

# Developing a Forest Stewardship Plan

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## Mission Statement

To Restore, Manage, and Protect Maryland's Trees, Forests, and Forested Ecosystems to Sustain Our Natural Resources and Connect People to the Land.

# Forest Stewardship Plan

What is it?

It is a plan that includes restoration, management and protection recommendations for forests, water, wildlife, wildlife habitat, recreation, threatened and endangered species, species in need of conservation and their habitats, and for special natural communities.

# Maps

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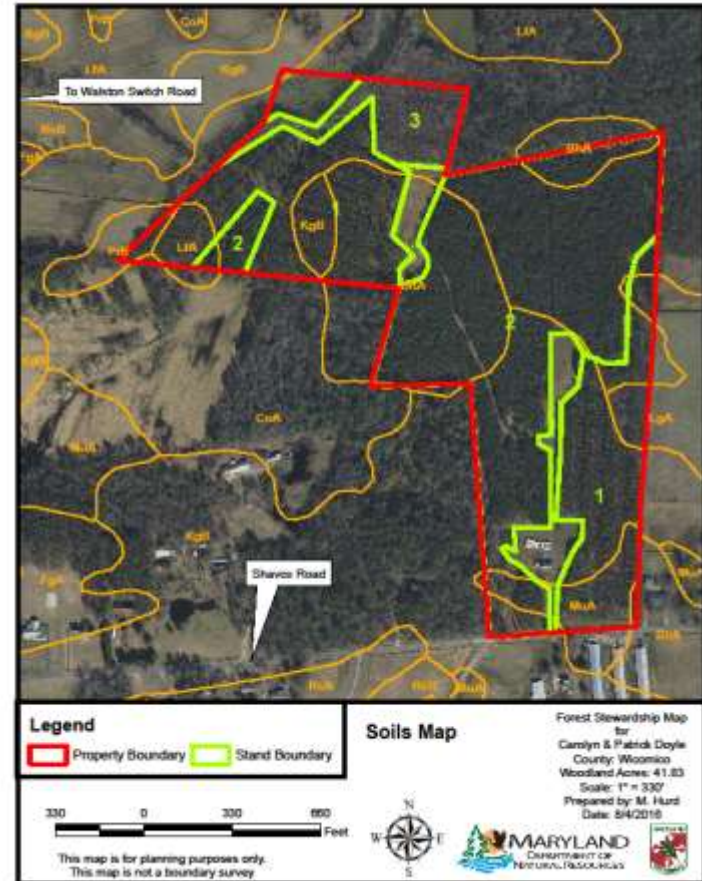
➤ Aerial



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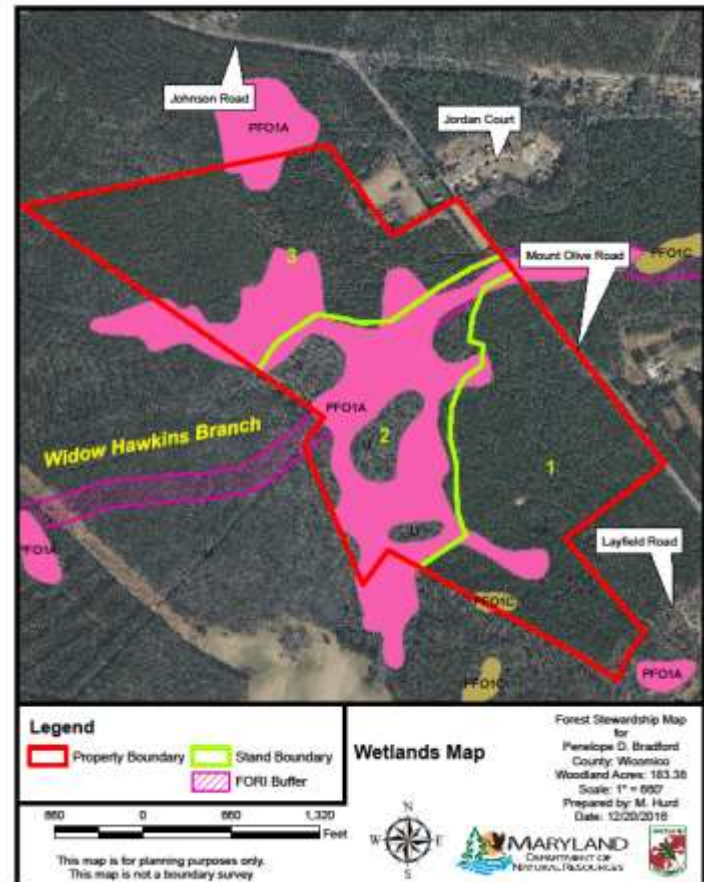
➤ Soils



