



*Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

Owner(s) Harry Houska  
 Address 9677 Buckley Run Road  
Athens, OH 45701  
 Phone 859-512-6574 Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Athens Township/Village/City: Canaan  
 Location: Portion of the S 1/2 of Section 11, portion of section 10, portion of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of  
Section 4, W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 3, part of FR 12, Section 9, Canaan  
Township, Athens County, Ohio

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 486 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: 0  
 Total Property Acres 486 \* 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/OFTL  American Tree Farm Program  
 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  Other

Property coordinates (report in WGS 84, degrees, minutes, and seconds.)

Latitude: 39° 19' 50" N Longitude -81° 58' 22" W

**Landowner Objectives**

1. To improve woodland health and quality
2. To maintain and improve wildlife habitat
3. To improve the quality and quantity of timber on the property.
4. To manage for all the 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 product management and other compatible uses.

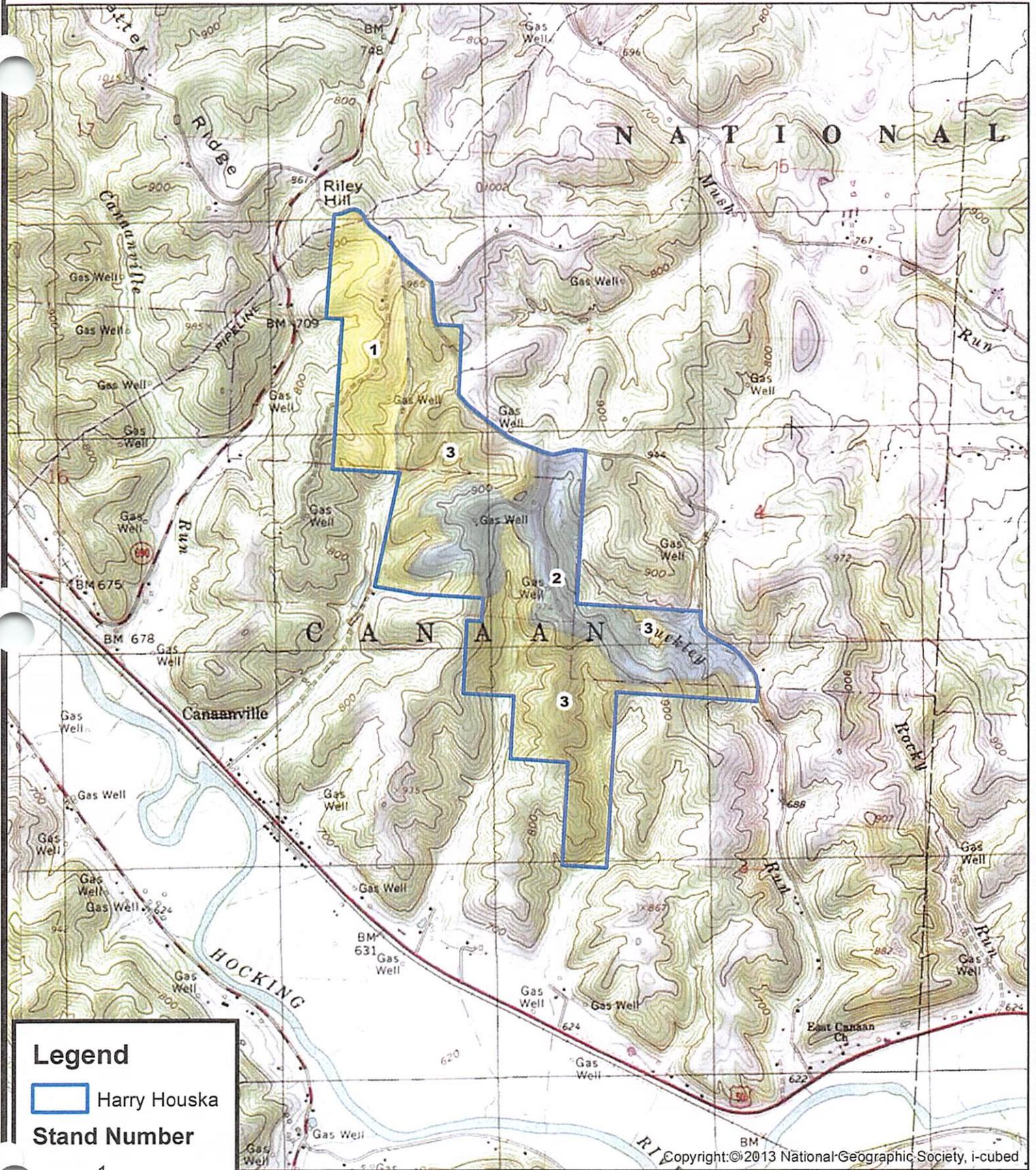
***General Woodland Description***

The first parcels of this property were purchased around 1988 and since then, the property has been expanded whenever the opportunity arises. This property has been intensively managed primarily for whitetail deer and secondarily for timber, continuously for around 30 years now. This property is sprawled across ridgetops for over a mile and is completely forested except for occasional openings for food plots.

Years ago this property was mined for clay and coal and there are still telltale signs of mining activity, including a railroad bed on the southwest side of the property.

# Harry Houska (Stand Map)

Date: 2/19/2018



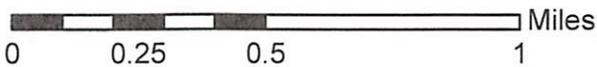
**Legend**

 Harry Houska

**Stand Number**

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- 2
- 3

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**Comments:** This stand wouldn't have to all be harvested at one time but it is all mature and ready to harvest. The challenge is that this whole stand is ready for harvest right now but from a wildlife standpoint it would be advantageous to harvest this in about six different sections. If each section was harvested 5 to 10 years apart there would always be young browse and good wildlife cover available. Done in this manner; by the time the last section was harvested, the first would be ready to cut again. This would provide variation of age classes for wildlife and periodic cash flow. The danger is that the older the timber gets the more likely it will blow down or die before it's harvested. Tree growth slows down dramatically over time. Typically when a tree gets above approximately 24 inches in diameter at breast height its growth slows down considerably. Therefore, in order to get maximum yield out of a piece of property timber needs to be harvested before it gets to that size.

<b><u>Management Activity Schedule</u></b>					
<b>Year(s) Suggested</b>	<b>Mgmt. Unit</b>	<b>Required Task?</b>	<b>EQIP Practice?</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2018-2023	1		X	90.22	Invasive Species Monitor/Control
2018-2028	2		X	136.39	Hinge cutting / crop tree release
2018-2028	3	X		259.95	Timber Harvest
2023, 2028	all			486	Maintain marking on property boundaries