



# *Serby's Forestry Services*

## *Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

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Stand 2

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**Owner's Information:**

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Signed:

Date: 5/4/24

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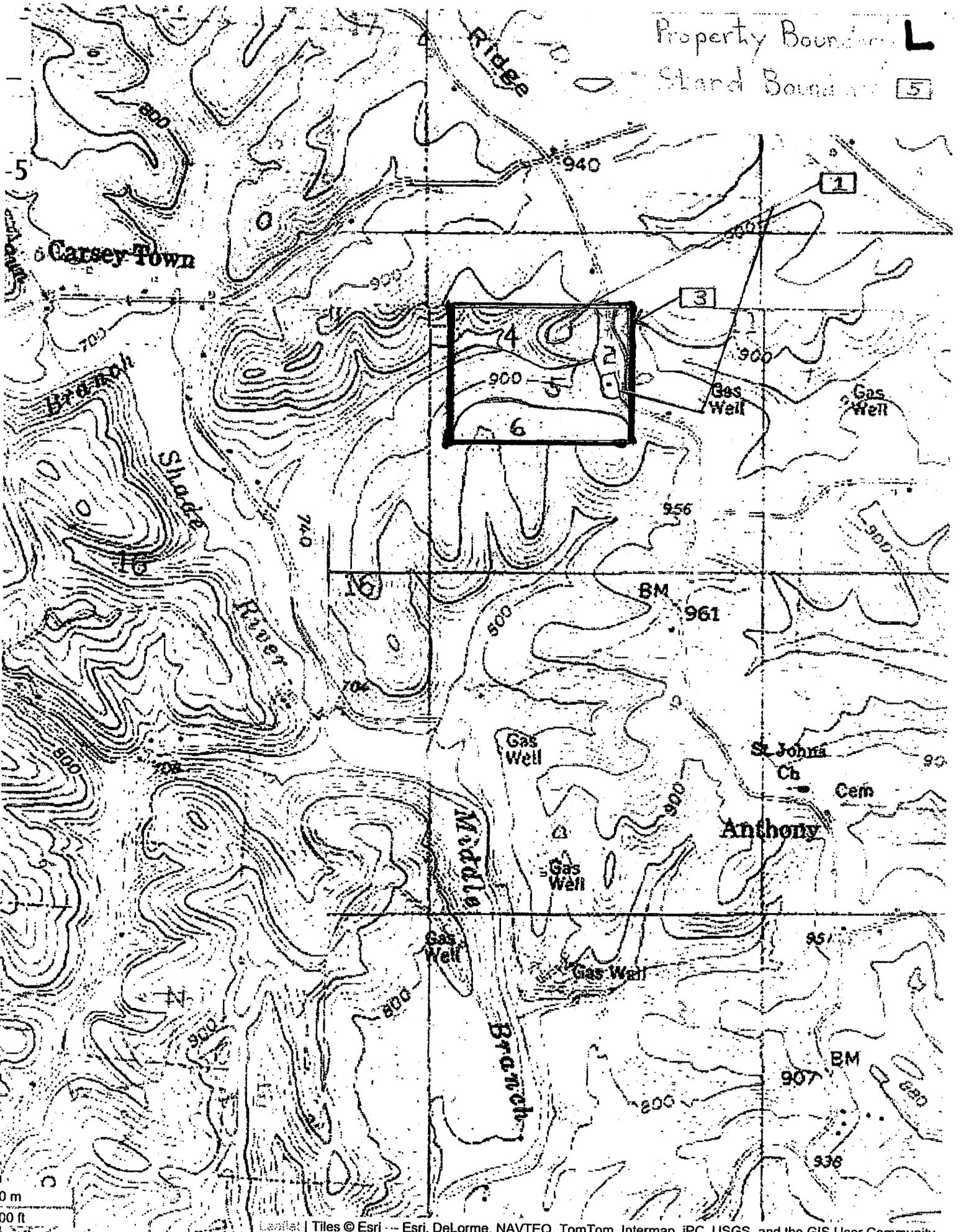
Date: 5/4/24

This plan is valid for the period beginning 05/01/24 and ending 05/01/39.

