

Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

Owners John and Heidi Fryman
Address 538 Twin Bridge Road
Little Hocking, OH 45742
Phone 740-350-6831 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 Ohio (parcel #090042476005 and 2 splits)
Contact : John Fryman

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 40.4 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage*: 8.14
Total Property Acres 48.54 * Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made. 6.14

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 and Guidance

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

Latitude: N39.27114 Longitude W81.73897

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 continue with small scale livestock operations currently 6 cattle & chickens.
16. To plan for transition to heirs and the future disposition of the land with estate planning.

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Pond site Stand 4

Owner's Information:

Principle Contact: John Fryman

Signed: *John Fryman*

Date: 2-20-17

Preparer's Information:

Prepared by: William J. Serbonich CF

Signature: *William J. Serbonich*



Serby's Forestry Services
2165 Clara Avenue
Albany, OH 45710

Date: 02/28/17

This plan is valid for the period beginning 03/01/18 and ending 03/01/33.
Plan Status: New WJS WJS
Property recon/data/ basal area inventory.

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 81 to 65. Professional foresters have been involved in recommendations for management for about fifteen years. The land continues as a working hill farm typical of the region and exhibits nice stewardship. Woodlands were no doubt impacted from a past history of livestock production, agricultural, logging and perhaps 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 grapevine control and invasive species eradication as well as 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 grapevine control, legacy planning and stewardship of the property. A very nice interior forest condition is currently developing in Stands 2 and 3. 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. 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 a 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.

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	1,2,3	Yes	Possible?	40.4	Light grapevine control
Ongoing	All	No	No	All	Maintain and improve access
Ongoing	All	Yes	Possible?	All	Identify invasives and control
Ongoing	1,2,3	No	Possible?	40.4	Light improvement cutting
Ongoing	1,2,3	No	Possible?	40.4	Evaluate coarse dominants for treatment options (get tech help)
Ongoing	All	No	No	All	Litter cleanup along road frontage
2027-2033	1,2,3	No	No	40.4	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 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. This property has a commendable history of stewardship, accomplishment and productive agriculture.

Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations

Stand #5 - 2.6 Acres

Dominant Species: Perimeter forest, scattered trees and ornamental landscape plantings

Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation: Buildings, lawn, home site, ornamental plantings, scattered trees, perimeter forest and pasture

Stand Diameter or Size Class: NA

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

Stand History: Agricultural, pasture perhaps cropping, access, clearing, utilities, gardens, landscaping, road frontage, driveway, construction

Topography: Ridgetop

Present conditions for you to consider: Invasives, access, safety, utilities, fence, maintenance, road frontage

Management Recommendations:	Management Tasks/Year	
	Required	Year
Maintain and improve access corridors	No	Ongoing
Invasive species control	Yes	Ongoing
General upkeep and maintenance	No	Ongoing

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

Comments: Stand 5 represents the intensive impact zone of habitation and the immediate area. Here is your home and all the outbuildings. Utilities, lawn, shrubbery, landscaping, driveway and all the attributes that make the property home can be found here. Keeping the buildings safe and maintained is always ongoing and just part of the routine of living in rural southeast Ohio. The overall property and especially Stand 5 make the farm comfortable, welcoming and attractive.



Outbuildings