

## ***Woodland Stewardship Management Plan***

Owners Rainsong Ridge Farms LLC  
Address 18W State Street STE 220  
Athens, OH 45701  
Phone 614-439-0035 Case Number 05-1429  
County Athens Township/Village/City: Canaan & Lodi Townships  
Location: Property Address: Pts of Sections 24 (Lodi Twp), Pts of Section 19 (Canaan Twp)  
Athens County, State of Ohio (See parcel # list in plan)  
Contact : Phillip Michael Smeltzer (Mike)  
Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 192.12 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: 1.0  
Total Property Acres 193.12 \* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are  
Made. 19

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

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

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

Latitude: N39.27874 Longitude W82.02294

### **Landowner Objectives**

1. Maintain and improve the productivity of the forest (big trees healthy forest).
2. Create interest and appreciation for many diverse forest values such as songbirds, wild flowers, native plants, mushrooms, nuts, insects, reptiles, amphibians and habitats.
3. Conserve soils from erosion and install and maintain practices that reduce erosion.
4. Leave the woodlands in a better condition for future generations.
5. Manage the property for all the attributes and opportunities that exist in a forest ecosystem including recreation (hunting, hiking, solitude, nature study, working outdoors) and other compatible conservation uses.
6. Develop and maintain favorable food and cover conditions for game and other wildlife.
7. To select and learn about tree species best suited to the soils and sites found upon the land.
8. To become and remain eligible for agricultural tax abatement programs (CAUV, OFTL).
9. Grow trees which will provide products for sale.
10. Implement cultural treatments especially upon the better woodland sites to shorten the time necessary to produce high quality timber.
11. To become or remain a certified tree farmer with the American Forest Foundation.
12. Maintain an awareness of historical, traditional farm activities upon the property where applicable including mineral management (gas & oil well production and mining).
13. Identify, protect and preserve unique features (natural, cultural, archeological & historic).
14. Maintain, develop and improve access corridors.
15. Identify, discourage & control invasive species.