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We create Maps for:

➤ Wetlands

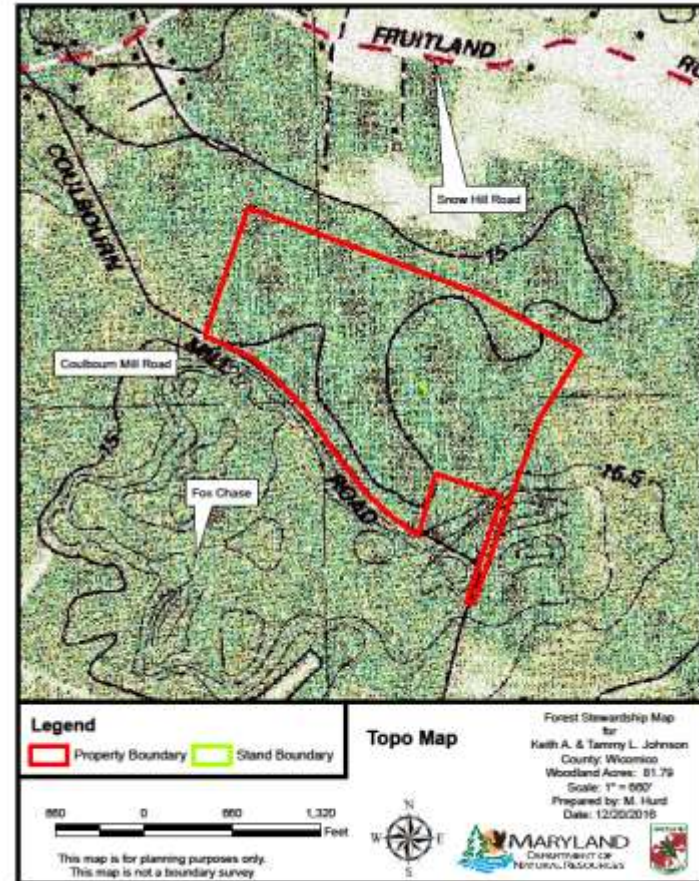




# Maps

We create Maps for:

➤ Topography



# Objectives: Forests Are Different to Everyone





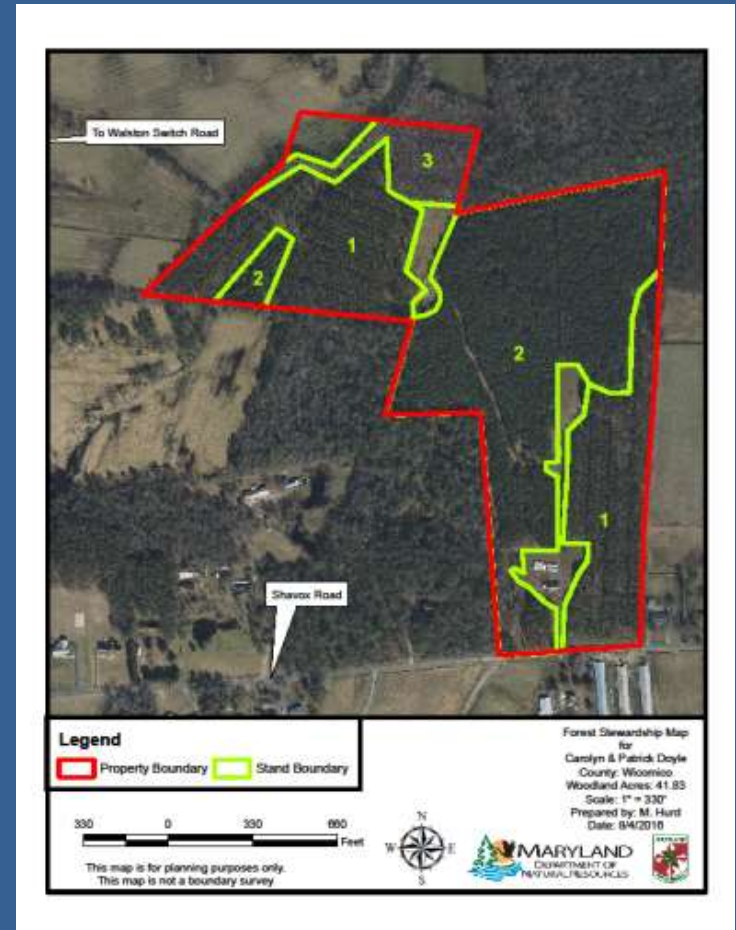
# How Do Our Objectives Overlap?



