

## Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

Owner Beechmere Woods, L.P. – David Cobb – Partner; Sandra Cobb - Partner  
Address 3880 Ellendale Road  
Moreland Hills, OH 44022  
Phone 440-247-4392 Case Number 05-0728  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
County Athens Township/Village/City: Bern Twp., Sec. 35 & 29  
Parcel(s): D010010023301, D010010023302, D010010023400, D010010023500  
Location: ¼ mile south of Sharpsburg on the west side of State Route 550

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 56.5 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: 30.0  
Total Property Acres 86.592 \* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made.

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: -81.91902 Latitude: 39.42659

### Landowner Objectives

1. To enroll eligible acres into Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL).
2. To improve the productivity of the woodland through sustainable management practices and periodic timber harvests, so as to comply with OFTL and ATFS.
3. To leave the woodland in a better condition for future generations of the family.
4. To enhance habitat for Appalachian flora and fauna by controlling non-native, invasive plant species.

### *General Woodland Description*

The Beechmere Woods property is located on State Route 550 in Bern Township, Athens County. The Cobbs purchased fifty acres and the parcel providing access to that acreage in 1975. The remaining acres were purchased in 2007, and the entire property was transferred to Beechmere Woods in 2014.

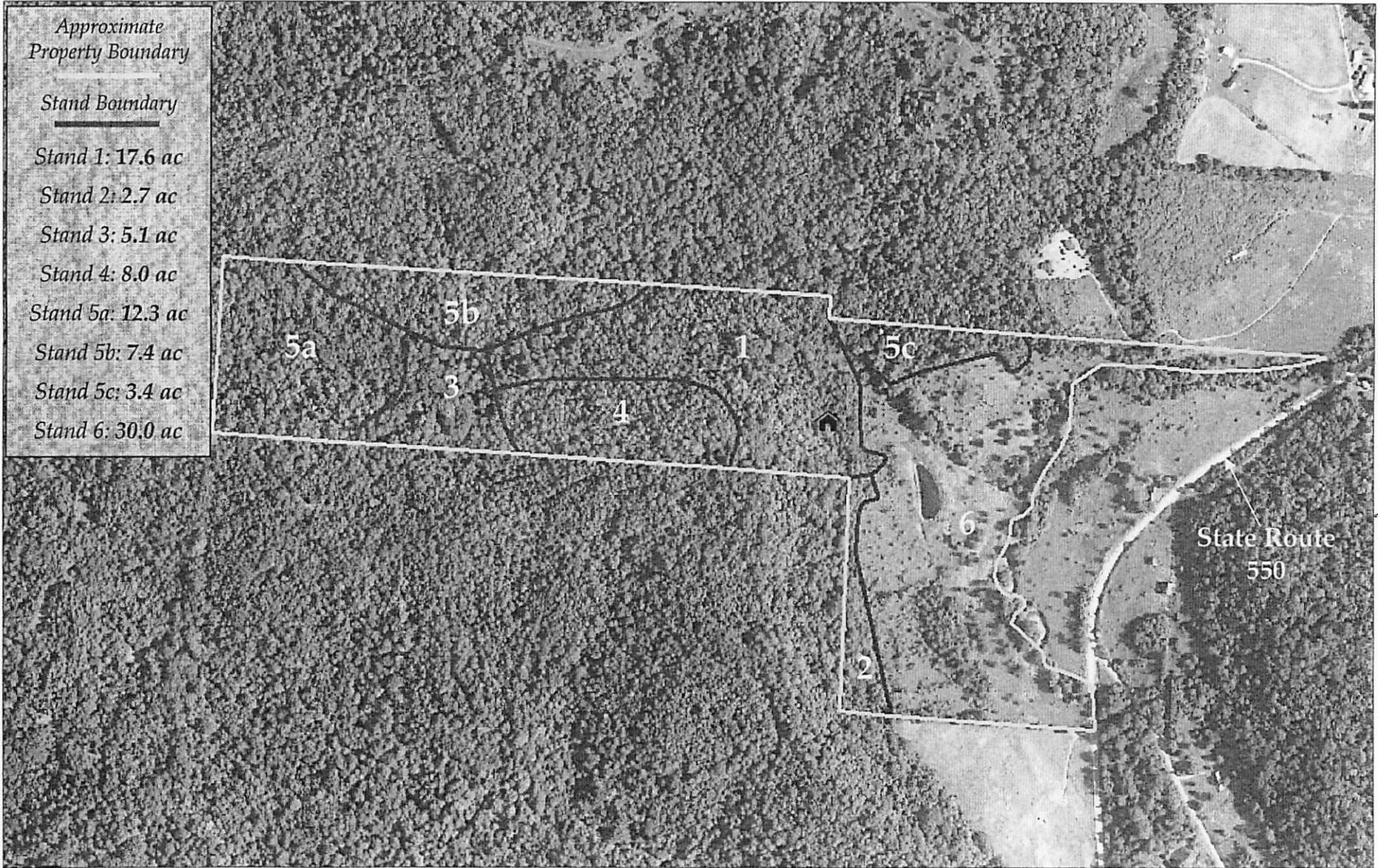
Topography is steep and rolling. A narrow, perennial stream channel originating along the northern boundary drains into Sharps Fork at the eastern property boundary. Sharps Fork empties into Federal Creek two miles south of the property. Elevation ranges from 637 feet above mean sea level at the property entrance on SR 550 to 940 feet on the ridge at the southwest property corner.

