

**Forest Management Plan**

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Owners: Joseph L Weaver

Danny L Weaver ET AL

8928 Bundysburg Road

Middlefield, Ohio 44062

Property: 7636 Center Rd W (SR 45)

Saybrook Township

Parcel# 48-013-00-017-00 (295.83 ac)

Prepared by: Samuel W. Holley

S. Holley Lumber Co LLC

Signed: \_\_\_ Sam Holley \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_ 2/26/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

## Forest Management Plan

The Weaver's property consists of one parcel of (48-013-00-017-00) 295.83 acres with frontage to the West on Center Rd W (SR 45) and to the South on Ridge Rd (SR 84) in Saybrook Township, Ashtabula County. The woodland for this plan consists approximately 249.70 acres. I have excluded 1.00 acres for the homesite, 34.30 acres for food plots and 10.83 acres for other. This property has a saw timber mix of Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Elm, Red Oak, Poplar, Hickory and Black Cherry. They also have Basswood, Black Gum, Ash, Quaking Aspen and Beech. The woodland has three distinct areas that are mostly even aged and these have been used as our management sections. Section A has some mature trees scattered throughout and also has heavy pole sized regeneration that could offer a potential harvest in 5-10 years for a portable woods mill. Section B has been heavily harvested in the last 5 years and currently is native grasses and briars with some hardwood regeneration starting to come back. Section C is located in the Northeast corner of the property and is slightly more mature with heavy Poplar and Red Maple with some Northern Red Oak and could offer a selective harvest in 10-15 years when markets are favorable.

This property is slightly rolling with adequate drainage on the property to the North and Northwest.

I did identify a moderate grapevine infestation at this time in all Sections. They will need to begin a control plan in Section A and C and also Section B as the hardwoods mature enough to safely access the area.

The invasive species I found were identified as Privet and Buckthorn. Both of these should be controlled in heaviest areas to help slow the spread. They produce berries every year and will be quickly spread into open areas by birds if not controlled. The areas of most concern will be areas that become so heavy that they will not allow for any hardwood regeneration. See attachments for control of both species.

There is a heavy whitetail deer population and they will somewhat challenge the regenerating understory. The whitetails do not browse as heavily on the invasive specials when other options are available. This selective browsing will slow the regeneration of the desired hardwood species which could help with the spread of invasive species. When your management plan includes wildlife, we recommend maintaining the agricultural openings that were already established. These can be used to create available food for wildlife as well as edge habitat.

- Wildlife openings that are planted and maintained can provide a palatable alternative to browsing your hardwood regeneration.

- These openings can be especially helpful in your more urban setting where there are no agricultural crop fields available to supplement the wildlife food. In these settings hardwood regeneration and landscaping are often the only options.
- When properly maintained with spraying and planting each year they can help control buckthorn and privet invasive species that often accompany the open canopy.

There were several areas with old orchard apples. Most of these areas are already regenerating with hardwoods which will eventually choke out the apples. Although supplemental plantings or cutting the apples will allow the hardwoods to regenerate quicker. I have left out one area (0.5 acres) with good viable apples still growing and is still manageable as an orchard.

As the property corners can be located, they should be clearly marked for future identification. The property lines are easily identified with signs now and these should be maintained or marked on line trees with purple paint.

I have divided the woodland into three sections for our management recommendations. Section A is located in the Western portion of the property. Section B is centrally located and Section C is located in the NE corner of the property.

**Section A:** Consists of approximately 47.50 acres. The species mix is Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Elm, Red Oak, Poplar, Hickory and Black Cherry. They also have Basswood, Black Gum, Quaking Aspen and Ash. There are several scattered small saw timber trees (20-25" dbh) and they are mostly surrounded by pole sized regeneration (8-10" dbh). These poles are heavy at this time although they could probably consider a clearcut type harvest in in the next 10-15 years with a portable woods mill. There were grapevines found throughout the Section and they should begin a control plan for them in preparation of a potential harvest. We did identify both buckthorn and privet as invasive species in this section. The canopy is closed and these invasives are not spreading as quickly now but they should be controlled in preparation of the coming harvest.

**Section B:** Consists of approximately 198.00 acres. The species mix is Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Elm, Red Oak, Poplar, Hickory and Black Cherry. They also have Basswood, Black Gum, Quaking Aspen, Ash and Beech. This section was heavily harvested within the last five years. The harvest left several smaller trees a lot of which have either heavy grapevines or damage throughout the entire section. Once they can access these areas the less desirable and lower-quality trees should be cut or girdled to remove. There is some hardwood regeneration started as the area is in the later native grasses stage and is quickly turning to the multiflora rose and briar stage. I did identify a moderate grapevine problem in this selection left over from before the harvest. They will have to begin a control plan in the future as this area matures enough to safely access.

