

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND TO PCSA TRANSFER IN FUND AS REQUESTED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio met in regular session on the 19th day of October, 2021.

Commissioner Bergman moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the following correspondence was received by the Board of County Commissioners:

October 12, 2021

Board of Auglaize County Commissioners  
Auglaize County Administration Building  
209 S. Blackhoof St.  
Wapakoneta OH 45895

Re: Transfer of Funds

Board of Auglaize County Commissioners:

I wish to make the following transfer:

From	To	Amount
001.0905.533400 (Public Assist Grant)	050.0300.400100 (PCSA Transfer In)	\$100,000.00

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
s/Julie Gossard  
Julie Gossard  
Director

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio does hereby authorize the County Auditor to make the above mentioned transfer of funds for the PCSA fund as mentioned in the request of the Director of the Auglaize County Department of Job and Family Services.

Commissioner Bambauer seconded the Resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted in the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

Adopted this  
19th day of  
October, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

Douglas A. Spencer Yes  
Douglas A. Spencer

David Bambauer Yes  
David Bambauer

John N. Bergman Yes  
John N. Bergman

cc: County Auditor  
Job & Family Services

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING THE PROMOTION OF PAM SCHWARTZ AT THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 19th of October, 2021.

Commissioner           Bergman           moved the adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Julie Gossard, Director of the Auglaize County Department of Job & Family Services, informed the Board that the position Children Services Administrator previously held by Michelle Bowen has been posted and interviews conducted. Pam Schwartz is currently the Interim Children Services Administrator. She recommends Pam Schwartz to be promoted to fill the vacant position effective October 28, 2021 with her hourly rate of pay being \$31.65; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board was requested to authorize the following promotion for stated position as follows:

- **Pam Schwartz is to be promoted to Children Services Administrator position, effective October 28, 2021 at an hourly rate of pay of \$31.65.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio, does hereby ratify the promotion of the employee at the Auglaize County Department of Job and Family Services as so requested in accordance with the specifications as mentioned above.

Commissioner           Bambauer           seconded the Resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted in the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

Adopted this  
19th day of  
October, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

          Douglas A. Spencer          ,           yes            
Douglas A. Spencer

          David Bambauer          ,           yes            
David Bambauer

          John N. Bergman          ,           yes            
John N. Bergman

- cc:  Auglaize County Department  
          of Job & Family Services
- Auditor
- Pam Schwartz

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AS REQUESTED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY JFS DIRECTOR.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio met in regular session on the 19th day of October, 2021.

Commissioner Bergman moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, under date of January 5, 2021, the Annual Appropriation for Auglaize County was accepted, having been prepared with the 2021 Annual Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources which was given to the Board of County Commissioners by the County Auditor; and,

**WHEREAS**, County Auditor Janet Schuler informed the Board that an amendment was made to the Annual Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Revenue for the Children Services Fund (050) by \$300,000.00 and FCF-HMG-State Grant Fund by \$76,077.28; and,

**WHEREAS**, Auglaize County JFS Director has requested that the Board amend the 2021 Annual Appropriation to reflect the following increases:

- Increase 050.0004.530600 (Contract Services) by \$250,000.00;**
- Increase 938.0938.530600 (Contract Services) by \$60,000.00.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio, does hereby order the 2021 Annual Appropriation Resolution be amended to show the changes as tabulated above.

Commissioner Bambauer seconded the Resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted in the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

Adopted this  
19th day of  
October, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

Douglas A. Spencer, Yes  
Douglas A. Spencer

David Bambauer, Yes  
David Bambauer

John N. Bergman, Yes  
John N. Bergman

cc:  County Auditor  
 County Administrator  
 JFS

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE WOODLAND STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY HOME WOODS WITH THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 2021 AND ENDING 2031.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio met in regular session on the 19th day of October, 2021.

Commissioner Bergman moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Forestry of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) presented the Woodland Stewardship Management Plan for the County Home Woods to the Board of Auglaize County Commissioners. This plan is valid for the period beginning 2021 and ending 2031; and,

**WHEREAS**, said plan is for the managing of the approximately 18 acres with the below list of objectives:

1. To maintain a productive forest for ecosystem health, wildlife habitat and timber harvesting.
2. To harvest timber on a timely basis, removing mature, defective, and otherwise undesirable trees, while retaining immature desirable trees for future harvesting.
3. To insure the reproduction and establishment of highly desirable trees like White Oak and Walnut.
4. To maintain a simple system of access trails to all parts of the woods for recreation and management activities.
5. To protect the watershed during all woodland activity.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners, Auglaize County, Ohio, does hereby approve the Woodland Stewardship Management Plan from the Division of Forestry of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) as presented; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Plan is valid for the period beginning 2021 and ending 2031; and,

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorize the President of the Board to execute said plan.

