

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

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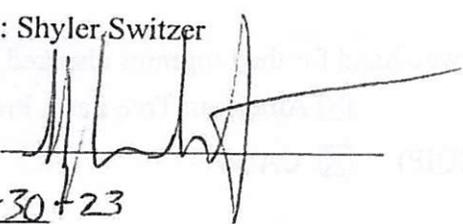
Owner's Information:

Owners: Shyler Switzer

Shauna Switzer

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Jill Davidson
Athens County Auditor

Signed: 

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Date: 1-30-23

Case Number: _____

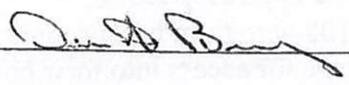
Contract Number & Item Number: _____
Farm Bill Program: _____

Preparer's Information:

Prepared by: Dean A. Berry

TSP Number & Expiration Date: 10-6547 12/2024

I, as a TSP for NRCS Farm Bill Programs, certify that services provided: comply with all Federal, State, Tribal, and Local laws and requirements; meet applicable program requirements and recommended planned practices are based on NRCS conservation practice standards and specifications; are consistent with and meet the conservation program goals and objectives for which the program contract was entered into by the client; and incorporate alternatives that are both cost effective and appropriate to address the resource issues.

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Date: 1-30-2023

This plan is valid for the period beginning 1/26/2023 and ending 1/25/2033.

Plan Status: New For this tract

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Owner Shauna & Shyler Switzer
Address 5 Old Peach Ridge Rd.
Athens, Ohio 45701
Phone _____ Case Number _____
Cell 740-590-0787 Shy Email Address shy@switzerclan.com
County Athens Township/Village/City: Canaan Twp. Section 12
Parcel(s): E010010006300
Location: Located along west side of St Rt 690 Local Address - 11577 St Rt 690

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 98.7 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: 9.3
Total Property Acres 108 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made. Stands No: _____

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) CAUV

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

Longitude: -81.9801 Latitude: 39.3613

Landowner Objectives

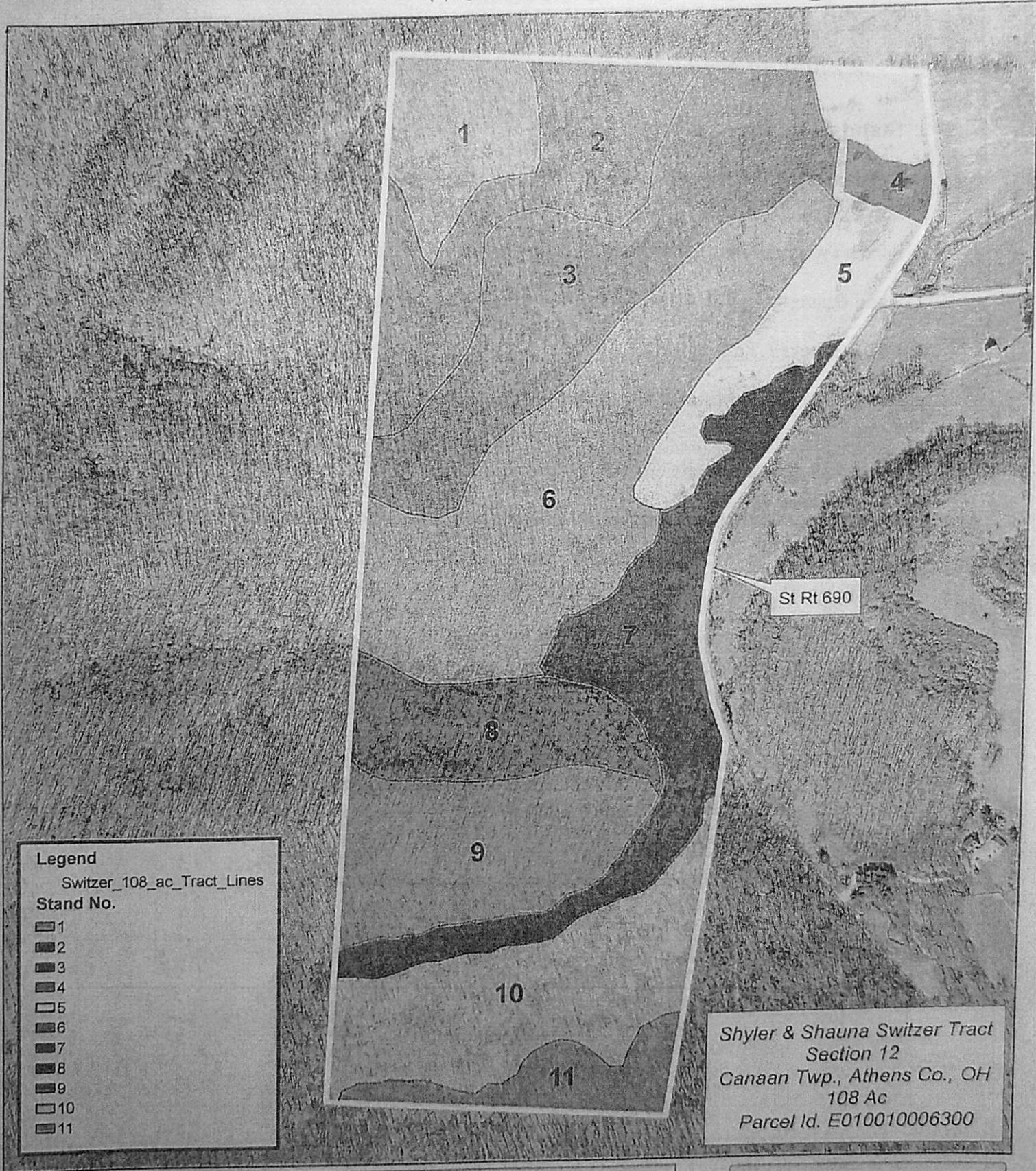
1. Manage the property for all attributes and opportunities that exist in a forest ecosystem of interest to the owner including recreation, wildlife management, soil and water management, forest protection, timber products management, and other compatible conservation uses.
2. Maintain healthy woods by limiting the impact of non-native invasive species identified in the forest landscape.
3. Provide a pleasant setting for a variety of planned recreational activities.