# Stand Summaries

Listed for each stand:

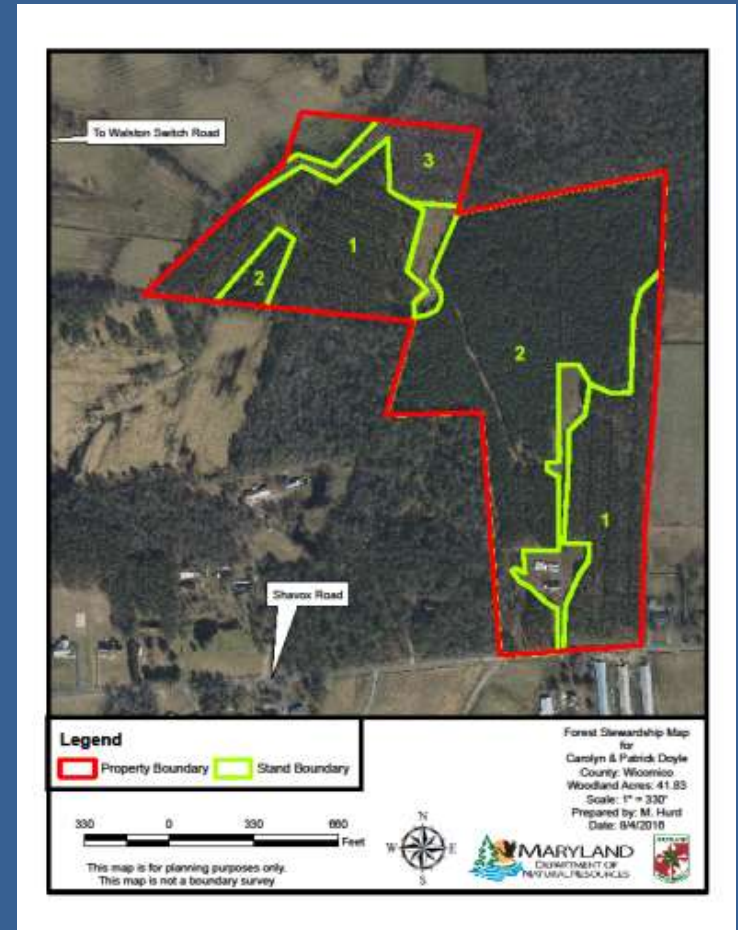
- Acreage
- Overstory Species
- Understory Species
- Developmental Stage
- Age
- Stocking/ Basal Area
- Site Index
- Soil Types



# Stand Recommendations

Based on Objectives:

- Commercial Timber Harvest
- Wildlife Habitat Creation
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Nature Trail Systems
- And many, many more!





# Management Schedule

## A Timeline of Management:

**MANAGEMENT PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Start Date	End Date	Frequency	Description	Stands	Acres
Dec 2016	Dec 2021		Commercial Thinning	8,13,21, 23,27,29	165.96
Dec 2016	Dec 2026		Commercial Thinning	1,18	54.64
Dec 2016	Dec 2026 -2031		Evaluate for Final Timber Harvest Operation	4,7,15,16 17,20,22	185.58
Dec 2016	Dec 2031		Wildlife Habitat - Oak Competition Reduction	2,11,12 25,30,31	265.09
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Nature Trail System	1-31	920.20
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Forest Riparian Buffer	14,28	43.54
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Mark and maintain property boundary lines.	All	920.20
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Stabilize and maintain all roads and trails.	All	920.20
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Protect woodland from wildfire, insects and disease.	All	920.20
Dec 2016	Dec 2031	Ongoing	Monitor/Spot treat for invasive weeds	All	920.20
Dec 2016	Dec 2031		Have Forester re-examine woodland and prepare a new Forest Stewardship Plan.	All	920.20

\*Practices with an asterisk are eligible for cost-share assistance.



# What Can a FSP Do For You?

A FSP is required to be eligible for many programs:

➤ Reduced Tax Assessment (WAP, FCMA)

➤ Cost-Share Assistance

➤ Tax Modification

➤ American Tree Farm System

➤ NRCS EQIP

# COST OF A PLAN??

5-25 ACRES = \$200

26- 50 ACRES = \$225

51-100 ACRES = \$250

101-500 ACRES = \$275

# Any Questions?



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