

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

Owners Edward J. and Mary L. Covington
Address 17279 Hooper Ridge Rd.
Millfield, Ohio 45761
Phone 740-448-1004 Case Number 05-
County Athens Township/Village/City: Ames Township
Location: Property Address: Pts of Section 29 and 30, (Ames Twp)
Athens County, State of Ohio (C010010022901,C010010026500,C010010026600)
Contact : Mary L. Covington

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 53.948 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: 0
Total Property Acres 53.948 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are Made.

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

(X) CAUV (X) American Tree Farm Program
(X) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (X) Landowner Education and Guidance

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

Latitude: N39.44693 Longitude W82.02200

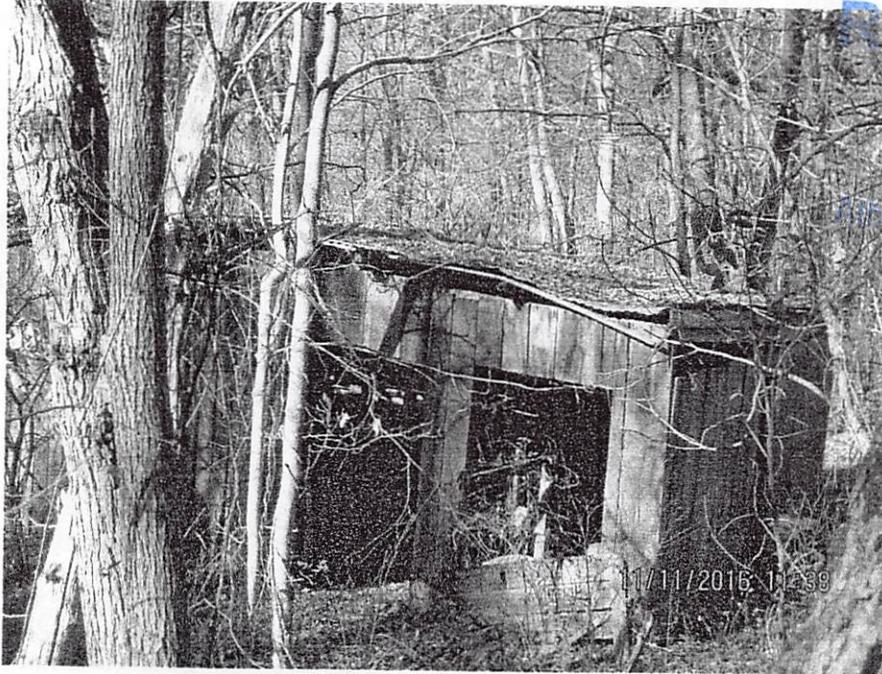
Landowner Objectives

1. Maintain and improve the productivity of the forest.
2. Create interest and appreciation for many diverse forest values such as songbirds, wild flowers, native plants, mushrooms, nuts, insects, reptiles, amphibians and habitats.
3. Conserve soils from erosion and install and maintain practices that reduce erosion.
4. Leave the woodlands in a better condition for future generations.
5. Manage the property for all the attributes and opportunities that exist in a forest ecosystem including recreation (hunting, hiking, trails, solitude, nature study, working outdoors) and other compatible conservation uses.
6. Develop and maintain favorable food and cover conditions for game and other wildlife.
7. To select and learn about tree species best suited to the soils and sites found upon the land.
8. To become and remain eligible for agricultural tax abatement programs (CAUV, OFTL).
9. Grow trees which will provide products for sale.
10. Implement cultural treatments especially upon the better woodland sites to shorten the time necessary to produce high quality timber.
11. Maintain an awareness of historical, traditional farm activities upon the property.
12. Identify, protect and preserve unique features (natural, cultural, archeological and historic).
13. Maintain, develop and improve access corridors.
14. Identify, discourage and control invasive species.
15. To explore and maintain eligibility for cost share programs.

