

# Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

Owner Vicky Tong  
Address 3 Pleasantview Drive  
Athens, OH 45701  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number 05-0817  
Cell 740-591-4416 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
County Athens Township/Village/City: Bern Twp., Sec. 11 & 17  
Parcel(s): D010010010400, D010010010500, D010010010600  
Location: 16343 Marietta Run Road. Amesville, OH 45711

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 78.5 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: 32.9  
Total Property Acres 118.52 \* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made. (Stand 6 and Stand 7c)

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)

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

Longitude: -81.86670 Latitude: 39.42703

## Landowner Objectives

1. To improve the productivity of the woodland through sustainable management practices.
2. To improve the property for the next generation.

## *General Woodland Description*

The Tong property is located three miles east of Sharpsburg at the intersection of State Route 550 and Marietta Run Road in Bern Township, Athens County. The private drive accessed from Marietta Run leads to a residence and a couple of barns perched on a ridgetop. The ridge runs the length of the property from north to south. West of the ridgeline, a series of steep slopes and hollows drain water south into Marietta Run. East of the ridge, a steep east-facing slope does the same. Elevation ranges from 800 to 955 above mean sea level. Marietta Run forms a confluence with Federal Creek where Marietta Run Road meets State Route 329. Federal Creek is a tributary of the Hocking River.

The vast majority of the property was cleared and farmed at the time of a 1950 aerial photograph. Canopy cover was limited to the steepest and most inaccessible slopes in Stand 1. It is, however, likely livestock grazed beneath that interrupted canopy. The agrarian land use persisted through 1966, only slightly beginning to fade by 1986. At that time, stands 4c, 4d and 5a had begun the process of reverting from field to forest. Only within the past few decades have stands 2, 3, 4a, 4b and the rest of 5 been abandoned and allowed to revert. Stand 6 remains as the last stronghold of the fields, maintained with rotational mowing.

Non-native, invasive plants are present – to some degree or another – on every part of the property. They pose the most significant obstacle to overcome for sustainable forest management. The invasives, most notably autumn-olive, are especially problematic in the areas that have most recently reverted from field to forest, severely impeding that process. The largest and best quality timber found on the property is in Stand 1, where much of it has been growing since at least 1950. The wooded acres are void of any trails making access for management difficult. Boundary lines have been identified but are not marked.

