



Landscape Planning & Management:

Hocking Plateau Landscape Plan

Cotton Randall, Ohio DNR Division of Forestry

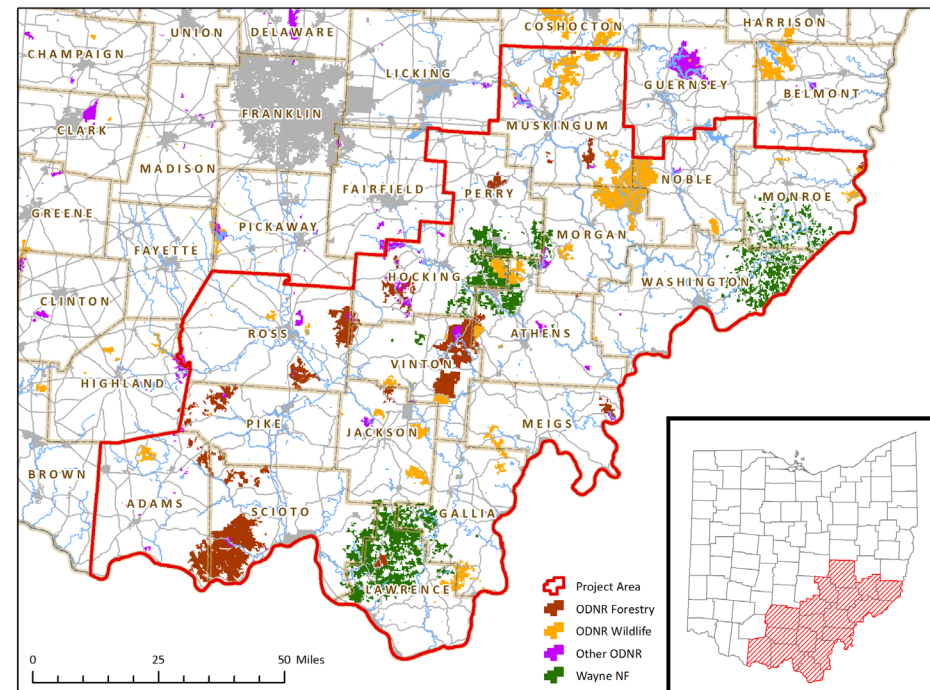
Managing Oaks for Wildlife Program

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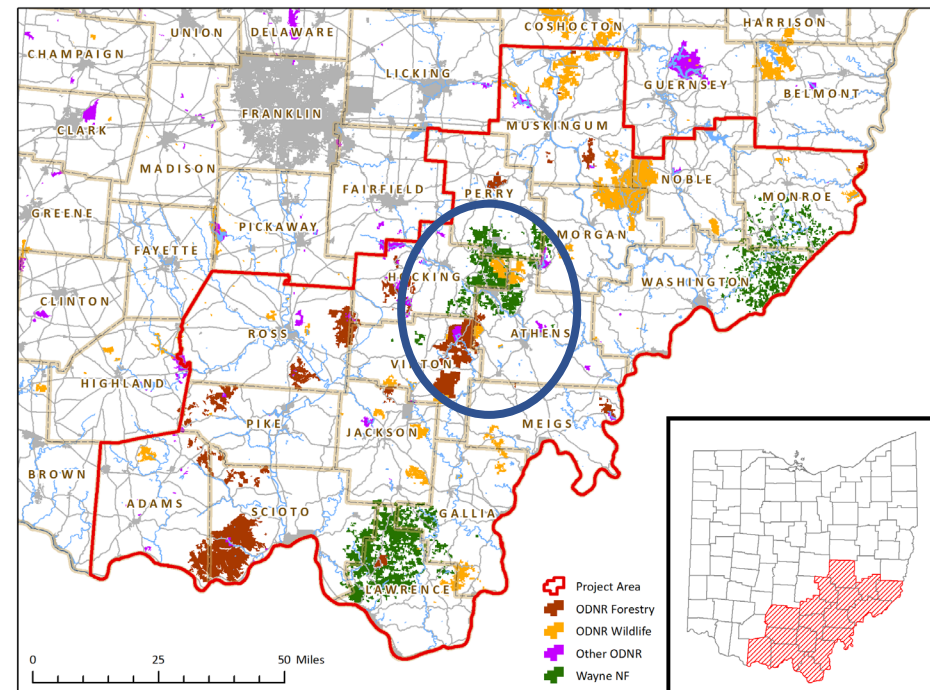
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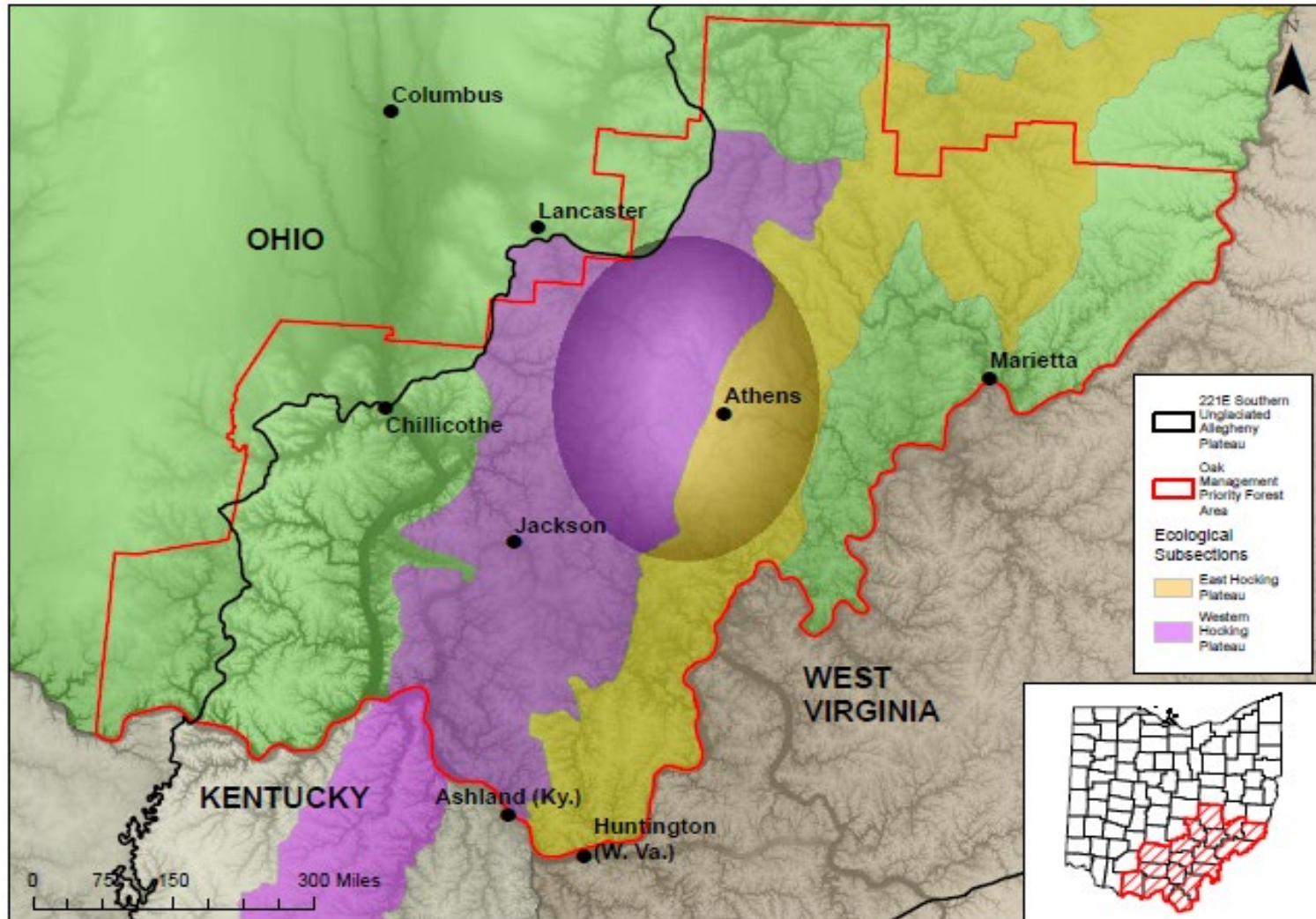