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Dilapidated livestock shed Area 1

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Peters County Auditor

Owner's Information:

Principle Contact: Mary L. Covington

Signed: Edward J. Covington

Date: 11-17-2016

Mary Lou Covington

Preparer's Information:

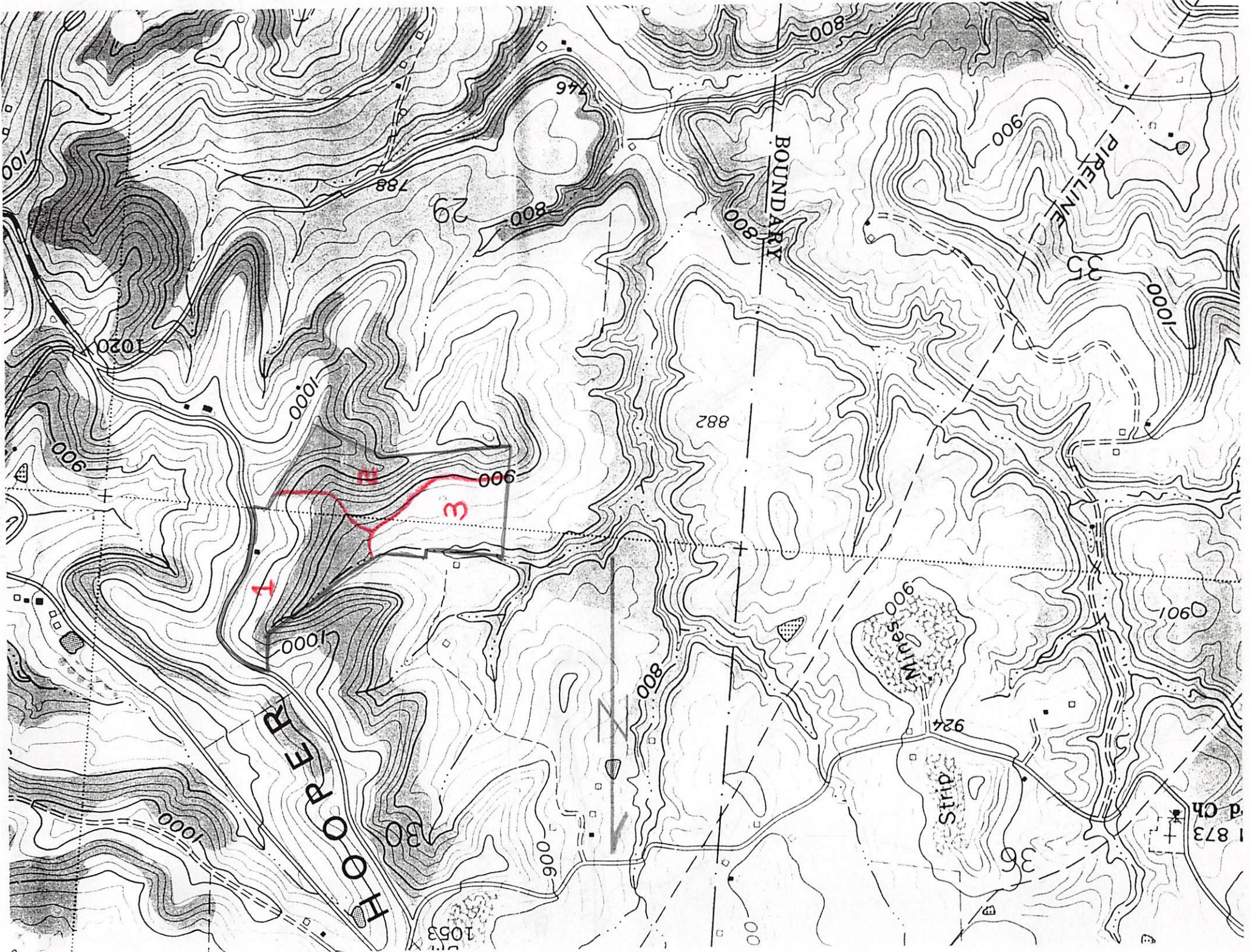
Prepared by: William J. Serbonich CF

Signature: William J. Serbonich 

Serby's Forestry Services
2165 Clara Avenue
Albany, OH 45710

Date: 11/15/16

This plan is valid for the period beginning 12/01/16 and ending 12/01/26.
Plan Status: Renew of 2001 Mgt. Plan with updates.
Property recon/data/ basal area inventory.