Commissioner Bambauer seconded the Resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted in the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

Adopted this  
19th day of  
October, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

Douglas A. Spencer, Yes  
Douglas A. Spencer

David Bambauer, yes  
David Bambauer

John N. Bergman, yes  
John N. Bergman

cc: ODNR

# Woodland Stewardship Management Plan



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**Owner's Information:**

Owner: Auglaize County Commissioners – County Home Woods

Signed: 

Date: 10/19/2021

Case Number: 06-0098

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**Preparer's Information:**

Prepared by: Daniel A. Bartlett

Signature: 

Daniel A. Bartlett

Date: 9-24-21

ODNR Division of Forestry

952-B Lima Ave.

Findlay, OH 45840

(419) 379-8171

This plan is valid for the period beginning 2021 and ending 2031 .

Plan Status: Updated

## *Woodland Stewardship Management Plan*

Date: 9-24-21

Owner Auglaize County Commissioners, Contact: Esther Leffel, Clerk  
Address 209 Blackhoof St. Unit 201  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Phone (419) 739-6718 Case Number 06-0098  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address eleffel@auglaizecounty.org  
County Auglaize Township: Duchouquet  
Parcel(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: NW of Infirmiry rd. and SR 501.

Woodland Stewardship Acreage: 18.3 Non-woodland Stewardship Acreage\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Property Acres 119.77 \* Non-woodland acres for which stewardship recommendations are made.

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

- Ohio Forest Tax Law  American Tree Farm Program  
 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  Record of Management

Property coordinates (report in WGS 84, decimal degrees.)

Longitude: -84.207892° Latitude: 40.597231°

### Objectives

1. To maintain a productive forest for ecosystem health, wildlife habitat and timber harvesting.
2. To harvest timber on a timely basis, removing mature, defective, and otherwise undesirable trees, while retaining immature desirable trees for future harvesting.
3. To insure the reproduction and establishment of highly desirable trees like White Oak and Walnut.
4. To maintain a simple system of access trails to all parts of the woods for recreation and management activities.
5. To protect the watershed during all woodland activity.