Plan Status: New

Property recon/data/ basal area inventory

Property Boundary **L**  
Stand Boundary **5**



## *General Woodland Description*

This attractive property contains impressive woodland and a dynamic mix of various stages of ecological succession ranging from open areas to maturing woodland. The majority of the property is medium to well-stocked forest and medium/small sawlog/large pole size class. Access within the property is good utilizing a network of corridors and existing access points. Drainage crossings will always need special attention for management needs. Frontage along Dutch Ridge Road (CR 75) creates ample opportunities for access. Growing sites are medium to high with site indices for red oak ranging from 62 to 81 indicating excellent management potentials. Professional foresters have been involved in recommendations for management since at least 2003. At one time, the land was a working hill farm typical of the region. Species mix of trees is excellent and consists of native hardwoods. Deer and other wildlife abound. Typical of the region, this property was likely adversely impacted by commercial high-grade logging and agricultural activities in the past. Recovery of the woodland resources has been very positive and ongoing due to cultural enhancements and a wonderful tree planting along CR 75. Some locations are struggling with species mix from past history, poorer quality trees and undesirable invasive species. Forest stands are developing with outstanding potentials and are starting to show what the land is capable of producing if trees are brought under proper stewardship. It is striking how the forest conditions are improving across the landscape in response to very worthy efforts of management. Some commendable work has occurred in the recent past regarding interfering vegetation control, debris cleanup, access improvements, tree planting, intensively maintained areas, utilities, crop tree release, ash tree harvest and general stewardship of the property. A very nice interior forest condition currently exists on the property in Stand 4. Stand 2 adds a great diversity component of ecologically important open and early successional conditions to the mix. Topography is typical of the region with all aspects represented on the property including some rugged scenic areas. The interior understory is rich with native herbs and plants; however, invasive species typical of the region are filtering into the mix. Riparian drainage areas have an important water quality component that can complement goals and objectives and could prove to be quite unique, valuable and important wildlife habitat as well as productive sites for trees. The property is rich with riparian corridors and drainages. Geological features include interesting rock outcroppings and strata exposures in the drainages. Boundary lines are marked with paint and flagging and will occasionally need some work to keep maintained. Woodland conditions are such that improvement projects would continue to make first-rate, value-added opportunities. The potentials to grow quality woodland and meet goals and objectives are very favorable. Merchantable timber is doing well and can impart opportunities for management that could also yield income. A timber harvest on the property occurred in April, 2015 removing ash, some coarse dominant, poorer-quality trees and thinning accomplishing ash salvage and crop tree release. The harvest removed 41,288 board feet Doyle of sawlogs and 165.56 tons of pulpwood. Evidence of past land use can be found testifying to the rich and long-term agricultural and cultural history of the region.



Stand 4 boundary area

### Management Activity Schedule

<b>Year(s) Suggested</b>	<b>Stand</b>	<b>Required Task?</b>	<b>EQIP Practice?</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2024-2029- 2036	All	Yes	No	All	Mark and maintain boundary lines with paint (repeat every 5 to 7 years)
Ongoing	1,3,4,5,6	Yes	Yes	38	Grapevine control
Ongoing	1	Yes	No	2	Implement Firewise concepts
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	All	Maintain and improve access
Ongoing	All	Yes	Yes	40	Invasive species control
Ongoing	All	Yes	No	All	Monitor the forest for conditions that raise questions or concerns seek assistance from qualified professionals
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
2039	All	Yes	Possible?		With methodical efforts to work upon recommended practices 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. This property has a commendable history of completed practices and accomplishment. Currently your land is in a maintenance and forest growth stage with the forest developing favorably towards improving your goals and objectives. Some recommendations can seem daunting such as interfering vegetation control; however, avenues of assistance can be explored that might allow some excellent work to be accomplished.

## ***Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations***

### **Stand # 6 – 8.8 Acres**

**Dominant Species:** ELM, BC, SHRUBBY INVASIVES, BL, PAW, SPICE, HACK, HM, WO, BO, RO

**Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation:** Transitional Hardwoods

**Stand Diameter or Size Class:** small sawtimber/large pole/pole

**Stocking Level:** Medium **Basal Area:** 70 ft<sup>2</sup>/acre

**Stand History:** agricultural impacts from past activities, old field reversion, boundary area, hiking and access trails, ash salvage harvest 2015, hunting

**Topography:** upper to mid-south facing slope, coves

**Present conditions for you to consider:** good access, high site index, good area to manage for long-term goals and objectives, grapevine, wildlife habitat, shrubby invasives, crop tree release, cost share opportunity, ailanthus patch, pipeline, hunting, boundary line.

<b>Management Recommendations:</b>	<b>Management Tasks/Year</b>	
	<b>Required</b>	<b>Year</b>
Grapevine control	Yes	Ongoing
Maintain and improve access	No	Ongoing
Shrubby invasive control	Yes	Ongoing
Mark boundary lines with paint	Yes	2024 and 2029 and 2036
Crop tree release/thinning	Yes	Ongoing

**If a timber harvest is recommended, silvicultural method to be used:** NA

**Comments:** Stand 6 received ash tree salvage in 2015. Overall the stand is similar to Stand 5 except it encompasses more boundary line and faces south. A high site index exists here. Explore EQIP cost share opportunities regarding woodland improvement practices. Ongoing grapevine and invasive species control has merit. Long term, this stand can yield valuable goal enhancements and has great potential not only for woodland attributes but also wildlife habitat. Access is good and should be maintained. Greatest immediate concern is shrubby invasives that should be considered for control. A high priority here would also be to mark the boundary lines with paint. Opportunity to meet management goals is high, and Stand 6 should not be underestimated in its ability to be productive. Start first with marking the boundary and then definitive identification of invasive species targeting them for eradication. Edges are gnarly as in Stand 5 and present a difficult challenge regarding improvement projects. It is concerning that a patch of invasive and highly undesirable ailanthus trees is trying to establish here. Some nice opportunities exist to create some small openings in a few areas that were heavily logged with the ash salvage. Spot treating interfering vegetation before it gets firmly established would have merit. Maintaining access corridors and hiking trails is always a good practice upon the entire property. Some damaged and undesirable smaller trees can be felled to accomplish some thinning and release work as a follow-up to the 2015 harvest.