

In time good forest management can restore all areas to a high level of production. Keep in mind that some areas within stands may differ in productivity due to factors such as soil type, aspect, position on slope, depth to bedrock, etc.

All stands can be very productive considering the soil types, tree site indices and relatively high growth rates. These stands have the capacity to rapidly replenish the site with a desirable number of trees for the next main stand of timber. Following the prepared Forest & Wildlife Management Plan will help the natural processes establish the next main crop of trees.

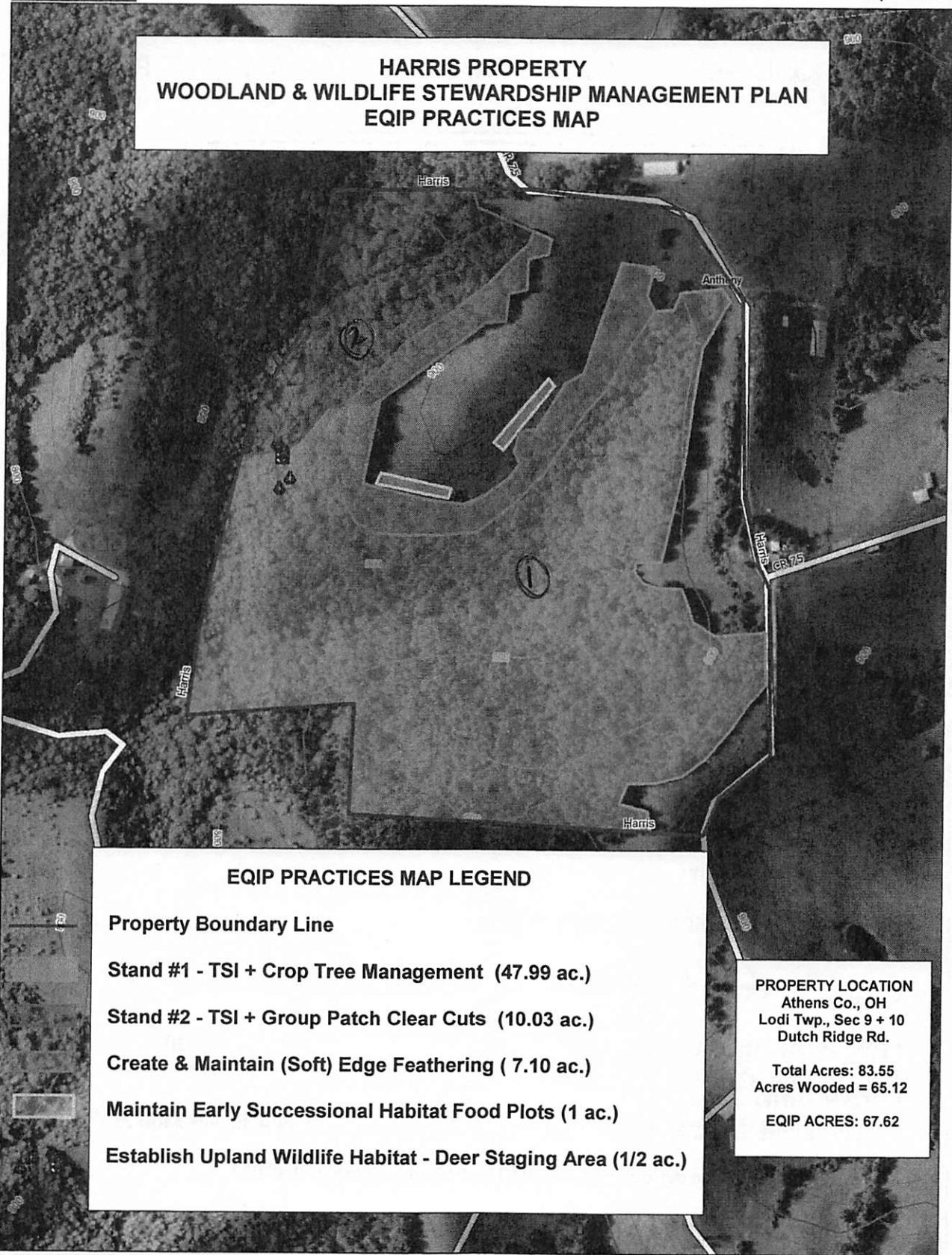
About Forest Stands

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A forest stand is a community of trees growing together. The trees are sufficiently uniform in spacing, condition, age arrangement and/or forest cover type to be distinguished from neighboring forest stands. Also, the conditions of the site are relatively uniform, including soil properties, water drainage, slope, exposure to weather, and productivity. Stands can be any size or shape, but they must be contiguous.

