

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

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County	Athens	Township/Village/City	Carthage Township
Parcel(s)	F010010043100, F010010043101		
Location	Property located at address listed above		
Woodland Stewardship Acreage:	23.33	Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*:	-
Total Property Acres (According to Auditor's Site)	31.72	* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made.	
This plan was written to qualify the landowner's woodland for the programs checked below:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Forest Tax Law		<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Farm Program	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAUV	

Landowner Objectives

1. Improve and maintain timber productivity in the forest, through active forest management
2. Improve and maintain quality wildlife habitat for game and non-game wildlife species
3. Improve and maintain forestland for recreation and aesthetic enjoyment
4. Improve forest health – removing non-native species and promoting native plants

General Woodland Description

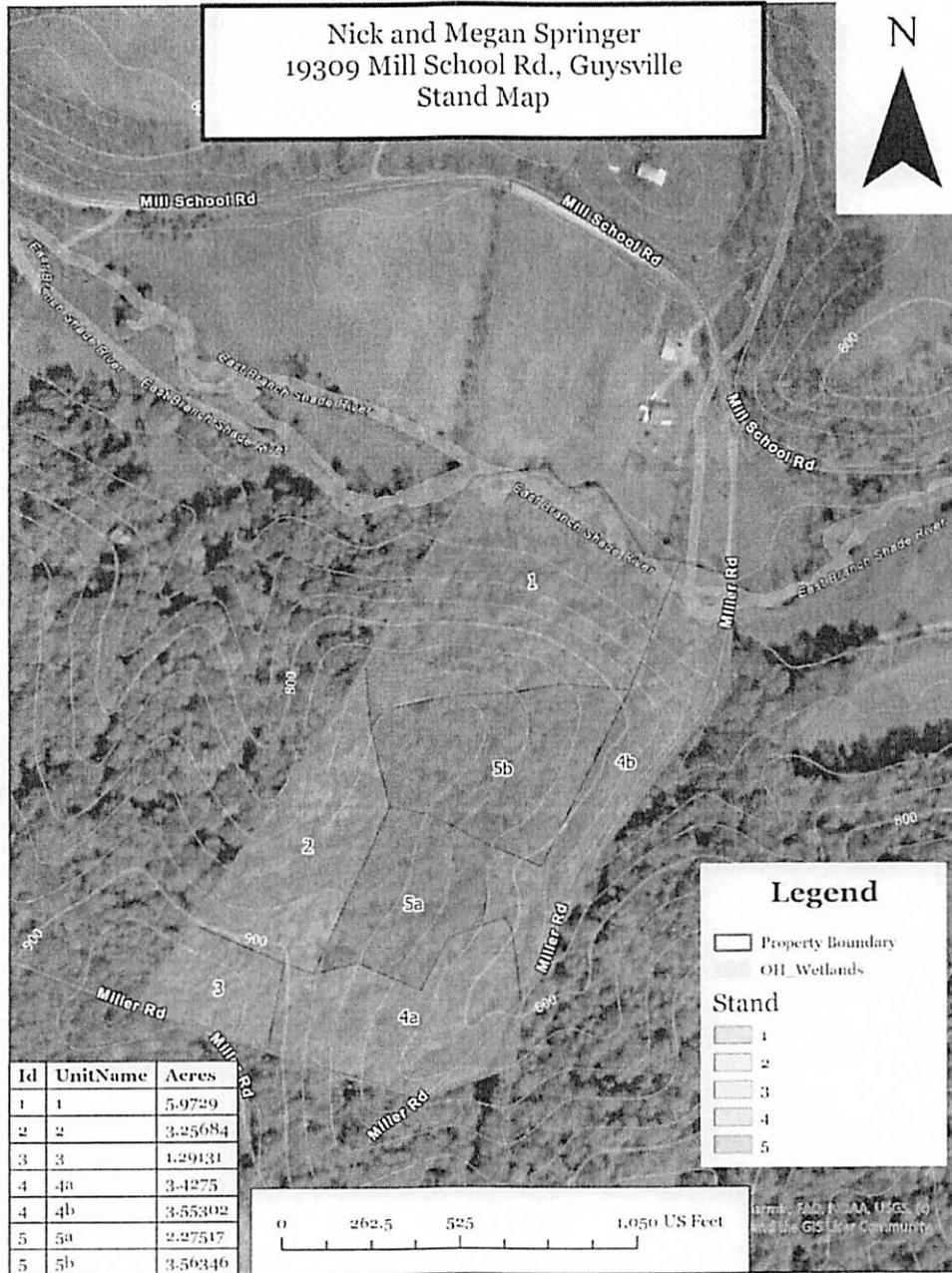
This property was purchased by Nick and Megan Springer in 2024, from the neighbor to the West of their home. The parcel was mostly-forested except for the field West of their home-site. The 23+ acres of forest lies on the hill to the South of their home and includes a diverse mix of tree species. The forest is located on silt-loam soils that are productive for growing timber. The forest is located along the East Branch of the Shade River Watershed. Elevation of the forest ranges from 730 to 920 feet above sea level. The forest includes stands that have been in forest cover for at least the past century, as well as stands that were cleared and used for agriculture up until the 1980s. One small portion was planted into pine after the fields were abandoned, but the rest of the pasture was left to naturally revert. This "successional" forest is dominated by shade-intolerant, pioneering species that grew quickly into the abandoned pasture and created a forest canopy. Ash was a major component of the successional stands, and has died from the stand within the past 10-15 years due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Non-native, invasive species (NNIS) have been invading the forest since the fields were left to revert to forest cover, and they are more prevalent in areas where ash mortality created canopy gaps. The composition of these stands today is transitioning from early to mid-seral stages, where shade-tolerant plants are replacing early-successional plants in the forest understory. These successional stands are dominated by commercial timber species including black walnut, yellow poplar, black cherry, etc. The stands that are historically-forested are dominated by oak species, yellow poplar, and sugar maple. Management recommendations in this plan will focus on improving the intermediate and mature stands to prepare them for the next timber harvest opportunity, which is still 10-20 years from being recommended.