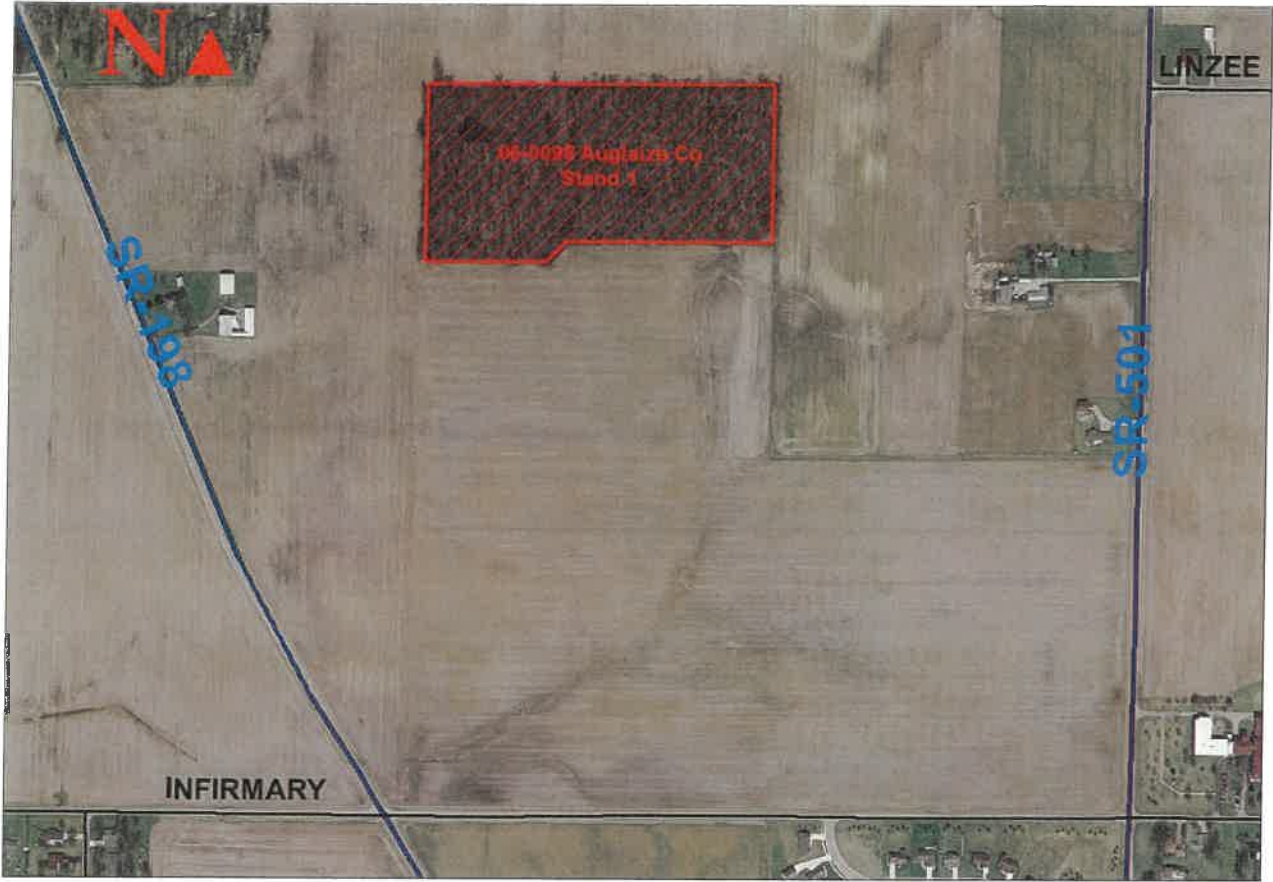
### *General Woodland Description*

This woodland covers approximately 18 acres. Large sawtimber white oaks, bur oaks, hickories, et al comprise most of the overstory here. Understory stocking is a typical mix of species dominated by hard maple and ash seedlings and saplings. Notes suggest that this area was heavily pastured until around 1960. According to our records, harvests in 1958, 1983, 1998, 2009, 2013 and 2017. The last of these harvests were spurred by significant mortality with some of the large oaks. Since 2017 only 1 large White Oak has died. Even though the mortality of the large trees has become more normal we need to start thinking of the next generation of trees. Oak regeneration is conspicuously lacking in the understory because of the competition of the sugar maples. Without some intervention we will lose the white oaks as part of the woods once the last of the seed-tree oaks are harvested or die. Losing the oaks will decrease the desirability of this woodlands for timber production ,wildlife habitat and ecosystem health.

**Inventory Method:** On Site Property Review

Aerial Image of Your Property

1"=700'



## *Woodland Stand Description and Management Recommendations*

**Stand # 1** - 18 acres

**Dominant Species:** Sugar Maple, White Oak, Burr Oak, Beech, Hickory.

**Forest Type or Dominant Vegetation:** Oak-Hickory moving toward Beech-Maple.

**Stand Diameter or Size Class:** Large Sawtimber and Poles

**Stocking Level:** Fully stocked **and/or Basal Area :** (ft<sup>2</sup>/acre)

**Stand History:** Harvesting - Selection (silvicultural)

**Topography:** Nearly level

**Invasive plants or insects impacting this stand:** Some scattered Bush Honeysuckle.

**Stand Description:** See above.

<b><i>Management Recommendations:</i></b>
Monitor for and Control Invasive Plants
Management for Oak Regeneration.
#1 Understory control of Sugar Maples, (cut and treat)
#2 Midstory removal of Sugar Maples (cut)
#3 Light Harvest of Stressed and Struggling Oaks.
#4 Planting of Seedling Oaks. (Optional)
Maintain Access Trails

**Is a timber harvest recommended?** Yes

**Comments:** A yearly management practice that will be needed is monitoring for and controlling any invasive plants found. A few bush honeysuckle were found around the outside edges of the woods. We want to pay attention to this possible problem and head it off before it becomes a major management issue. Small plants may be pulled or sprayed. Larger plants may need to be cut and treated with herbicide.

Oaks have tremendous benefits to the ecosystem and economy so it would be tragic to let them die out or be harvested without first getting the next generation started. Oak management is simply turning the tables on the competing species like sugar maple and beech. Oaks need moderate to full sun light to germinate and grow. This woodland has very little light getting to the forest floor due to the understory and midstory sugar maples. To start the process of Oak management the understory sugar maples less the 6 inches diameter at chest height should be cut and the stump treated with herbicide to prevent resprouting. This will reduce the future competition to any acorns that germinate. The second practice is removing the midstory maples 6 inches diameter and larger. These could possible be sold for firewood along with a light timber harvest, so you don't have to invest more sweat equity. The midstory removal will be the most beneficial in getting sunlight to the forest floor for oak regeneration. Finally, I suggest a very light harvest of the most stressed and struggling mature oaks. This should be marked in the spring after leaf-out so we can tell which trees are doing ok and which are barely hanging on. I will be trying to leave large healthy oak seed-trees spaced evenly across the woods for regeneration purposes. If you would like to be doubly sure of getting some oak seedlings back in the woodland, you could opt to plant white oak seedlings in the gaps left after the harvest.

Maintain a system of trails. A woodland trail system is not only good for personal enjoyment of your woods but also aids in accomplishing management.



