

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

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This plan is valid for the period of 01-26-2026 to 01-26-2036

Plan status: New

Owner: Boone Road Enterprises, LLC.

Address: 9135 Gans Avenue NE, Canton, OH 44721

Phone: 330-224-7038

County: Athens

Parcel(s): E01-00100272-00 (74.35a)

Location: Willow Creek Road; Canaan Township, Athens County

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 73.29

Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage: 1.0

Total Property Acres: 74.29

This plan was written to qualify the landowner's woodland for the CAUV program.

Landowner Objectives:

1. **Ecology:** achieve a diverse, healthy, and natural ecosystem* for trees, plants, fungi, vertebrates & invertebrates
2. **Conduct Close-to-Nature Forestry**** with continuous canopy cover, complex structure, and natural regeneration.
3. **Perform small, frequent timber harvests** at the increment to support Nature-Based Forestry and produce income.
4. **Qualify for the CAUV property tax program.**

General Woodland Description & Management Approach:

This property is a second growth deciduous forest located in the hills of Canaan Township, Athens County, Ohio. The forest contains 3 stands of mixed hardwood timber. Much of the property was clear cut around the mid-1900s except for steep slopes where clear cutting is difficult. Light to moderate grape vines and autumn olive are present in patches. In previously clear-cut areas along ridge tops and gently sloping areas, stands tend to be younger with a higher diversity of tree and shrub species. Steeper slopes are more mature and have sawtimber trees which could be harvested now. Steeper slopes experienced high grade harvests in the 1960s or 70s.

The property slopes steeply north, east, and southwest from a hill in the south-central portion, and contains four intermittent stream channels. Multiple ephemeral channels are located throughout the property. Headwater streams contain gravel/cobble beds with a shallow bank and leaf pack. Flow within these features only occurs during precipitation events. All soils are considered non-hydric. The multiple ephemeral channels are not regulated features and there are no areas that met the criteria required to be considered a wetland. Unless more than a minimal amount of fill is proposed in the intermittent streams for timber harvesting or other agricultural activities, then no pre-coordination with the Army Corps or Ohio EPA for any onsite work is required.

Biodiversity is moderate with respect to tree species; however, coarse woody debris is limited. Forest structure is mostly even-aged, closed canopy with limited understory depending on stand age. Wildlife presence is healthy, but the forest has limited general biodiversity potential at this time due to the mature even-age forest structure and lack of woody debris.

***Key ecological features of a natural ecosystem** selected by the landowner include: Continuous but complex canopy cover, CWD (Coarse Woody Debris – downed logs and snags), healthy soil, old residual trees (especially with cavities), and adequate shrub cover. The goal is an overall structure moving toward old growth features.

****Key protocols for Close-to-Nature Forestry (CTNF)** include: **1. maximum biomass removals** per harvest should be 15%-20% of standing volume (for this property: roughly 4 trees > 18" dbh per acre); **2. frequent, gentle harvests** at the annual increment (this property's equivalent annual increment should be about 1 tree >18" dbh per acre per year and the implied harvest frequency would be 5 years); **3. maximum canopy gaps** created in any harvest should be less than 1.3 acres in size; **4. no use of chemicals**, **5. preferred culling method** is by girdling to create snags, and **6. all topplers should remain** to create CWD.

