

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

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County Athens Township/Village/City: Canaan Twp., Sec. 12 & 18
Parcel(s): E010010006400, E010010044600
Location: 11701 SR 690. West side of SR 690 just past Mush Run Road

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 258.5 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: 10.0
Total Property Acres 276.2 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made. (FIELDS in Stand 10)

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.)

Latitude: 39.36314 Longitude: -81.98042

Landowner Objectives

1. To improve and maintain a healthy, productive woodland that can provide sustainable harvests of lumber and other wood products.
2. Improved access to all parts of the woodland.
3. To provide a pleasant setting for recreational activities.
4. To enhance the quality, diversity and abundance of food and cover for wildlife.

General Woodland Description

The Switzer property is located off State Route 690 in Canaan Township, Athens County. A gravel drive traces its way from the state route through a mowed field, past a set of ponds, and up a hill to the headquarters of the property. Alternatively, the property can be accessed from Scatter Ridge through the 189-acre Wayne National Forest parcel adjacent to the Switzer's western boundary.

Topography is steep and rolling. A prominent ridgeline extends from the southern boundary all the way to the northern boundary. West of the ridge, water drains into Dutch Creek. East of the ridge, water drains into Riley Run and Mush Run. All are tributaries of Federal Creek. Other than two freshwater ponds, there are no other surface water features or wetlands on the property.

The western 207-acre parcel purchased in 2004 has been entirely forested for decades, except for portions of Stand 3. Although much of the 207 acres was picked through and heavily cutover 25-30 years ago, it contains the largest and best quality timber found anywhere on the property. Management in this area will provide the greatest returns on the investments of time and money. The eastern 69-acre parcel was a crucial purchase made in 2011, securing permanent access to the rest of the property. These acres were previously cleared and farmed, reverting to forestland sometime after 1966. Non-native invasive species are especially problematic here.

Over the course of their ownership, the Switzer's have tackled invasive species control in Stand 9b as well as grapevine control in Stand 1b and part of 3. Boundary line marks have been established and maintained; updated with fresh paint in December 2018. There is now a building to live/work out of and house equipment. Creating and improving access for 4WD vehicles and other equipment – to all parts of the property – will facilitate important management on more acres.