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Elm Tree Stand #2

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**Owner's Information:**

Case Number: 05-1429

Principle Contact: Phillip Michael Smeltzer

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/6/2016

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**Preparer's Information:**

Prepared by: William J. Serbonich CF

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

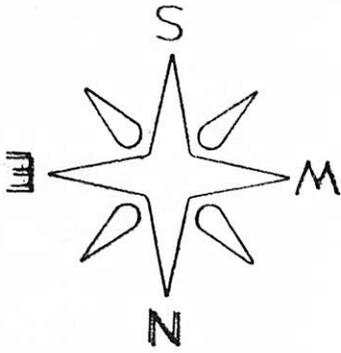
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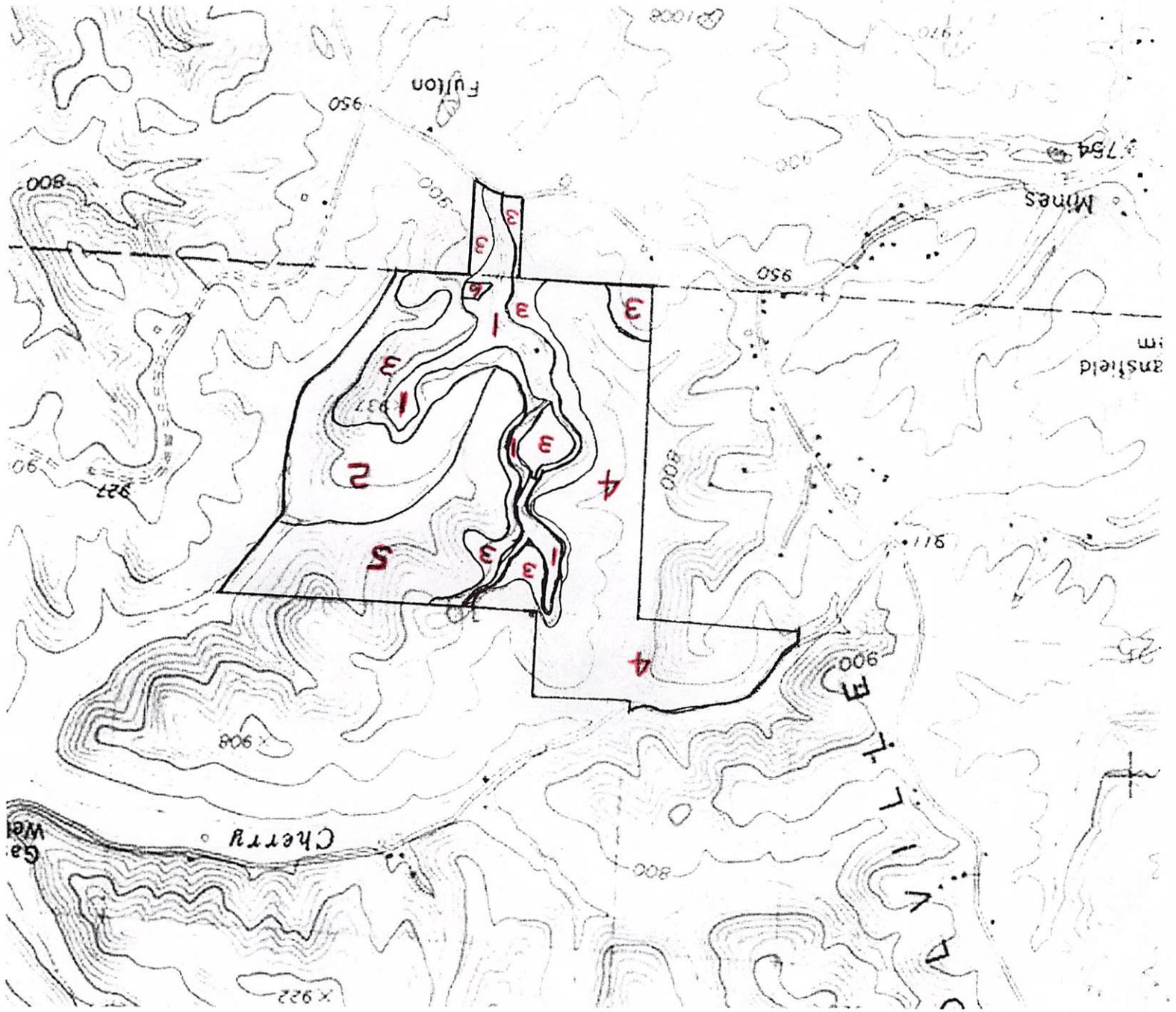
Albany, OH 45710

Date: 05/30/16

This plan is valid for the period beginning 06/01/16 and ending 06/01/31.  
Plan Status: Renew of 2001 Mgt. Plan with updates.  
Property recon/data/ basal area inventory collection.



3 - Stand  
 ——— Property Boundary



### Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Units	Required Task?	EQIP Practice?	Acres	Recommendations
2017-2020	All	Yes	No	All	Mark & maintain boundary lines with paint (repeat every 7 years)
Ongoing	2,4,5	Yes	Possible?	136	Touchup previous grapevine control (priority east and north facing stands & cove areas)
Ongoing	3	Yes	Yes	37	Grapevine control (heavy)
Ongoing	3	Yes	Yes	37	Shrubby invasive control (heavy)
Ongoing	All	No	No	All	Maintain, establish & improve access
Ongoing	2,4,5	Yes	Yes	136	Spot treat shrubby invasives preferably prior to a timber harvest
Ongoing	1	Yes	No	19	Keep maintained & preserve all mgt. options by mowing open areas after July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Ongoing	1	Yes	Yes	19	Identify and spot treat invasives
2018-2021	2,4,5	No	No	136	Consider & evaluate for an intermediate timber harvest and/or openings (have a qualified forester assist) Sale #1 (Stands 2 & 5) Sale #2 (Stand 4)
Ongoing	Whole Property	Yes	No		Next Site Visit – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, and no more than ten years, based upon the date of the last actual woodland evaluation conducted by your forester
2031	All	Yes	Possible?		With methodical efforts to work upon recommended practices and a harvest in the next 15 years, a new Woodland Stew Plan can be designed in 15 years and this current plan can be considered a 15 year plan.

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.

ADDENDUMS



Stand 4 Boundary Tree