

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

Owner Bill Stover
Address 5805 Campbell Street
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Phone 219-477-5997 Case Number 05-1027
County Athens Township/Village/City: Bern Township
Location: Property Address: Pts of Sections 28 (FR24) , 27 (FR24), (FR (33), 26, 33
Bern Township, Athens County, State of Ohio (See parcel # list in plan)
Contact : William D. Stover
Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 472.25 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: _____
Total Property Acres 472.25 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are
Made.

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

- CAUV American Tree Farm Program
 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Landowner Education & Guidance

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

Latitude: 39.242732N Longitude 81.542554W

Landowner Objectives

1. Manage the property for long term sustainable forest productivity (big trees healthy forest).
2. Manage the property for healthy forest growth & attributes.
3. Generate wood products & income.
4. Quality wildlife habitat for appreciation.
5. Maintain & enhance recreational opportunity (hiking, nature study & aesthetics).
6. Manage for healthy woodland ecology including native trees, shrubs, & understory plants.
7. Maintain & improve traditional farm activities upon the property where applicable including mineral management (history of gas & oil well production).
8. Identify, protect & preserve unique features, (natural, cultural, archeological & historic).
9. Maintain & improve access corridors.
10. Minimize erosion & improve water quality.
11. Identify, discourage & control invasive species.
12. To qualify & meet the standards for the CAUV agricultural tax abatement program.
13. Leave the woodlands in improved condition for future generations.
14. Discourage trespass, littering, illicit hunting, & use of the land without permission

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Athens County Auditor



Stand 4 Drainage Corridor

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Owner's Information:

Case Number: 05-1027

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Signed: William D. Stover

Date: _____

Date: 07/15/23

Preparer's Information:

Prepared by: William J. Serbonich CF

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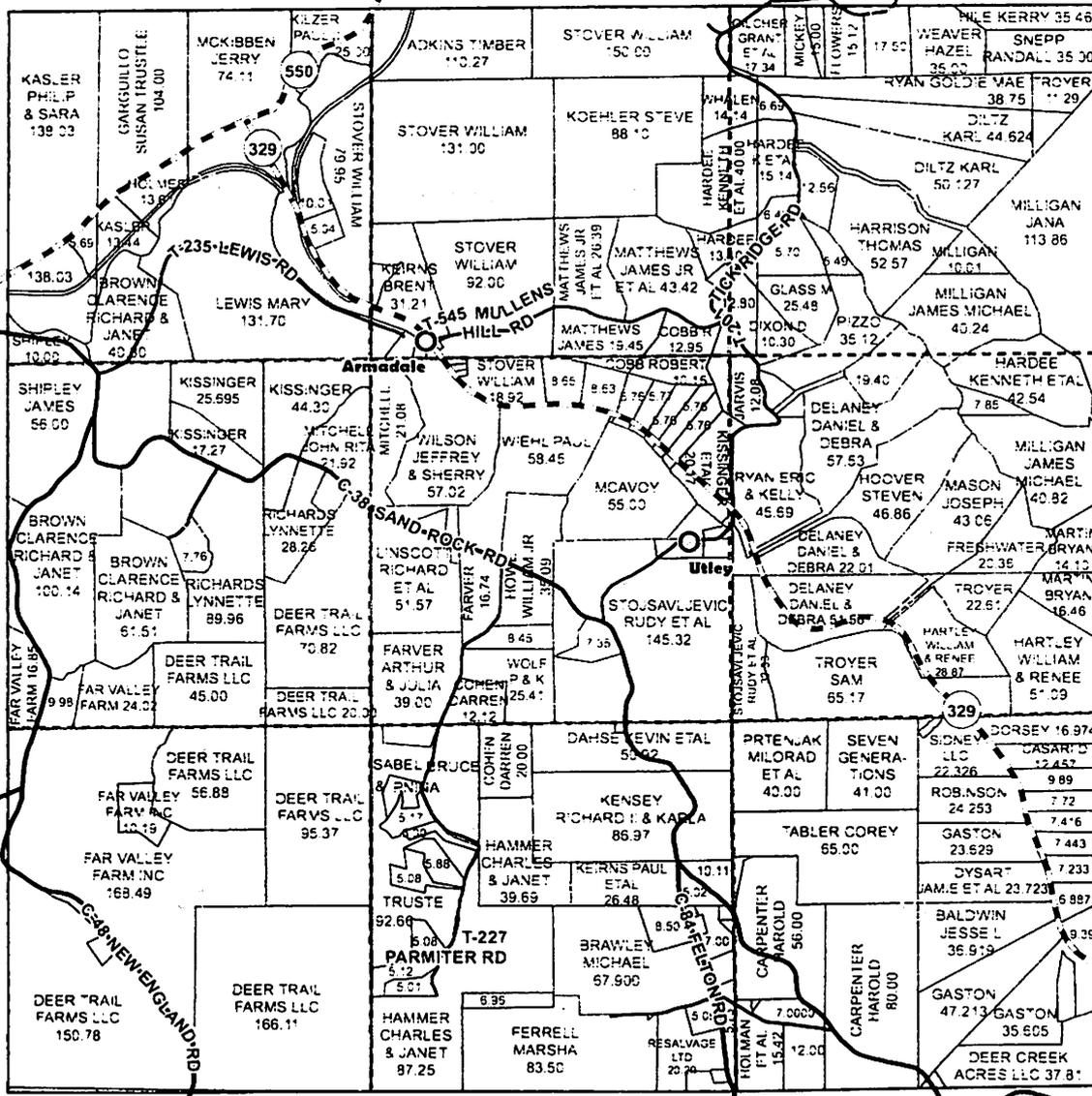
Date: 07/15/23

This plan is valid for the period beginning 07/15/23 and ending 07/15/38.