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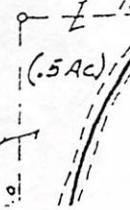
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Wahnetta Wolf &
James Paul Li.
202-1601
58.75 AC

Richard Robert Howard



Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Units	Required Task?	EQIP Practice?	Acres	Recommendations
2017-2022	All	Yes	No	All	Mark and maintain boundary lines with paint (repeat every 5 to 7 years)
Ongoing	All	Yes	Possible?	All	Touchup previous grapevine control and address untreated areas
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	All	Maintain and improve access
Ongoing	All	Yes	Possible?	All	Touchup shrubby invasives & ailanthus and address any untreated areas
2017-2018	2	No	No	2-4	Identify and manage grape arbors
2017-2018	1,2	No	No	41.6	Consider and evaluate for an intermediate timber harvest (have a qualified forester assist)
Ongoing	Whole Property	Yes	No		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
2026	All	Yes	Possible?		With methodical efforts to work upon recommended practices and a possible harvest in the next 10 years, a new Woodland Stew Plan can be designed in 10 years and this current plan can be considered a 10 year plan.

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. This property has a commendable history of completed practices and currently is in a maintenance and forest growth stage with a potential timber harvest.

Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations

Stand # 3 - 12.3 Acres

Dominant Species: BW, SYC, BY, ELM, WA, HM, BL, BC, WO, RO, BE, HI, BASS, SM, SPICE, HACK, DOG, TP, SASS, BO, BB, VP, CHINK, ASP, PAW, RED, BB, SHRUBBY INVASIVES

Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation: Transition Stand/Allegheny Hardwood

Stand Diameter or Size Class: Large Pole/Small Saw timber / Scattered Coarse Dominants

Stocking Level: Fully stocked **Basal Area:** 70 ft²/acre

Stand History: Agricultural impacts from past activities, old field reversion

Topography: Riparian bottomlands.

Present conditions for you to consider: Access, excellent sites, good area to manage for long term goals and objectives. Shrubby invasives and ailanthus, dying white ash, coarse dominants, grapevine, wildlife habitat, drainage corridor, good response from management activity, boundary lines

Management Recommendations:	Management Tasks/Year	
	Required	Year
Grapevine control	Yes	Ongoing
Maintain and improve access	No	Ongoing
Learn to identify and treat invasive species (monitor for shrubs and ailanthus)	Yes	Ongoing
Mark boundary lines with paint	Yes	2017 and 2022

If a timber harvest is recommended, silvicultural method to be used: NA

Comments: Mostly pole/small sawtimber with some scattered coarse dominants in an adequately stocked stand on an excellent bottomland/ riparian site. Explore EQIP cost share opportunities. Grapevine control has merit. Long term this stand can yield valuable woodland and has great potential. Access is reasonable and should be maintained and improved. Greatest immediate concern is shrubby invasives that should be identified, and considered for control and grapevines. Autumn olive, multi-flora rose, bush honeysuckle and barberry were observed. Opportunity to meet management goals is high and Stand 3 should not be underestimated in its ability to be very productive. The work needed to bring this stand to its potential is daunting. Tackling this a little at a time over the long haul will be more encouraging and feasible. Start first with marking the property boundaries where previous marking has faded or was nonexistent. In Stand 3 completing small sections well would be better than a shotgun approach with scattered treatments. In time with this approach good progress can be made and one will receive some really great bonus physical exercise. Careful identification of species will be required as each native tree and shrub will make a great contribution. Work here will be tough, physical and challenging but with a patient and methodical approach satisfying accomplishment can be made. The growing site is worth the efforts, pay attention to quality trees in particular. Riparian corridors are special places for wildlife and water quality. Developing healthy forest along the riparian corridor has great merit. Fifteen years ago Stand 3 was a hodgepodge area that has really developed into a nice forest condition. Projects here will speed up the process of creating a great forest landscape and meeting goals.