- *Please refer to Forest & Wildlife Management Plan Addendums for – technical handouts, worksheets and job sheets for more information pertaining to specific forest and wildlife management practices to be implemented on your property. Many will be attached as documents (.pdf).*
 - *See enclosed Woodland Stewardship & Forest Management Plan Folder for – Stand Location Map and EQIP Practices Map.*
 - *Please refer to “Harris Property Forest & Wildlife Management Plan Notes” for additional comments, suggestions and recommendations about food plots and other wildlife enhancement techniques.*
- ✓ Have forester re-inspect woodlands every five years to determine if any action is needed.

HARRIS PROPERTY WOODLAND & WILDLIFE STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN EQIP PRACTICES MAP

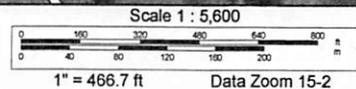


- EQIP PRACTICES MAP LEGEND**
- Property Boundary Line
 - Stand #1 - TSI + Crop Tree Management (47.99 ac.)
 - Stand #2 - TSI + Group Patch Clear Cuts (10.03 ac.)
 - Create & Maintain (Soft) Edge Feathering (7.10 ac.)
 - Maintain Early Successional Habitat Food Plots (1 ac.)
 - Establish Upland Wildlife Habitat - Deer Staging Area (1/2 ac.)

PROPERTY LOCATION
Athens Co., OH
Lodi Twp., Sec 9 + 10
Dutch Ridge Rd.

Total Acres: 83.55
Acres Wooded = 65.12

EQIP ACRES: 67.62



HARRIS PROPERTY
WOODLAND & WILDLIFE STWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN



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Plan Status: *New*

Harris Property - Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

<u>Management Activity Schedule</u>				
Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2014-2016	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	53.12	<i>Timber Stand Improvement - Light Grapevine Control needed</i>
2014-2018	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	53.12	<i>Timber Stand Improvement - Crop Tree Management – Individual Crop Tree Release</i>
2013-2016	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.13	<i>Upland Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Create Edge Feathering</i>
2013-2017	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11.99	<i>Timber Stand Improvement – Light Grapevine Control</i>
2013-2016	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11.99	<i>Timber Harvest – Perform Group/Patch Smaller Clear Cuts ¼ - 2 acres in size</i>
2013-2014	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11.99	<i>Cull Tree Removal – Timber Stand Improvement –</i>
2013-2018	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.96	<i>Upland Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Create Edge Feathering</i>
2014-2018	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	½	<i>Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Create Upland Food Plot</i>
2013-2018	Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.0	<i>Upland Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Strip Disking</i>
2013-2014	All Stands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	83.55	<i>Property Boundary Lines Marking - <u>Must be completed first!</u></i>
2018 2023	All Stands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Next Site Visit – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, and plan updates required once every ten years.

* Please refer to EQIP Potential Map

**Refer to technical handouts enclosed in Forest Management Plan Folder Addendum's

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Management Recommendations

WILDLIFE FIELDS & FOOD PLOTS 1.5 Acres

Management Tasks/Year

Wildlife Habitat Management Recommendations: "Wildlife Fields & Food Plots" - 1.5 Acres	Required Task	Task Year
Improve Wildlife Habitat - create/maintain upland wildlife habitat**	<input type="checkbox"/>	2013-2016
Have Forester Re-inspect Woodlands - every 5 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018
Have Forester Re-inspect Woodlands - every 5 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023

Wildlife Management Plan Comments:

The fields are used by white tailed deer mostly during the night time feeding hours.

This area is obviously frequently and heavily used by the local deer mostly during the night time feeding hours. This shows patterned used of deer movement and can be used to help enhance hunting opportunities. Especially when considering prevailing wind patterns and tree stand placement, locations and hunter access, as not to alert the deer when entering near these areas.

By following the recommendations for the group patch clear cuts placement and design under the forest management plan recommendations for Stand #2 and by continuing to enhance wildlife feeding opportunities, this area should play a significant role in helping establish year round deer patterns leading to increased knowledge of deer habitat use and ultimately more deer hunting opportunities.

Follow the guidelines in the included publication "Strip Disking" found in the Addendum's section for the food plots located in the field edges.

Create and maintain small ½ acre (see map) upland food plots to be used as staging areas for deer before entering main food plots and fields.

**Refer to provided Harris Property Forest & Wildlife Management Plan – Notes, as well as additional wildlife publications relating to improving wildlife habitat. (Addendum's as email attachments)