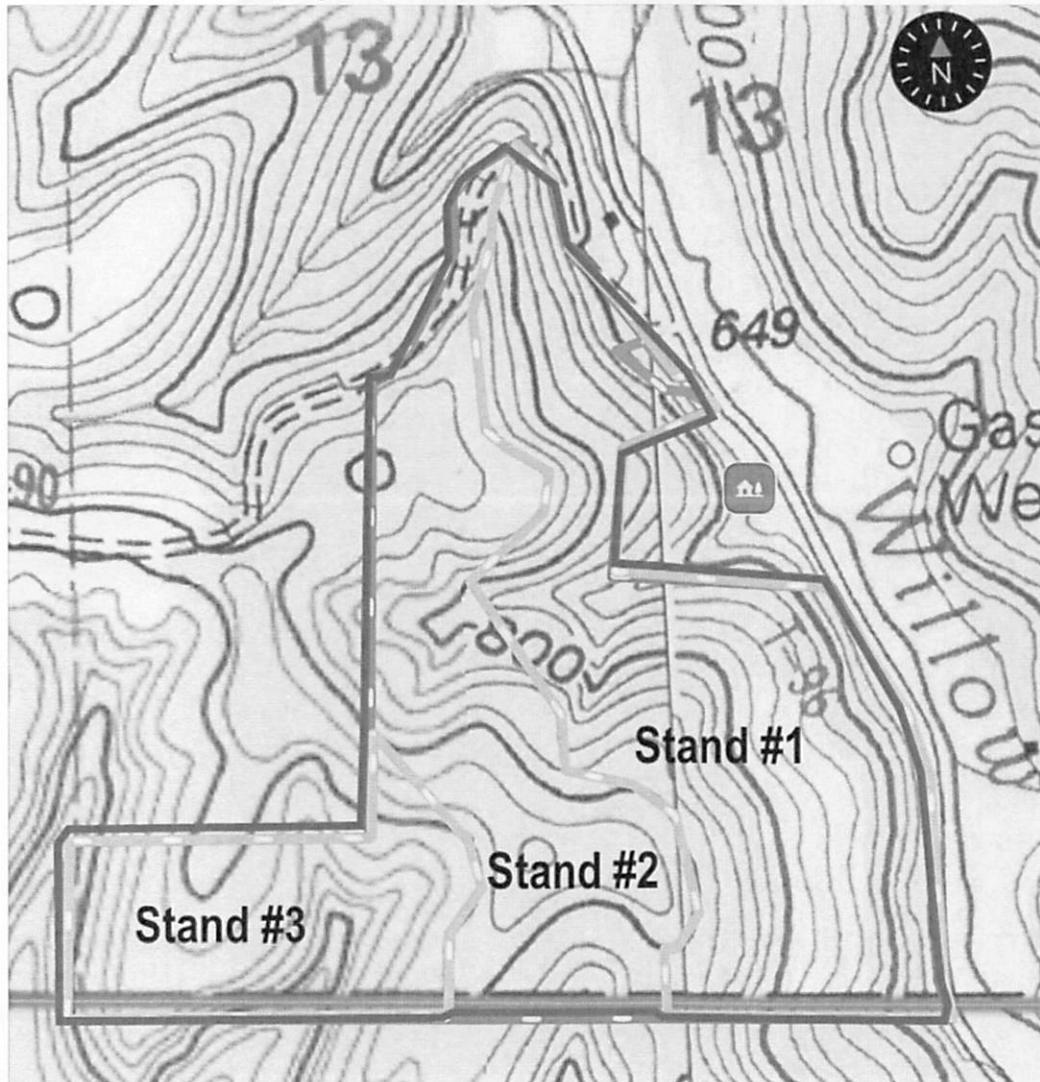
Map of Management Units – Topographic Map

Stand #1 = Mixed Mesophytic Mature (Sugar maple, yellow poplar, white oak, chestnut oak, black oak, hickory, yellow buckeye, red maple, black walnut, elm, black cherry)

Stand #2 = Mixed Mesophytic Younger Mature (Sugar maple, eastern redbud, hawthorn, black locust, white ash, yellow poplar, elm, white oak, sassafras)

Stand #3 = Young Mature Oak-Hickory (Scarlet oak, chestnut oak, white oak, black oak, sugar maple, hickory, red maple, bigtooth aspen, yellow poplar, yellow buckeye, red oak)