Woodland Management Plan Map

Approximate
Property Boundary

Stand Boundary

Stand 1a: 20.3 ac

Stand 1b: 9.9 ac

Stand 2a: 11.4 ac

Stand 2b: 10.2 ac

Stand 2c: 39.4 ac

Stand 3: 52.0 ac

Stand 4a: 16.7 ac

Stand 4b: 7.7 ac

Stand 5: 26.1 ac

Stand 6: 14.3 ac

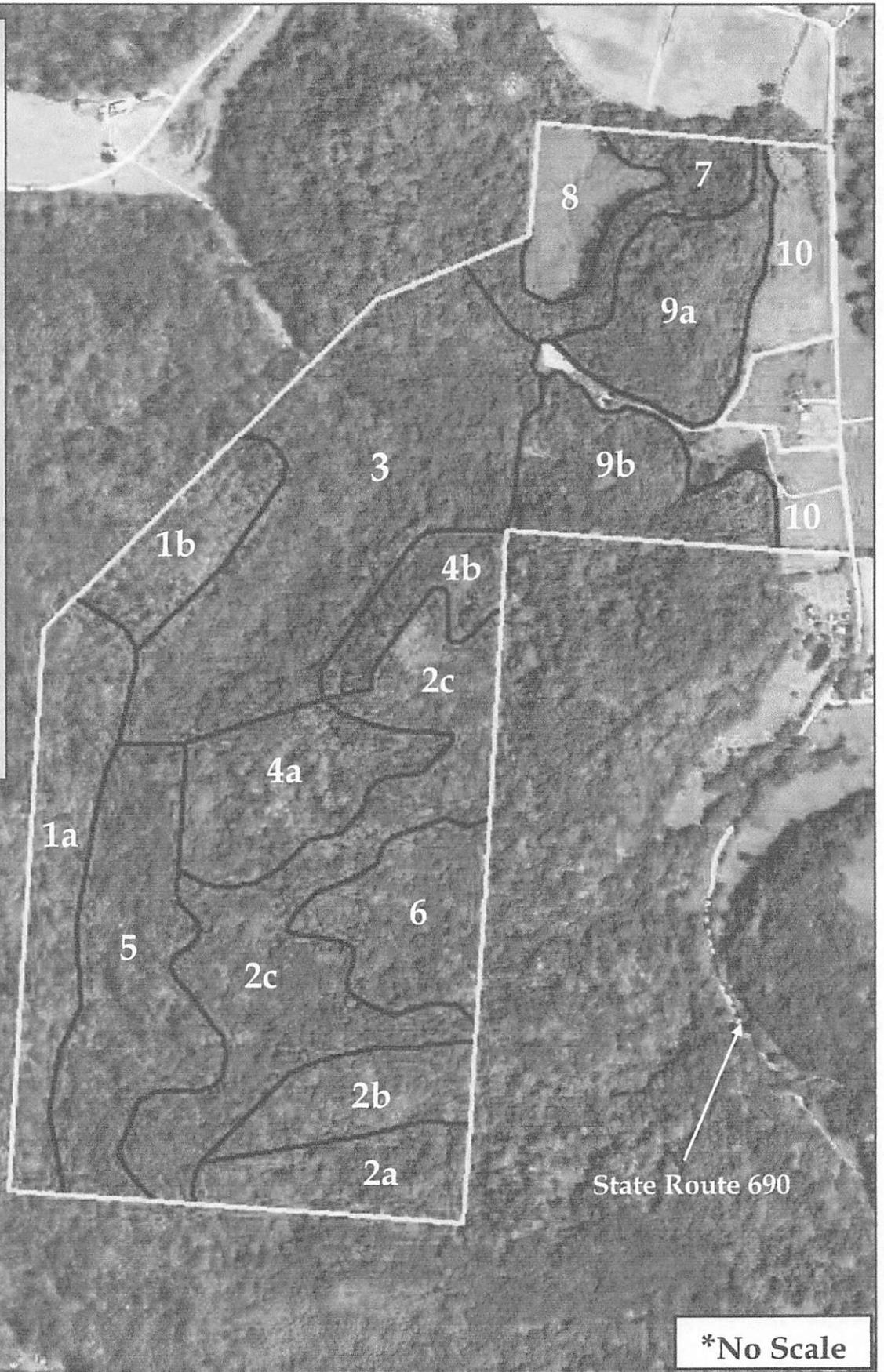
Stand 7: 10.3 ac

Stand 8: 8.2 ac

Stand 9a: 16.6 ac

Stand 9b: 16.1 ac

Stand 10: 17.1 ac



***No Scale**

Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2019 – 2029	Entire Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Plan a new network of forest roads that can be traversed with 4WD vehicles and your tractor. The old, washed-out skid roads may need to be entirely abandoned. Carefully plan trails to minimize stream crossings. When planning/constructing the trail system, use Ohio Bulletin 916 as a reference. Scout trails and flag them out before bringing any heavy equipment in.
2019	Part of 9b & 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.5	Complete 2015 EQIP contract by deadening ailanthus, privet and autumn-olive with herbicide and cutting grapevines throughout.
2020	Part of 2c, 4a & 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<5.0	Deaden isolated stems of ailanthus with basal bark applications of triclopyr ester herbicide. (Refer to ailanthus map).
2021	1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.3	Deaden all stems of ailanthus with basal bark applications of triclopyr ester herbicide. Cut grapevines growing in selected crop trees.
2022	2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.4	Deaden all stems of ailanthus with basal bark applications of triclopyr ester herbicide. Cut grapevines growing in selected crop trees.
2023	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	~37.0	Cut grapevines throughout the entire stand.
2024	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	~5.0	Deaden all stems of privet and autumn-olive along the boundary shared with Stand 9b.
2024 – 2025	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.1	Crop tree release and cull tree removal with the advice and assistance of the service forester.
2026	4a	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.7	Cull tree removal. Cut grapevines where they are growing on selected crop trees.
2027 – 2029	2 & 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	75.3	Midstory removal & understory cleaning to establish/develop competitive oak regeneration.
2029	9a	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.6	Cut grapevines throughout the entire stand. Deaden all stems of privet, autumn-olive & bush honeysuckle with herbicide.
2024 & 2029	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	276.2	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.

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.