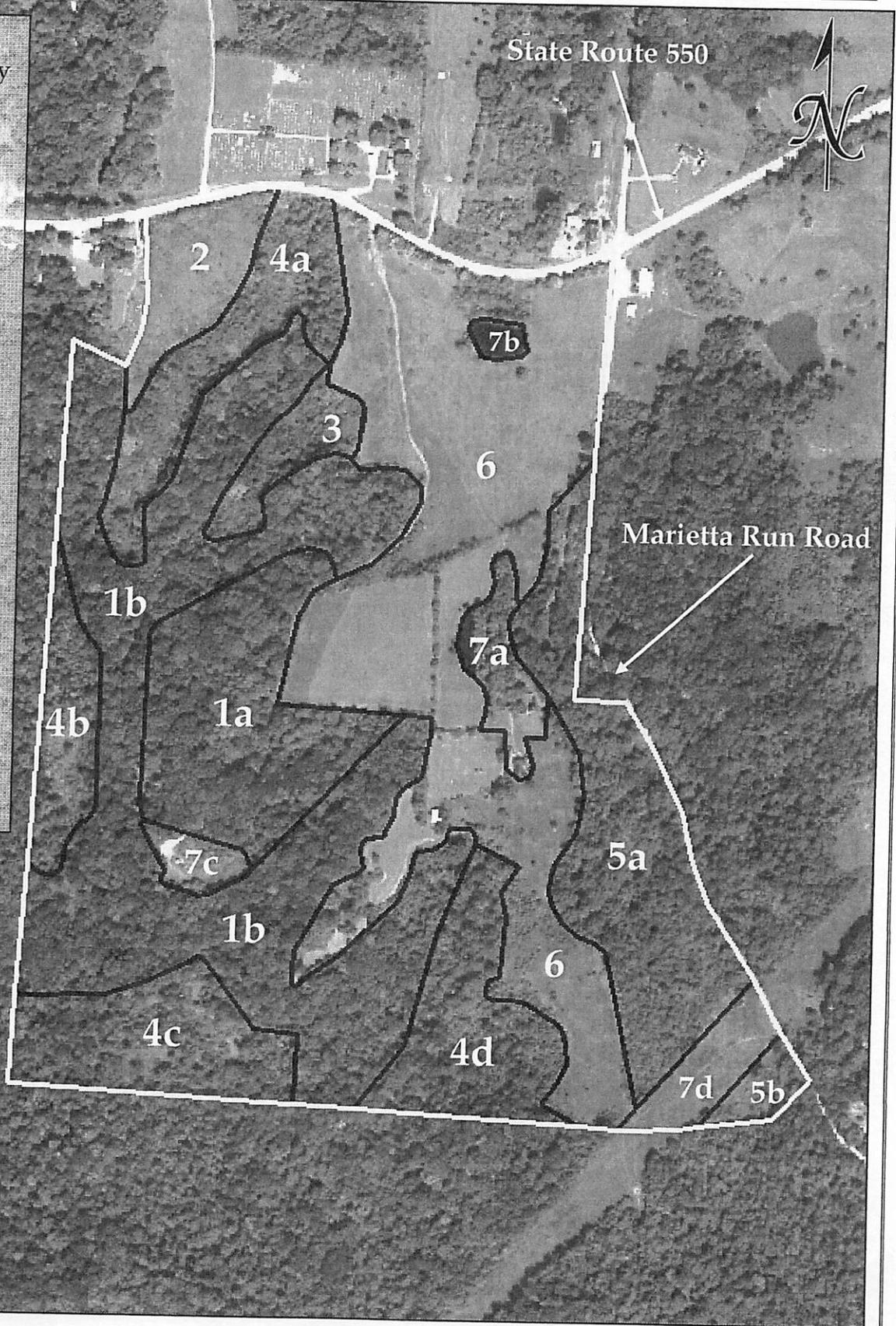
# Woodland Management Plan Map

Landowner: <i>Victoria Tong</i>	Case Number: <i>05-0817</i>	Total Property Acres: <i>118.5</i>
County: <i>Athens</i>	Township: <i>Bern</i>	Scale: <i>No Scale</i>
Map Source: <i>2015 Aerial</i>	Drawn By: <i>Cameron Bushong</i>	Date: <i>January 8, 2019</i>

Approximate  
Property Boundary

Stand Boundary

- Stand 1a: 9.8 ac*
- Stand 1b: 28.8 ac*
- Stand 2: 3.5 ac*
- Stand 3: 2.2 ac*
- Stand 4a: 5.9 ac*
- Stand 4b: 3.3 ac*
- Stand 4c: 6.3 ac*
- Stand 4d: 6.2 ac*
- Stand 5a: 11.4 ac*
- Stand 5b: 1.1 ac*
- Stand 6: 30.8 ac*
- Stand 7a: 2.1 ac*
- Stand 7b: 0.5 ac*
- Stand 7c: 1.1 ac*
- Stand 7d: 2.1 ac*



## Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2019	Entire Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	118.5	Mark all property boundaries with an oil-based paint. Mark trees along lines so that someone can easily see from one mark to the next.
2019	7c & 1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.0 – 2.0	Deaden all stems of ailanthus with herbicide.
2019 - 2024	1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.8	Deaden all stems of autumn-olive & bush honeysuckle with herbicide. Cut grapevines where they are growing in selected crop trees.
2019 – 2024	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5	Deaden all stems of autumn-olive & bush honeysuckle with herbicide. Cover the stand once every 2-3 years.
2025	Entire Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	118.5	Mark all property boundaries with an oil-based paint. Mark trees along lines so that someone can easily see from one mark to the next.
2025 - 2029	1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.8	Deaden all stems of autumn-olive & bush honeysuckle with herbicide. Cut grapevines where they are growing in selected crop trees.
2025 - 2029	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2	Deaden all stems of autumn-olive & bush honeysuckle with herbicide.
2029	Entire Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	118.5	Mark all property boundaries with an oil-based paint. Mark trees along lines so that someone can easily see from one mark to the next.
2019 – 2029	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.8	Tree planting site preparation, tree planting, post planting weed control and maintenance. At a minimum, treat established autumn-olive and mow each part of the stand at least once every three years during the dormant season.
2019 – 2029	Wooded Acres	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Consider establishing a network of trails to improve access for management and enjoyment of the property.
2029	Whole Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Next Site Visit</b> – 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	

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.

You should follow the schedule of activities prepared above. If the schedule is followed, it will help you reach your woodland management goals for the property including sustainable forest management through sound environmental practices.