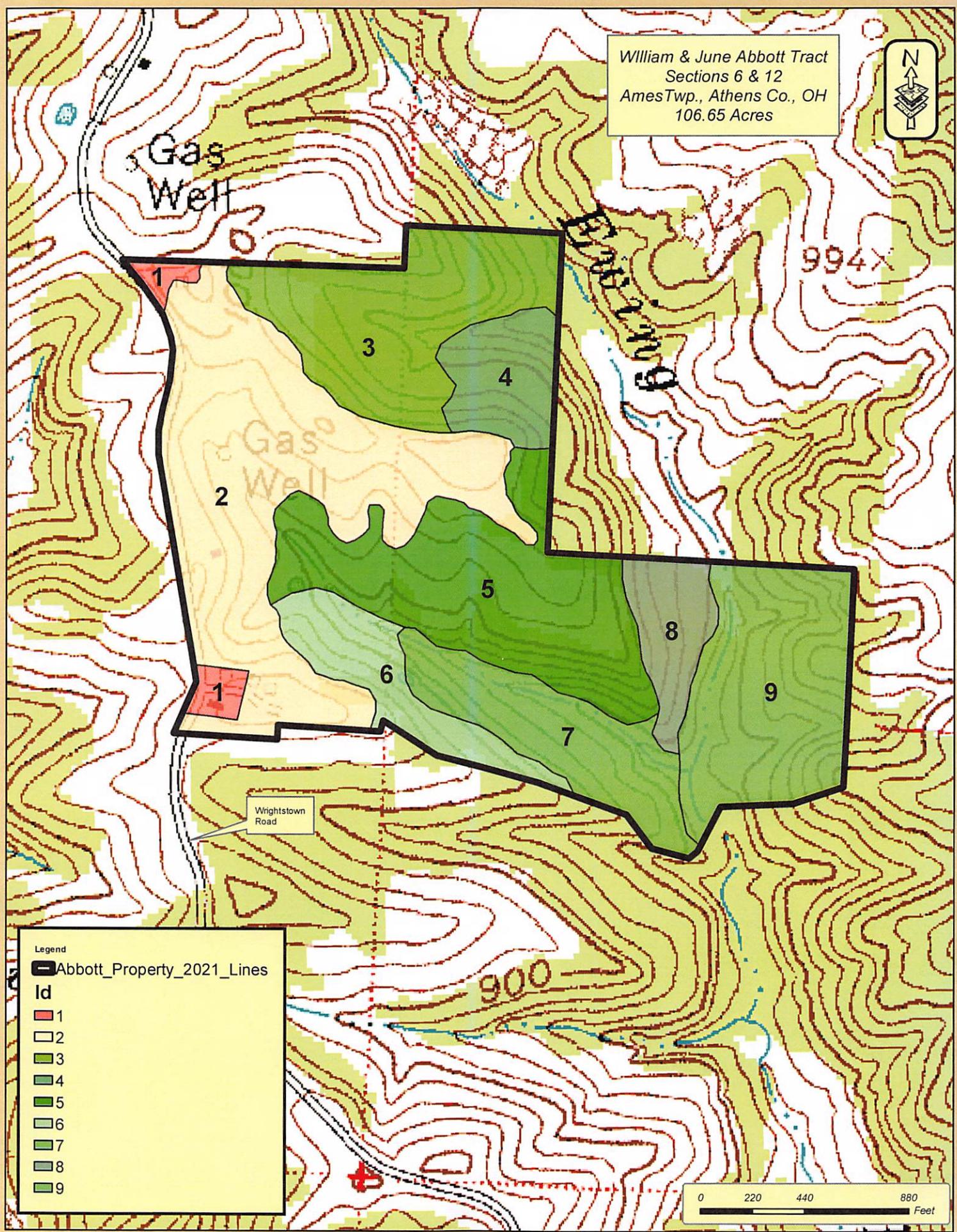
1. Manage the property for all attributes and opportunities that exist in a forest ecosystem of interest to the owner including recreation, wildlife management, soil and water management, forest protection, timber products management, and other compatible conservation uses.
2. Improve the habitat for hunting white tail deer.

### *General Woodland Description*

Athens County is located in the unglaciated hill country of southeastern Ohio. Slope and erosion hazard is the major land use limitations. Athens County is in the central hardwood forest region. Major forest types include Appalachian hardwoods, bottomland hardwoods, oak-hickory, successional, Virginia pine, and white pine plantations. Most of the woodland in Athens County is in areas of steep and very steep terrain. This is especially true for this farm.