I did identify both buckthorn and privet invasive species in this section. They should control along the roads and access areas to help prevent future spreading until the hardwood canopy can begin to close and choke out the invasives. Also, any areas that are heavy enough to prohibit the hardwoods from regenerating. There were also a few lighter populated areas around the older apple orchards that they should add supplemental plantings to help with desired regeneration. These supplemental plantings can either be seedlings or bareroot seedlings and with the heavy whitetail deer population will need to either be done in the slashed tops of harvested trees or tubed/caged to prevent browsing.

**Section C:** Consists of approximately 4.20 acres. Located in the Northeast corner of the property and is slightly more mature with heavy Poplar and Red Maple with some Northern Red Oak and could offer a selective harvest in 10-15 years when markets are favorable. This area has a slight grapevine infestation and they should begin a control plan.

They do have a heavy population of whitetail deer on the property and I would encourage them to continue managing their numbers through hunting. The deer browsing of hardwoods can affect the species mix re-establishing.

## Plan Objectives

**Owner:** Joseph L Weaver & Danny L Weaver ET AL  
8928 Bundysburg Rd  
Middlefield, Ohio 44062

**Property:** 7363 Center Road W (SR 45)

**County:** Ashtabula County

**Acreage:** 295.83 ac

**Township:** Saybrook Township

### **Objectives:**

- 1) To manage the land for all opportunities that exists in a forest ecosystem of interest to owner including recreation, wildlife management, soil and water management, and timber products management.
- 2) To select tree species best suited to the soil and site's capabilities.
- 3) To help conserve soil from water erosion.
- 4) To employ practices used on better woodland sites to shorten the time necessary to produce high quality marketable timber.
- 5) To encourage the growth of tree species that will provide the best possible products for sale and wildlife together.
- 6) To maintain and improve the productivity of our land.
- 7) To qualify and maintain CAUV tax status.

## Management Recommendations

### 2026-2030:

- 1) Begin a grapevine control plan in Section A. They will be preparing for a commercial harvest in the next 5-10 years and the vines should be controlled prior to harvest.
- 2) General maintenance. Maintain the good access trail system throughout all sections. Maintain the marked boundaries and corners.
- 3) Begin an invasive species control plan on both Sections A and B. (See attachments for identification and control methods.)
- 4) Begin removal or cutting of less desirable species and any damaged or lower-quality trees in Section B.
- 5) Begin supplemental plantings for the lighter stocked areas with either seeding or bareroot seedlings. (These plantings will either need done into the slashed tree tops from harvest or tubed/caged to protect from the deer browsing.)
- 6) It is also recommended that they continue to control the whitetail deer population to help the browsing levels.

### 2031-2035

- 1) Continue control plan for grapevines throughout the entire woodland.
- 2) Continue invasive species control plan especially in Section A preparing for the harvest to open the canopy.)
- 3) Continue supplemental plantings in any lower stocked areas. (This will need to continue until desired hardwood species can regenerate enough to close the open canopy.)
- 4) Begin considering the clearcut harvest when markets are favorable in Section A. (Make sure to have them cut any less desirable species and the removal of any damaged trees during the harvest.)
- 5) It is also recommended that they continue to control the whitetail deer population to help the browsing levels.
- 6) Maintain trails and boundary lines.
- 7) Revise forestry plan to accommodate all changes and future plans.





Pictometry EagleView

1 inch = 752 feet

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Property Lines are graphic representations and are NOT survey accurate.



February 17, 2026

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Danny L Weaver  
8928 Bundysburg Road  
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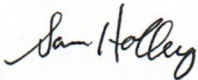
Dear Joseph and Danny,

I am writing in response to your request for my qualifications for writing a Forest Management Plan for your property at 7363 Center Rd W (SR 45) in Saybrook township in Ashtabula County.

I graduated from The Ohio State University in 1987 with a B.S. degree in Forest Industry Management. I worked from December 1987 thru November 2001 for Industrial Timber and Lumber Co. in domestic hardwood lumber sales. From November 2001 thru June 2008, I was employed by Clear Lake Lumber as VP of Sales and Marketing. Since that time, I have started my own business, S Holley Lumber Co LLC, for hardwood lumber sales and timber consulting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have or if you would like further information about my background. I would be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,



Sam Holley

S Holley Lumber Co. LLC