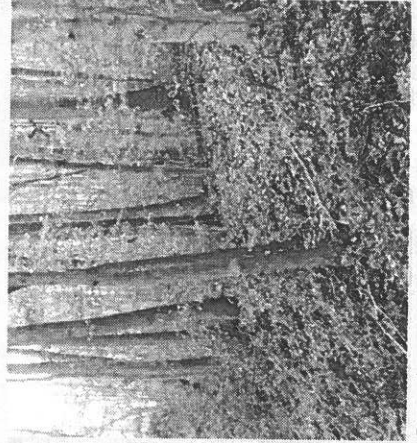


Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL)

The Ohio Forest Tax Law is a property tax reduction program that is administered by the ODNR Division of Forestry. In exchange for a 50% tax reduction on managed forested acres, landowners agree to manage their forest land for the commercial production of timber and to abide by pertinent rules and regulations.

- Eligibility requirements include:
- 10 contiguous acres of woodland
 - A current qualifying Woodland Management Plan
 - Property boundaries clearly marked per OFTL specifications
 - Exclusion of livestock from all enrolled woodland acres
 - Woodland must be accessible for management
 - Plantation acres must be established for one year, and have stocking of no less than 300 live trees/acre (commercial orchards and Christmas tree plantations do not qualify)



Boundary marking is important for protecting your woods and is required for OFTL.

Service Forestry: Assistance to Private Landowners

Service Foresters offer assistance to Ohio woodland owners interested in active woodland management in these areas:

- Ohio Forest Tax Law
- Timber harvest advice
- Educational events and workshops
- Woodland evaluation and recommendations
- Forest stand improvement
- Wildlife habitat management
- Reforestation
- Woodland Management Plans

Landowners may obtain information and assistance by contacting the service forester in their area. Please visit our website or call the number below to find your local service forester.



Improving your woodlands helps numerous species of wildlife.

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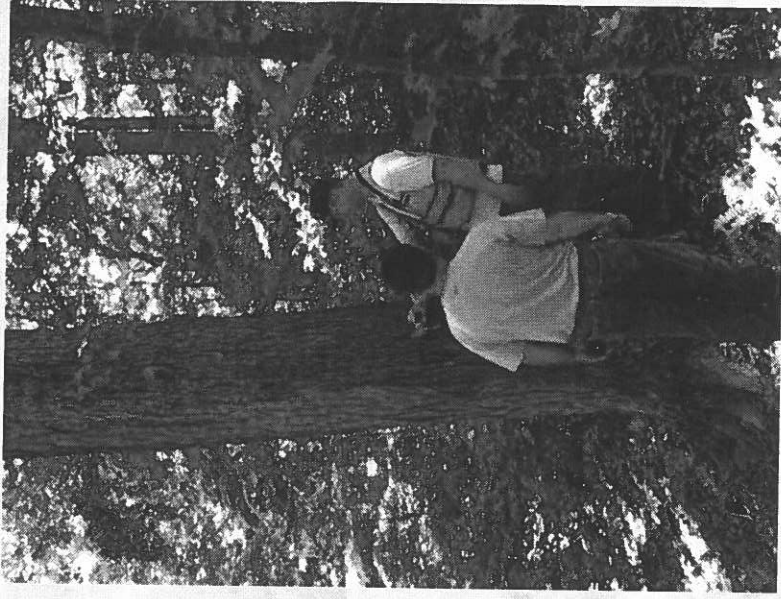
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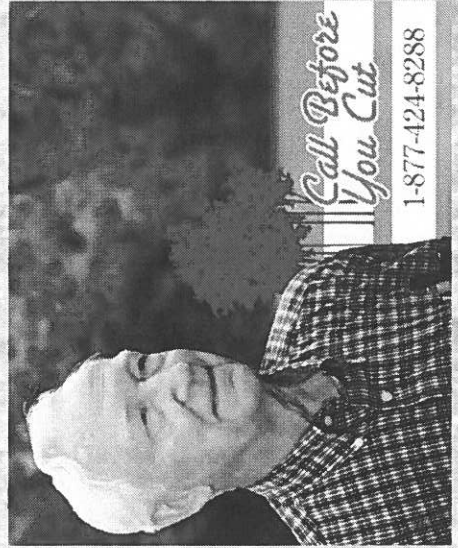
Foresters can provide advice for achieving your goals for your woodlands

- What can a Service Forester do for you?
- Provide direction on selling timber
- Visit your property
- Tree identification
- Assess the health and diversity of your woodland
- Woodland Management Plan development
- Wildlife habitat management
- Reforestation recommendations
- Assist with cost-share programs

Another Resource:

The "Call Before You Cut" hotline gives all Ohioans access to a professional forester.

www.callbeforeyoucut.com/ohio



Woodland Management Means...

Woodland Management Plans

As a landowner, a Woodland Management Plan assists you by:

- Describing your woodland
- Helping you prioritize woodland management activities
- Outlining a strategy for accomplishing your forest management goals
- Compiling resources for easy access and reference
- Managing wildlife habitat

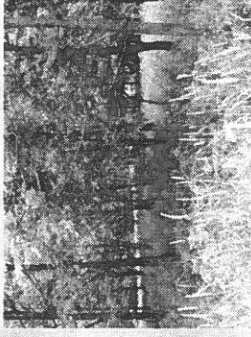
A Woodland Management Plan is required for basic eligibility for OFTL, Tree Farm, and cost-share programs

It's the Key to Long-Term Care of Your Woodland!

Forest Stand Improvement

Increases woodland health and productivity by:

- Controlling grapevines and other undesirable woody plants
- Habitat management to benefit wildlife
- Removing invasive plant species such as:
 - Bush honeysuckle
 - Tree of heaven
 - Autumn olive
 - And many more!!
- Performing crop tree release to accelerate growth in quality trees.
- Funding may be available for this type of work through federal cost-share or incentive programs



Tree planting can help with erosion control, improve soils and habitat, and increase value of your property.

Reforestation

Looking to create or expand your woodlands? A forester can help by:

- Providing guidance on selecting tree species to match your goals, soils, and site.
- Give recommendations on seedling size, spacing, and maintenance for pre- & post-planting.

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is an interagency effort, available in 17 counties in NW Ohio to assist landowners with establishing field windbreaks

- * Find out more about the NW Ohio Windbreak Program and other resources at:

forestry.ohiodnr.gov/landownerassistance

Education

An important aspect of caring for your woodlands includes staying up-to-date on the latest information.

- Some ways to stay informed include:
 - Attending field days
 - Visiting websites such as:
 - forestry.ohiodnr.gov or
 - woodlandstewards.osu.edu
- Reading the Ohio Woodland Journal at:
www.ohioforest.org/impage/OhioTreeFarmWJ