Inventory Method: On-site property review



Woodland Stand Map

Landowner	Nicholas & Megan Springer	Date	5/21/2025
<p><i>Map should be used as a reference for management only – not for legal or survey purposes. Property lines are approximate.</i></p>			



Parcel data sourced from OGRIP data downloads, or county auditor data. Actual property lines may not be exactly where line indicates. Licensed surveyors should be hired to confirm and mark property corners and lines.



Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2025	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23.3	Mark property boundary (along forest) with oil-based paint and/or no-trespassing signs. Marks should be easily visible from one to the next, and no longer than 100 feet apart.
2026-2027	4a	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.4	Cut grapevines impacting quality overstory trees. Cut vines once at eye level and once at ground level.
2028-2029	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.0	Cut grapevines growing within overstory trees of good timber quality. Retain a few vines per acre if they are only impacting very low-quality timber trees, or species of no commercial importance.
2030	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23.3	Re-mark property boundary (along forest) with oil-based paint and/or no-trespassing signs. Marks should be easily visible from one to the next, and no longer than 100 feet apart.
2031	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3	Establish access from Miller Rd. into property through stand 3
2031	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3	Remove shade-tolerant midstory by felling and/or herbicide. Target beech, maple and pawpaw saplings 1-6" dbh.
2031-2032	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3	Control Japanese stiltgrass growing along new access trail
2032	5a	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3	Cut grapevines impacting quality overstory trees. Cut vines once at eye level and once at ground level.
2032	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3	Remove "cull" trees from the stand by double-girdling or girdling and applying herbicide to the cut. Aim to remove 20-30 sqft of basal area/ac.
2033-2034	5a	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3	Control NNIS in the understory with herbicide to prevent re-sprouting.
2034+	5b	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.6	Begin control of NNIS with herbicide to prevent re-sprouting.
2035	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23.3	Contact forester for a management plan update. Re-mark property lines to CAUV specifications.

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.