Plan Status: Update from previous plan expiring 2023

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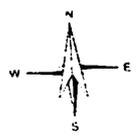
Bern Township SE



Rome Township NW

Bern Township SW

T-7-N / R-12-W



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Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Units	Required Task	EQIP Practice	Acres	Recommendations
2024-2027	All	Yes	No	All	Remark boundary lines with paint (High Priority)
2025	1,2,3,4, 5,6,10,11	Yes	Maybe	351	Grapevine control (touchup of treated areas make 1,2,3 priority)
2024-2038	All	Yes	Yes	All	Invasive control (ailanthus & shrubs) need to refine w/field checks for EQIP (ongoing & continuous task do grapevines first then 1,2,3 priority)
2025	7,8,9	Yes	Yes	103	Grapevine control (manage arbors for wildlife, touchup & new areas of 7, priority flood zone along Federal Creek)
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	All	Monitor for forest health, trespass, minerals & access conditions
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	NA	Maintain & improve access corridors
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	472	Maintain treated areas & be vigilant for invasives.
2028	1,2,3,4, 5 & 6	No	No	187	Consider harvest ideally following boundary remark, grapevine & invasive work make 1,2,3 priority
2032	10,11	No	No	182	Consider & evaluate for an intermediate timber harvest (have a qualified forester assist)
Ongoing	Whole Property	Yes	Maybe FM Plan	Next Site Visit – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, & 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.

It is recognized that with this large acreage & daunting tasks suggested that one cannot accomplish everything keep a management presence & follow the priorities for the various stands as best as possible.

When marking boundary there is no need to mark roadside frontage or along the Opossum Creek & Federal Creek frontage only mark prominently where boundary line crosses the roads.

Any & all timber harvests should be conducted with professional forestry advice & assistance. Intermediate harvests should be marked so that you know what is being harvested & can determine what its worth prior to cutting.

Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations

Stand # 11 - 90.3 Acres

Dominant Species: SYC, BW, ELM, BE, TP, BC, WA, BY, HACK, DOG, HI, SM, HM, CW, PERS, OO, CO, CHINK, BOX, ASP, SASS, SO, RO, BO, WO, SPICE, HAW, BG, PAW, BASS, BL, BH, RBUD

Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation: Reverted agricultural fields/pasture, hodgepodge, invasives & grapevines, nice wooded areas emerging

Stand Diameter or Size Class: Pole/Small/Medium/Large/Sawtimber Coarse Dominants

Stocking Level: Variable/fully stocked **Basal Area:** 80ft²/acre (ranging from 30 to 140)

Stand History: A former working farm with agricultural fields/pasture, logging, grapevine control, oil & gas activity, access corridors, hunting & recreation, boundary lines, Mullin Rd frontage.

Topography: West & south facing slopes moderate to steep blending into ridgetop. Rocky outcrops, slump blocks & geologic features, steep drainage patterns with coves.

Present conditions for you to consider: Nice emerging forestland, poor quality trees present. grapevine & invasives, coarse dominants, boundary line, neighbors, trespass, road frontage

Management Recommendations:	Management Tasks/Year	
	Required	Year
Mark and maintain boundaries	Yes	2024-2027
Control grapevines (touchup)	Yes	2025
Control invasives (ailanthus & shrubby)	Yes	Ongoing prior to any harvest
Maintain access corridors	Yes	Ongoing
Consider intermediate harvest	No	2032

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

Comments: Stand 11 represents improving woodland conditions. Currently the stand has ailanthus, autumn olive & multi-flora rose. Grapevine work has occurred & touchup would be good. Grapevine work should continue also consider any patches of ailanthus. The tree species mix is good, however poor quality trees can be found. Wind damage is scattered about particularly upon the higher elevations along the border with Stand 10. Windthrow coupled with ash mortality has set Stand 11 & 10 back mostly due to gaps filling in with invasives. The worst damages from the 6/12/2012 windstorm are found in this area & while somewhat disconcerting are not overly significant in the scope of the overall forest condition. Boundaries should be re-marked. The stand is a hodgepodge of stocking but improving nicely. The sites are low medium to medium with good oak potentials. Work in this stand can best be done in the winter because it would be accessible & visible. Doing work in Stand 11 has merit. Cost share opportunity would be possible. For now continue to touchup the grapevines, remark boundary lines & address the invasive problems that are worrisome & getting worse. A light intermediate harvest might be possible with adjacent stands & good market conditions following cultural work with invasives & grapevine.