

## *Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

Owners David and Becky Jones  
Address 531 Twin Bridge Road  
Little Hocking, OH 45742  
Phone 304-482-9008 Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
County Athens/Washington Township/Village/City: Troy/Decatur Townships  
Location: Property Address: Pts of Section 6 (Troy Twp) and Pts Section 1 (Decatur Twp)  
Athens/Washington County, State of OH (2 parcels In Washington CO & 2 splits)  
Contact : David Jones

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 52.9 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: 1.6

Total Property Acres 54.5 \* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made. 0.6

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

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

Property coordinates (report in WGS 84, decimal degrees) (Drive along Twin Bridge RD)

Latitude: N39.27130 Longitude W81.73983

### Landowner Objectives

1. Maintain and improve the productivity of the 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 (hiking, hunting, nature study, working outdoors), forest protection, timber products management 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).
9. Grow trees which will provide products for sale.
10. Implement cultural treatments especially on the better woodland sites to shorten the time necessary to produce high-quality timber.
11. Identify, protect and preserve unique features (natural, cultural, archeological and historic).
12. Maintain, develop and improve access corridors.
13. Identify, discourage and control invasive species.
14. To explore and maintain eligibility for cost share programs.
15. To consider the feasibility of a small scale livestock operation on a portion of the property.
16. To plan for transition to heirs and the future disposition of the land with estate planning.

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Harrison County Auditor



Riparian Area Stand 2

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### Owner's Information:

Principle Contact: David Jones

Signed: David W. Jones

Date: 3/12/17

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### Preparer's Information:

Prepared by: William J. Serbonich CF

Signature: William J. Serbonich



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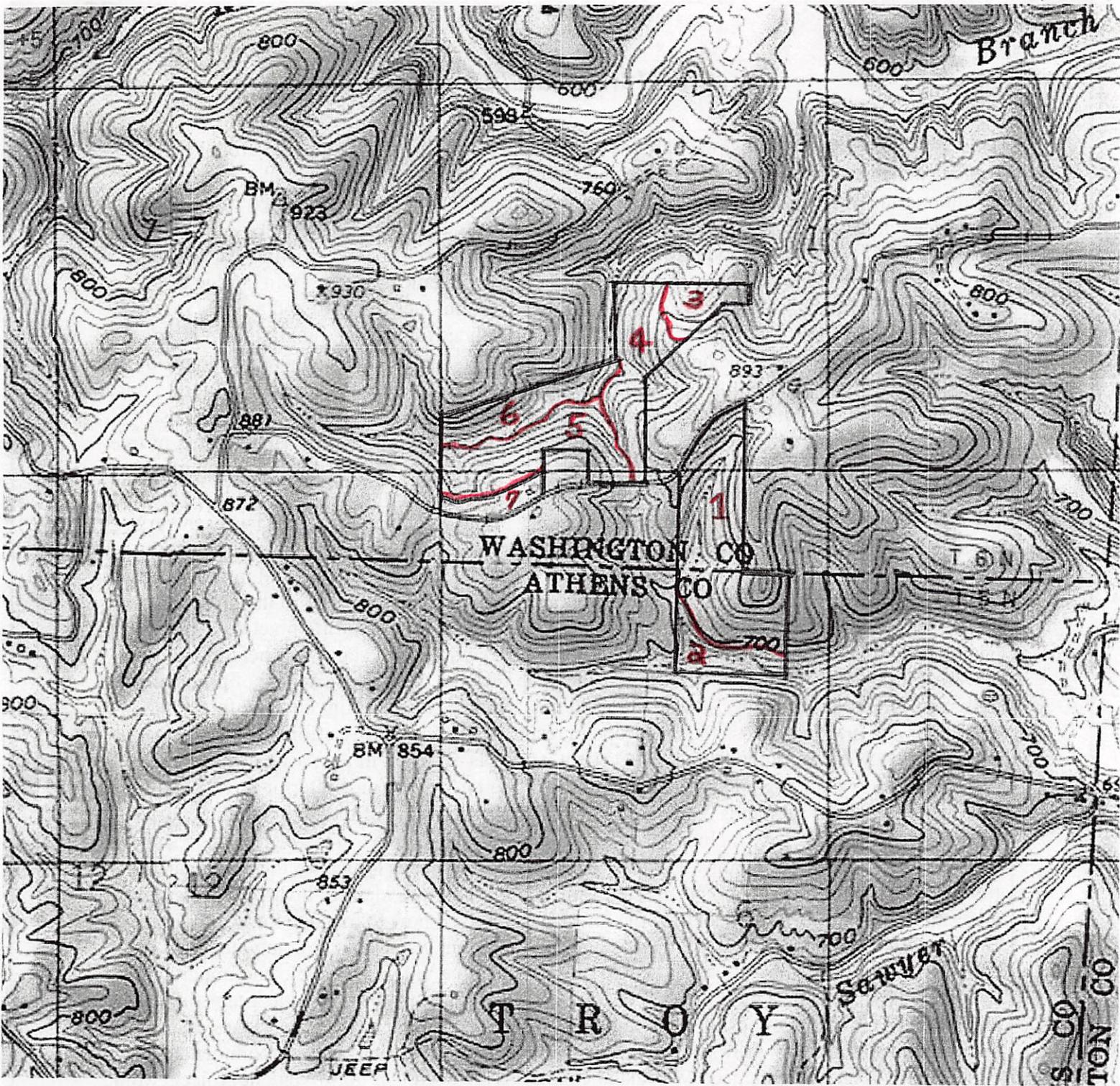
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Date: 03/15/17