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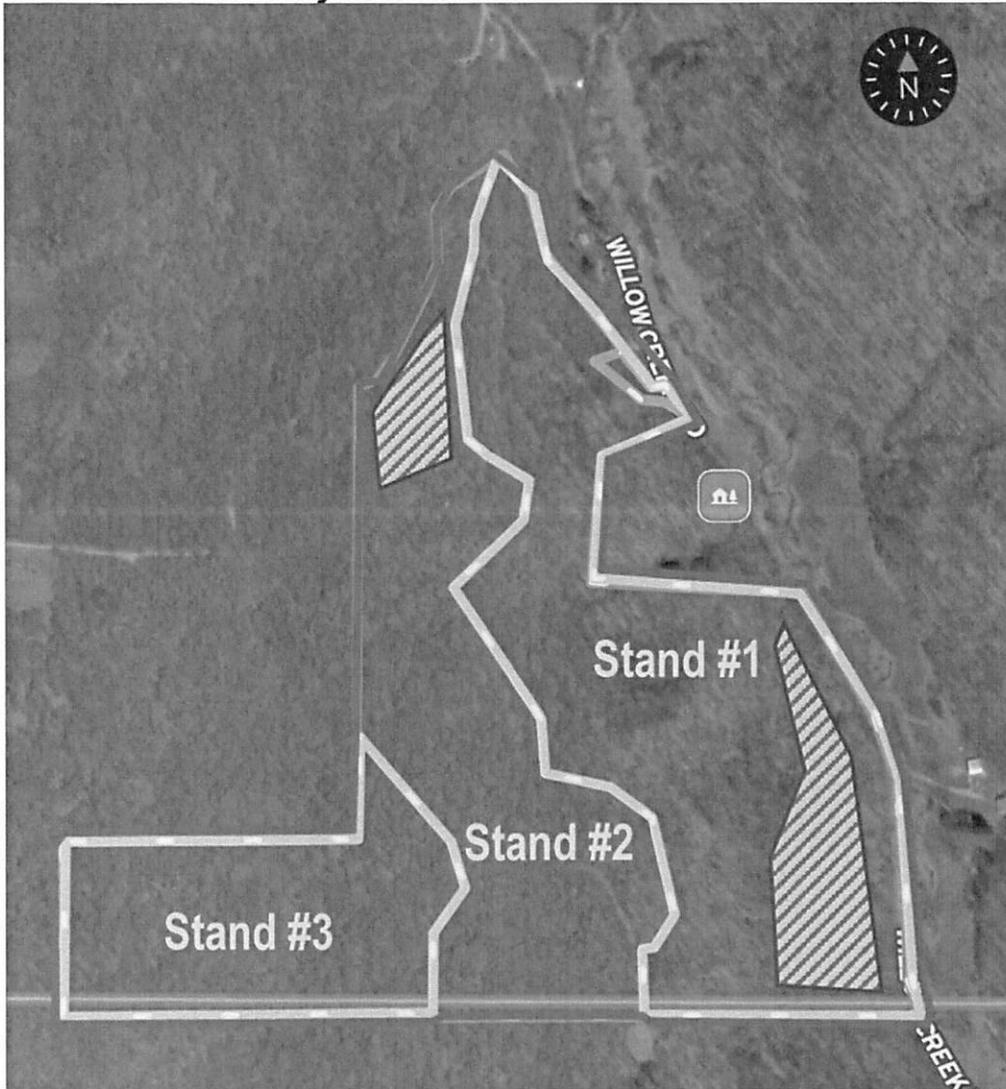
Map of Management Units – Aerial Map

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 = Grapevine & Autumn Olive Management

Management Activity Schedule

Years Suggested	Mgt Unit	Action Needed?	Acres	Recommendation
2026-2036	all	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	74	Check & mark purple boundary
2026-2034	all	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	74	Monitor growth (dbh: 40-60 trees)
2026-2036	all	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	74	CTNF harvest (every 5-8 years) with 2026 as 1 st harvest. ID & protect legacy trees.
2031-2036	1,3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	51	Grapevine control – no chemicals
2030-2036	all	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	74	Girdling and non-chemical management of cull trees and invasives by forester Ed Romano.

Soil Survey Map

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