

## *Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

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County	Athens	Township/Village/City: Bern Township, Sec. 9-10
Parcel(s):	D010010011300, D010010011702, D010010011703	
Location:	From Athens, OH take OH-32 E/US-50 E followed by a left turn onto OH-329 N followed by turning right onto Marietta Run Rd	

Woodland Stewardship Acreage:	131.17	Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*:	3.67
Total Property Acres	134.84	<small>* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made.</small>	

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 coordinates (report in WGS 84, decimal degrees.)

Longitude: -81.866412      Latitude: 39.400583

### Landowner Objectives

1. To improve and enhance the habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, cottontail rabbit and other game/non-game wildlife utilization.
2. To maintain and improve timber production in this woodland.
3. To manage the property for all the attributes and opportunities that exist in a forest ecosystem including timber products management, soil and water management, wildlife management, landowner recreation, and other compatible conservation uses.
4. To remain eligible for the CAUV.

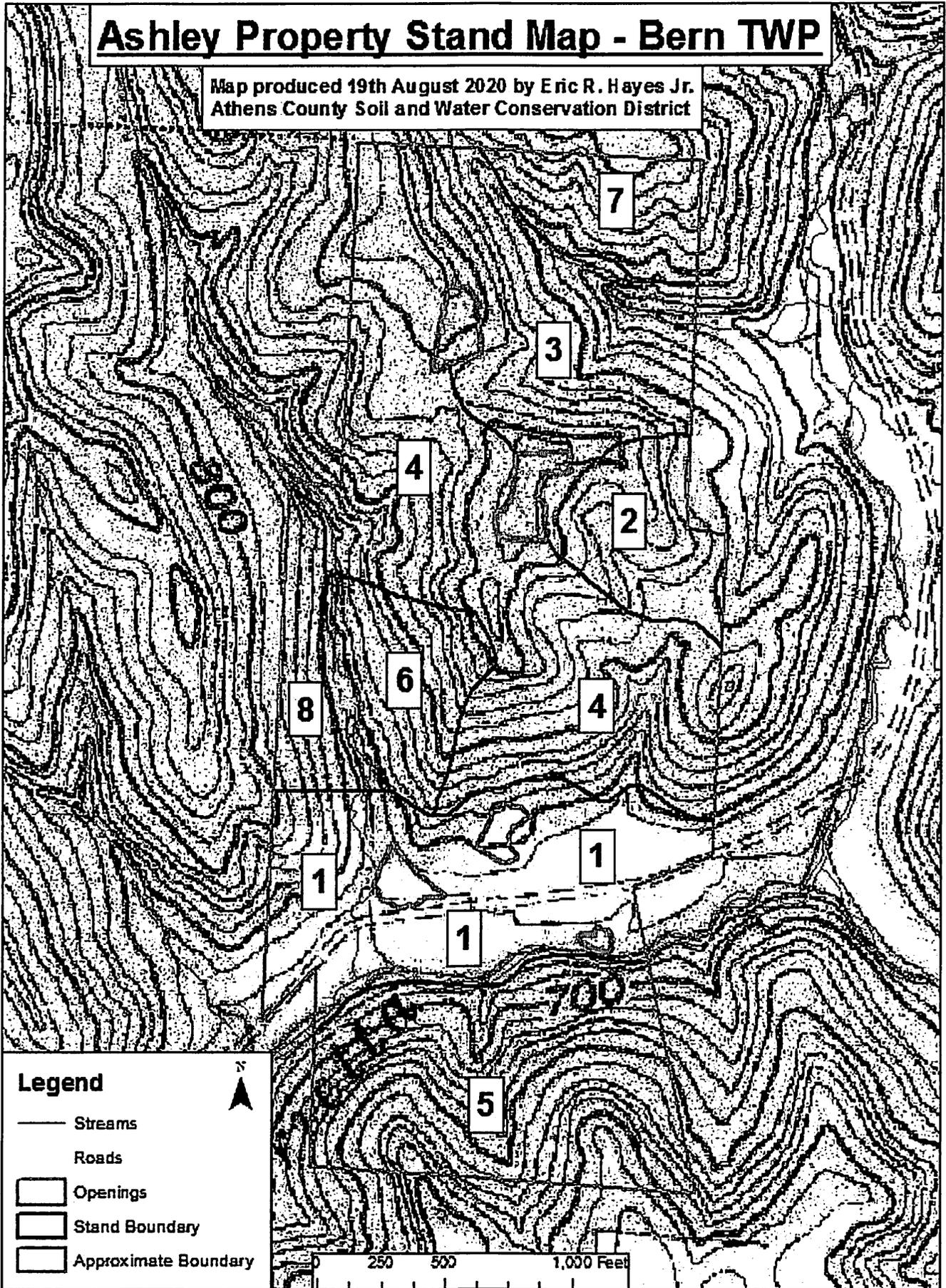
### *General Woodland Description*

The Ashley property is located on Marietta Run road in Bern Township, Athens County. The property is accessible from Marietta Run road via driveway entrance. The property has topography ranging from bottomlands along Marietta Run to ridgetops with gradual to steep slopes. There are several well-established trails providing access to a majority of the woodland. These trails need to have best management practices (BMP's) implemented to prevent soil erosion and loss of accessibility. Elevation ranges from 640 to 920 feet above mean sea level. Water drains into Marietta Run, a tributary of Federal Creek. Boundary lines are located with various colors of boundary marking paint and will be repainted this year.

A large amount of the property along Marietta Run was farmed and pastured at the time of a 1939 aerial photo, with some fields still evident in 1988. A high-grade harvest took place around 2013 removing most of the marketable sawlogs. Non-native, invasive species (NNIS) were not controlled prior to the harvest. Control of NNIS is recommended across the property, especially for Japanese stiltgrass. Timber stand improvement can be used to rehabilitate the high-graded portions of the property. Properly planned TSI practices can also greatly enhance wildlife habitat.

# Ashley Property Stand Map - Bern TWP

Map produced 19th August 2020 by Eric R. Hayes Jr.  
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### Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2020-2021	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	134.84	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.
2020-2023	Stand 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.78	Deaden all stems of non-native invasives plants including Japanese barberry, ailanthus, and autumn-olive with herbicide. Follow up treatments
2023-2025	Stand 2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.37	Deaden all stems of non-native invasives plants including Japanese barberry, ailanthus, and autumn-olive with herbicide. Cull tree removal
2025-2026	Stand 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	35.5	Cull tree removal and wildlife structures
2026	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	134.84	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.
2027	Stand 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.5	Shelterwood Harvest (Follow all BMP's, refer to Ohio bulletin #916) if possible. Cull tree removal and create temporary group openings if harvest is not possible
2028	Stand 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.25	Cull tree removal Create temporary group openings with reserves of Acceptable Growing Stock (AGS)
2029	Stand 3 & 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.14	Crop tree release Grapevine Control
2030	Stand 3, 4, 5 & 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	87.25	Create temporary group openings with reserves of Acceptable Growing Stock (AGS)
2030	All Stands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wherever desired	Edge feather around all openings as desired
2030	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