### Management Activity Schedule

Year(s) Suggested	Mgmt. Unit	Required Task?	Acres	Recommendations
2021-2031	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	All	Monitor for and Control Invasive Plants
First	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Understory control of Sugar Maples
Second	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Midstory removal of Sugar Maples
Third	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Light Harvest of Stressed and Struggling Oaks
Fourth	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Reinforcement Tree Planting (Optional)
2021-2031	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	All	Maintain Access Trails
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
2031	Whole Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Next Site Visit</b> – Woodland reviews are recommended at least once every five years, and plan updates once every ten years, based upon the date of the last woodland evaluation conducted by your forester	

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. Timber harvesting that is not recommended in this plan and deemed harmful to your woodland will disqualify your property from receiving property tax breaks like OFTL and CAUV.

## ***General Woodland Resource Descriptions***

**General Soils Information** – a general description of the soil type(s) and the general productive capacity of the soil:

- **Soil Type(s):** ( See print out from Web Soil Survey)
- **Soil Drainage Class:** A range of drainage conditions
- **Site Class: (using Woodland Productivity):** Good
- **General Description of Main Soils:** ( See print out from Web Soil Survey)
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**Wood & Fiber Production** - Timber production is practical and possible for this property. The woodlands are stocked with a variety of marketable timber species that can produce valuable wood products now and into the future

**Wildlife** – Your forestland provides valuable habitat for wildlife, including mammals, birds, and amphibians. Many of the tree species are used by this wildlife for food, cover and nesting sites.

**Water** - Water protection practices can be applied to this property. Perennial streams should always be buffered with trees. Livestock should be kept out of streams. Water control structures should be used in areas where access trails and roadways are present.

**Wetlands** – It is important to conserve permanent and ephemeral wetland areas for the health of the forest and the environment.

**Fire** –Spring and fall are Ohio's main "fire seasons". A step one may take to protect one's forest is to have a system of paths that may double as fire breaks.

**Prescribed Burning** – Except in rare cases, the resources to conduct prescribed burning on private lands are not available. Substitute practices like use of mechanical treatments and herbicides are more common to control stand composition. Prescribed Fire is not used on this property.

**Forest Health** – No major insect pests or diseases were noted during the woodland review.

**Integrated Pest Management** – Consider all relevant mechanical, chemical or a combination of treatments to control pests with least amount of collateral damage.

**Best Management Practices (BMP's)**–During timber harvest activities, you should follow the Best Management Practices outlined in the Ohio State University Bulletin #916 – BMPs for Erosion Control for Logging Practices in Ohio. This booklet is available online at [www.ohiodnr.gov/forestry/](http://www.ohiodnr.gov/forestry/) or at your local Division of Forestry office.

**Threatened & Endangered Species** – On the site inspection, no threatened or endangered species were noted within your forestland. Specific information on threatened or endangered species may be obtained by contacting.

ODNR-Division of Wildlife  
2045 Morse Rd. Bldg. G-3  
Columbus, OH 43229-6693  
Phone: 614-264-6818

**Special Sites, Natural/Archeological/Historical** – These sites provide us a unique glimpse into the past and a look at the people and how they cared for the land. Good stewardship involves recognizing these resources and conserving them whenever possible and present on the property. No special sites were discovered during field review.

**Recreation** – This forest could be used for hunting, picnicing, or wildlife watching. Many landowners find enjoyment in doing improvement work in their woods.

**Aesthetics** – Forest stewardship management addresses the various aesthetic tastes.

**Carbon Cycle** – When you as a forest landowner choose to maintain your forest land rather than convert it to a non-forest use, you are making a significant contribution to the carbon sequestration equation; a healthy forest sequesters more carbon.

**Herbicides & Pesticides** – Make sure all herbicides and pesticides are used according to the EPA-approved labels and applied by licensed applicators if relevant.

**Invasive Species** – Monitor for and control non-native invasive plants in your woodland. Non-native invasive plants vie for space with our native plants and degrade the quality of our ecosystems.

**Natural Resource Laws** – Comply with all applicable laws governing forest management.

**Reforestation** – Eastern hardwood forests regenerate well in Ohio. If properly managed replanting is optional. In woodlands where the high grade species like oak, cherry and walnut have been removed replanting of these species may be warranted. Field acreage will also eventually become forestland but replanting may be done to hasten the forestlands development and control its species composition.

**FORI / HCVF** – Upon review by the Ohio Division of Forestry, FORI / HCVF does not apply to this property.

**Desired Species** – The landowner has no objectives related to or identified any desired species.

**Forestry Terms** – The Society of American Foresters (SAF) offers a great resource for such forestry terminology: You may access “The Dictionary of Forestry” for free at SAF at [www.dictionaryofforestry.org](http://www.dictionaryofforestry.org). If internet access is not available, one may purchase a printed version from SAF (toll free 866-897-8760).

**Other Resources** – Other resources may exist but are beyond the scope of this plan. You may want to ask your forester about other resources so he or she can point you in the right direction.