General Woodland Description

Shyler and Shauna Switzer recently purchased this 108-acre farm because it is adjacent to parcels they already own and provides additional road frontage for access into their holdings. The Switzer's purchased their first 207-acre farm in 2004 and then an additional 69-acre tract in 2011. They have completed numerous forest improvement projects on these holdings: cutting grapevines, treating non-native invasive trees & shrubs, wildlife habitat improvement plantings and trail construction. This new tract will receive the same attention. In addition, this tract has a house & outbuildings that will be utilized. Previous landowners heavily harvested the majority of the wooded areas on this tract. In addition, historical pasturing of the less steep hillsides is still evident. These disturbances in the forest have allowed a variety of non-native invasive grasses, shrubs and trees to become established throughout the farm. There are active gas wells on this tract with access trails and pipelines in the woods that need to be dealt with.

Inventory Method: On Site Property Review

Woodland Stand Map



Legend

Switzer_108_ac_Tract_Lines

Stand No.

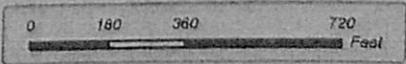
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Athens Soil & Water Conservation District
Assisted by Dean A. Berry TSP 10-6547



Disclaimer: This drawing is not an actual survey,
and is for general information purposes only.

Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations

Stand # 1 - 5.4 acres

Dominant Species: red oak spp., Am. beech, hickory spp., white oak spp., yellow poplar, black cherry, sugar maple, red maple, bigtooth aspen & sassafras

Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation: Upland Central Hardwoods

Stand Diameter or Size Class: All size classes but mainly small/medium sawlog sized trees

Stocking Level: Fully stocked

Stand History: Harvesting - "Select cut" 30 yrs.+ ago

Topography: Gently sloping mid/upper slope- ridgetop area _ hollow in the NW corner of the farm. Some steep slope sections leading up to ridgetop.

Site Index Value and Species: See Forest Productivity Reports (Tree Site Index) in plan addendum – Northern Red Oak & Tuliptree_ WhD, WnE, WkF & VbD soils

Invasive plants or insects impacting this stand: very few scattered grapevines.

Client Objectives: Improve the overall stand health by reducing the impact of non-native plant competition and promoting trees species beneficial to wildlife as well as future timber products.

Stand Description: This area is a combination of a steep hollow and a small low ridgetop. The ridgetop area has soils more suitable for oak/hickory species to be the dominate species in the composition. Some wind damage in this area. The slope area in the main drainage has an area of dominate Am. beech trees, many of which are hollow. Overall, there is a good mixture of tree species. Fairly open understory in most of the stand. Numerous large sawtimber trees in this area, but some showing decline in vigor, defect and some dead trees.

Past management activities completed in this stand: Property lines located and painted - note these lines are now interior ownership lines because of the purchase of this farm.

<i>Management Recommendations:</i>	<i>EQIP Practice Code:</i>	<i>EQIP Practice Name:</i>
Wildlife Habitat Improvement – identifying cavity & den trees. CSP Practice		
Cut grapevines from all oak trees in this area. Leave vines in the beech trees for wildlife benefit .		

Is a timber harvest recommended? No A commercial harvest is not recommended in this 10-yr. management period.

Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations (include EQIP/CSP practice code and name if applicable)
2023, 2028 & 2033	Entire Farm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Maintain/established property boundary markings. It is advised you repaint every 5 years or as necessary to remain easily visible. This is a requirement if enrolled in OFTL or CAUV Forestry real estate property tax reduction programs.
2023-2027	Entire Farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	? 4-6 ac est.	315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment – Treat Japanese stiltgrass that has become established in almost all the old skid trails and the access roads going to the gas wells. This will take repeated application of low dosage glyphosate applications to reduce the infestation. Work on establishing BMP's in areas of erosion (St 2 trail) and making trails more user friendly. Slip area in St 7 will need attention.
2024 -2029	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	20+ ac	314 Brush Management, Woody Invasive Plant Control – Cover entire area treating scattered patches & individual plants of identified invasive woody shrubs -Privet, Autumn Olive. Cut grapevines from “crop” trees, leaving some arbors for wildlife benefit.
2025-2030	2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	15+ ac with issues 26 ac total	314 Brush Management, Woody Invasive Plant Control – Cover entire ST 3 cutting grapevines from all “crop” trees, treat the heavy privet & autumn infestation in the northern end of the stand. The eastern hollow in Stand 2 has scattered invasive shrubs in the understory that needs attention.
2023 - 2028	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Light grapevines in the area need cut from oak & maple trees – not EQIP. Maybe CSP E666O - Snag & Den Trees - Habitat for Wildlife - this is the most mature woods on this tract
2023-2033	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 ac	Mow the open grassed areas annually to slow the growth of invasive shrubs in these areas. Mow after the pollinator plants have finished flowering. Possible establishment of warm season grasses, pollinator plots, tree plantings for wildlife benefit
2023 -2032	7,8 & 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	15+ ac with issues 31 ac total	314 Brush Management, Woody Invasive Plant Control – Cover entire areas treating scattered patches & individual plants of identified invasive woody shrubs -Ailanthus, Autumn Olive. Cut grapevines from “crop” trees, leaving some arbors for wildlife benefit. Plan on EQIP 666 Timber Stand Improvement work in ST 10 after the invasive trees & shrub populations are reduced. Maybe CSP- habitat improvement work
2028 & 2033	Whole Property	<input checked="" 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

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.

Woodland Resource Descriptions

General Soils Information – includes a woodland soils map, soil drainage class, the general productive capacity of the soil, and a general overview of the main soil type(s):

- **Soil Type(s):** GsC, GuD, KnL1AF, Lic1C2, VbD, VcE, WhC, WhD, WhE, WhF, WkF, WmD WmE
- **Soil Drainage Class:** Moderately well drained to well drained

Site Class: (using Woodland Productivity): Good Northern Red Oak rating
Good to Excellent Tuliptree rating

General Description of Main Soils: See Soils maps and descriptions in Addendum for detailed descriptions. Also included in the Addendum is a map(s) and associated chart(s) showing the Forest Productivity (Tree Site Index) of the tract.

An on-line resource that can be used to obtain additional detailed soils information is:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Timber Information - a general description of the timber characteristics of quality and potential:

Commercial timber production is a landowner objective in the management of the woods on this tract, but not a high priority at this point in time. This property is being managed as a long term, conservation orientated farm that will be multi-use, ecological recreational area.

This tract had been commercially logged by the previous landowners on several separate occasions. It appears a harvest 30 + years ago removed large sawtimber trees in several areas, whereas in the most recent harvested areas, all commercial trees were cut. These areas are now stocked with undesirable tree species, trees with defects and poor form or trees of smaller diameter classes.

Doing timber stand improvement management practices will greatly improve these woodlots. Cutting grapevines from "crop" trees in Stands 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8, along with working on the elimination of non-native invasive species of woody shrubs & trees will certainly enhance the quality and health of your timber resources. These important tasks will allow you to maximize the growth rates and viability of the trees in your woods along with benefiting a variety of wildlife species.

Wildlife – a general description of the wildlife habitat quality and potential:

Your forestland provides valuable habitat for wildlife, including mammals, birds, and amphibians. Many of the tree species are used by this wildlife for food, cover and nesting sites. Some of the more valuable wildlife food tree species include oaks, beech, cherry, dogwood and hickory. Many other tree species are critically important to certain species of wildlife.

Grapevines also are an important food and cover for birds and can be left in low quality and cull trees. Cover, food and water are all necessary to attract wildlife. Different species use different cover types and maintaining a diversity of cover is key to attracting a wide variety of wildlife. Maintaining some of the conifer stand mixed in with the native hardwood trees provides habitat diversity. A mixture of sapling areas, pole areas and sawtimber areas will help meet the need for habitat diversity. Small openings in the forest and/or open areas along woodland roads help provide areas for birds and their young to come and catch insects. Openings can also be seeded to grass and clover mixes to provide an additional variety of food. A trail system provides travel corridors and is an enhancement to any property.

Please note all habitats don't necessarily have to be present on your property...your neighbor's land may offer a habitat type different than what is available at your forest. You can