With the exception of 5.0 acres in Stand 3, the entire property was cleared and used for agriculture in 1936, and remained that way through the '50s. By the time a 1966 aerial photo was taken, Stand 1 had begun reverting back to forestland. The original 50 acres appears fully wooded in 1986. Despite a CRP planting from 2008-2010, much of the bottomland in Stand 7 remains un-forested.

The youngest old-field reversions are greatly under stocked due to the mortality of ash from EAB, which has proliferated autumn-olive and spice bush in the understory. The older reverted that is Stand 1 is well stocked, but autumn-olive is an issue there as well. The largest, most mature and best quality trees are limited to Stand 3. The bottomland west of Sharps Creek has sparse tree cover, with vast areas of reed canary grass and goldenrod. A few patches of black willow, sycamore, and walnut exist there. Grapevines have been managed through EQIP on the original 50 acres, but remain an issue in Stand 5. Much of the woodland is difficult to access due to a lack of a trail system. Boundaries are well marked with blue paint.

# Woodland Management Plan Map

Landowner: <i>Beechmere Woods LP</i>	Case Number: <i>05-0728</i>	Total Property Acres: <i>86.5</i>
County: <i>Athens</i>	Township: <i>Bern</i>	Section: <i>35 &amp; 29</i>
Map Source: <i>2015 Aerial</i>	Scale: <i>No Scale</i>	Date: <i>September 14, 2017</i>



### Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2017-2022	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Attend 8 hours of forestry education to fulfill OFTL educational requirement.
2017-2022	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.0	Deaden stems of autumn-olive with herbicide.
2017-2022	2 & 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.0	Deaden all stems of ailanthus with basal-bark applications of oil-based triclopyr ester.
2022	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	86.592	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.
2022-2027	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.0	Deaden stems of autumn-olive with herbicide.
2022-2027	2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.0	Revisit and retreat any ailanthus that was previously missed or has sprouted since the initial treatment.
2027	Entire Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	86.592	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.
2017-2021	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Develop and maintain a trail system to facilitate management and foster an appreciation for the woodland.
2022 & 2027	Whole Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	Next Site Visit – 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	

### Selling Timber While in OFTL

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.

**While in OFTL you will be expected to execute practices from your management plan and maintain exterior boundary lines by clearly marking them prior to any re-inspection by the service forester.**

**While in OFTL and harvesting timber you must file a Notice of Intent (NOI) & Timber Harvesting Plan with the county soil & water conservation district, utilize the services of a master logger, and apply all appropriate BMP's before, during and after the harvest.**