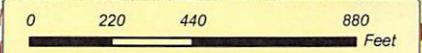
Mr. & Mrs. Abbott purchased part of this Athens County farm in 2018 and purchased the remainder in September of 2020. Again, this land is for recreational use, mainly hunting. The previous landowner heavily harvested the timber on this portion of the farm also. Many of the old skid trails are still utilized for access into the woodlots. Emerald Ash Bores (EAB) has had a significant impact, killing all the Ash trees on this tract. Autumn Olive is a major issue affecting this portion of the farm.

William & June Abbott Tract  
Sections 6 & 12  
AmesTwp., Athens Co., OH  
106.65 Acres



Legend

- Abbott\_Property\_2021\_Lines
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- 2
- 3
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## Recommended Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	EQIP Practice?	Acres	Recommendations
2021, 2026, 2031	All Farm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	Inspect & remark any portions of property lines with paint and signs necessary to help prevent illegal trespass. <b>This task must be completed before this farm is eligible for enrolment into either OFTL or CAUV forestry property tax reduction programs.</b>
2021-2031	3,5,6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	39 acres total	These areas are heavily infested with Autumn Olive and other non-native invasive species. Work on reducing the large seed producing shrubs first to help reduce seed source availability. This will be an ongoing activity.
2021-2026	7, 8, 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 acres total	Cut grapevines from crop trees these areas. Light infestations if applying for EQIP – all vines need cut & treated. Work on the non-native invasive species identified in these stands.
2021 -2031	All Farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	Maintain roads & trail into the wooded acres of the property for access. Work on reducing the Stiltgrass infestations.
2021 -2031	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29ac total 5 ca work	Invasive plants around field & food plot edges. Autumn Olive Annually rotationally mow areas, maintain food plot areas
2026-2031	4 & 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 ac	Cut grapevines from crop trees this area. Cover entire stands treating scattered vines.
2026 & 2031	Whole Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Next Site Visit – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, and no more than ten years, based upon the date of the last actual woodland evaluation conducted by your forester	

**Before entering a timber sale agreement, or conducting other forestry work that is not listed in your activity schedule, contact your forester first to ensure compliance with your approved woodland stewardship management plan**

## ***Woodland Resource Descriptions***

**General Soils Information** – a general description of the soil type(s) and the general productive capacity of the soil:

**Soil Type(s):** BrD, BrE, GsC, UpC, UpD, UsD, WkF, WtC

**Soil Drainage Class:** Moderately well drained to well drained

**General Description:** See Soils maps and descriptions in Addendum for detailed descriptions. Also included in the Addendum is a map and associated chart showing the Forest Productivity (Tree Site Index) of the tract.

An on-line resource that can be used to obtain detailed soils information is:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

**Site Class: (using Woodland Productivity):** Fair to Good Northern Red Oak

**Timber Information** - a general description of the timber characteristics of quality and potential:

Future timber production potential is still good for parts of this property because not all areas were heavily harvested by the previous owner. This entire tract, just like the previous parcel you purchased, was harvested around 10 -12 years ago with Stands 3,4,5 & 6 being cut hard and most commercial trees removed, Stands 7 & 8 more of a selective cut with only large Oaks/Maples being cut, and Stand 9 being "logger selective" cut with only the best, most valuable trees harvested. The original wooded areas of this farm still contain trees that are in the small/medium sawlog size classification. The majority of the ridgetop areas of this tract were open farmland in the 1950-60's. It appears in the 1980's-90's this farm was fenced and used as a hunting preserve. Overtime, these operations diminished and the land left to naturally regenerate. Even these areas have developed well and the majority of these areas are fully to overstocked with desirable commercial tree species. Timber stand improvement (TSI) management practices completed, such as, grapevine control, selective harvesting, and elimination of non-native invasive species of woody shrubs & trees have certainly enhanced the quality and value of your timber resources. Over time, these important tasks will allow you to maximize the timber potential in your woodland. Quality potential is good, especially with more grapevine control planned on being implemented in this 10-year management plan. Again, Emerald Ash Borer has had a significant impact on the stocking of the forestlands.

**Wildlife** – a general description of the wildlife habitat quality and potential:

Your forestland provides valuable habitat for wildlife, including mammals, birds, and amphibians. Many of the tree species are used by this wildlife for food, cover and nesting sites. Some of the more valuable wildlife food trees species include oaks, beech, cherry, dogwood and hickory. Many other tree species are critically important to certain species of wildlife. Grapevines also are an important food and cover for birds and can be left in low quality and cull trees. Cover, food and water are all necessary to attract wildlife. Different species use different cover types, and maintaining a diversity of cover is key to attracting a wide variety of wildlife. A mixture of sapling areas, pole areas and sawtimber areas will help meet the need for habitat diversity. Small openings in the forest and/or open areas along woodland roads help provide areas for birds and their young to come and catch insects. Openings can also be seeded to grass and clover mixes to provide an additional variety of food.

Please note all habitats don't necessarily have to be present on your property...your neighbor's land may offer a habitat type different than what is available at your forest. You can