This plan is valid for the period beginning 04/01/18 and ending 04/01/33.

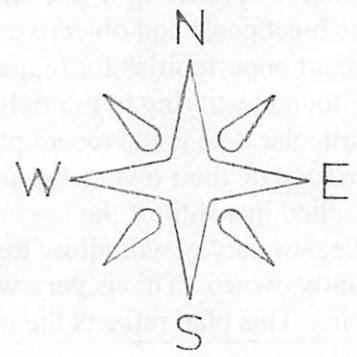
Plan Status: New

Property recon/data/ basal area inventory.



└ Property Boundary

~ Stand Boundary



## *General Woodland Description*

This attractive property contains impressive woodland potentials and a dynamic mix of various ecological habitats ranging from riparian corridors along drainages to mixed upland forest conditions and maturing woodland. The majority of the woodland is fully stocked forest and small/medium/sawlog/large pole size class with a few scattered coarse dominants. Access to the various stands is generally good utilizing a network of trail corridors and existing access points. Any drainage crossings will need special attention for management needs. Twin Bridge Road provides ample frontage. Access can always be improved in interior woodland areas. Growing sites are predominately medium to excellent with site indices for red oak ranging from 80 to 65. Professional foresters have been involved in recommendations for management for about fifteen years. The land continues as woodland, land owner residence and historic hill farm typical of the region and exhibits nice stewardship. Woodlands were no doubt impacted from a past history of livestock production, agriculture, logging and mineral production. Species mix of trees is excellent and consists of native pine and hardwoods. Deer and other wildlife abound. Past history has not been kind to the region and adverse and heavy commercial high grade logging and poor agricultural activities were common. Recovery of the woodland resources has been very positive and ongoing with most areas responding impressively while others are still struggling with depleted sites from past history and poorer quality trees. The forest recovery and improvement on this property is a credit to the current landowners and hard work conducted on the property. Some excellent work has been accomplished with some firewood cutting, wildlife practices, fruit tree plantings, boundary line establishment and improved access. Forest stands are beginning to emerge with outstanding potentials and starting to show what the land is capable of producing if trees are brought under proper stewardship and management. It is striking how the forest conditions can improve across the landscape in response to very worthy efforts of management intervention. Some commendable and excellent work has occurred in the past fifteen years regarding legacy planning and stewardship of the property. A very nice interior forest condition is currently developing in Stands 2, 3, 4 and 5. Topography is typical of the region with all aspects represented on the property including some scenic more rugged areas. The interior understory is rich with native herbs and plants. However, invasive species, as is typical of the region, are filtering into the mix with various degrees of infestation. Learn to identify invasive species and undesirable vegetation components of the forest structure and how to manage for healthy forest conditions. Bottomland and riparian 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. Geological features include interesting rock outcroppings and strata exposures can be found. Boundary lines are in various stages of demarcation and need some work in some areas but recent survey work is very commendable and corners have been monumented. 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 emerging and can impart opportunities for management that could also yield income. Evidence of past land use can be found testifying to the rich and long term agricultural and cultural history of the region. Of particular note is the recent planning the landowners have conducted including survey work to consolidate their ownership in cooperation with the previous co-owner of the property. This has resulted in a split of the larger jointly owned ownership in both Athens and Washington Counties. The new survey will allow for the property to go to each respective landowner and no longer be jointly owned. This is very wise and commendable planning for the future of the property and its heirs. This plan reflects the new ownership and property configuration.

### Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Units	Required Task?	EQIP Practice?	Acres	Recommendations
2017-2022- 2029	All	Yes	No	All	Mark and maintain boundary lines with paint (repeat every 5 to 7 years)
Ongoing	All	Yes	Possible?	All	Light grapevine control
Ongoing	All	No	No	All	Maintain and improve access
Ongoing	All	Yes	Possible?	All	Identify invasives and control
Ongoing	1,3,4,5	No	Possible?	45.3	Light improvement cutting
Ongoing	1,2,3,4,5,6	No	Possible?	53.2	Evaluate coarse dominants for treatment options (get tech help)
Ongoing	1,4,5,7	No	No	All	Litter cleanup along road frontage
2027-2033	1,3,4,5	No	No	45.3	Consider and evaluate for an intermediate timber harvest (have a qualified forester assist)
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
2033	All	Yes	Possible?		With methodical efforts to work upon recommended practices and a possible harvest within the next 15 years, a new Woodland Stewardship 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 stewardship, accomplishment and productive agriculture.

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

**Stand #7 – 1.8 Acres**

**Dominant Species:** Landscaping, ornamentals, intensively maintained home site

**Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation:** Landscaping and home site

**Stand Diameter or Size Class:** NA

**Stocking Level:** NA **Basal Area:** NA

**Stand History:** Agricultural, access, forest conversion, roadside frontage, boundary lines, utilities,

**Topography:** Ridgetop and roadside frontage

**Present conditions for you to consider:** Invasives, access, water quality, ash mortality, coarse dominants, boundary line, utilities, landscaping, maintenance, gardens, fruit trees, neighbors, residence, driveway, safety, lawnscape

<b>Management Recommendations:</b>	<b>Management Tasks/Year</b>	
	<b>Required</b>	<b>Year</b>
Maintain and improve access corridors	No	Ongoing
Spot treat invasives (learn to identify and control) also grapevine control	Yes	Ongoing
Mark boundary lines with paint	Yes	2017 and 2022 and 2029
Roadside aesthetics, landscaping, home maintenance etc	No	Ongoing

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

**Comments:** Stand 7 represents your home site and all the attributes that make living in rural Southeast Ohio a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Features here are utilities, landscaping, driveway, home, neighbors, garden spots and garden/livestock potentials and roadside frontage. Residence sites are always intensively managed areas with mowing and general upkeep an ongoing requirement. Home sites are not immune from problems caused by invasive plants and sometimes are the sources of infestations. Be careful in selecting landscape plants and treat the invasives that might show upon the home site location. Use native plants whenever possible. Stand 7 represents a very attractive location to enjoy the property and the surrounding woodlands. Some spots in Stand 7 can lend themselves to tree planting and ongoing landscaping options.