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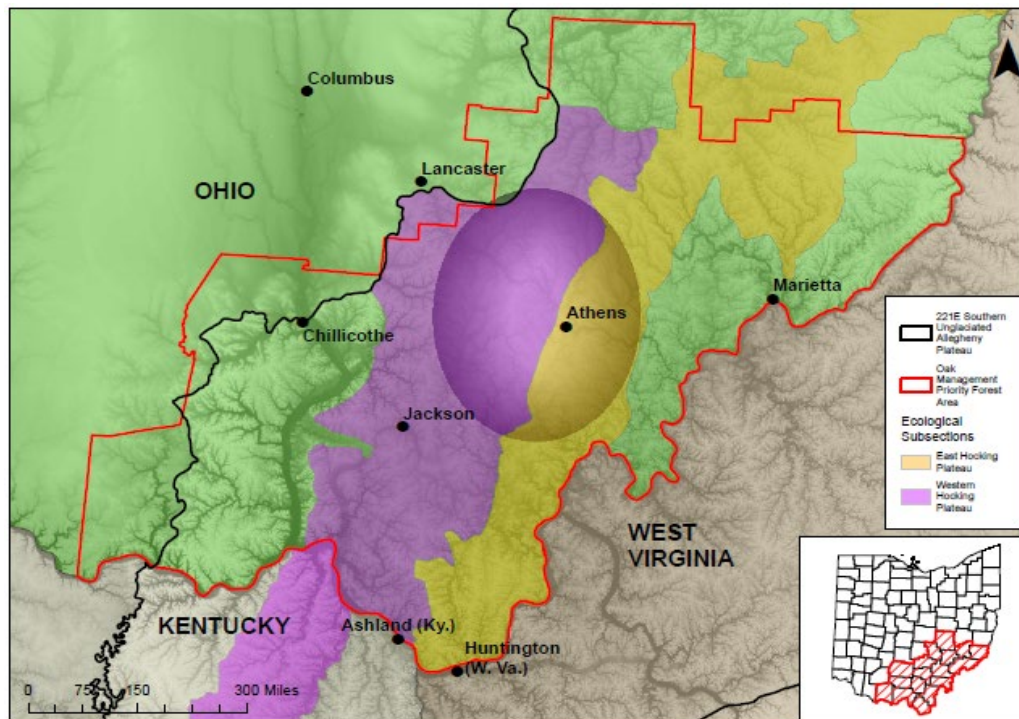
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Hocking Plateau Landscape



Hocking Plateau Landscape Planning



- Interagency Planning
 - Cross-boundary projects (public land)
- Hocking Plateau Landscape Plan (private land)




Woodland Stewardship Management Plan

- Landowner/Property info
- Management goals/priorities
- Map with forest stands
- Stand Descriptions
- Management Activity Schedule
- Resource Concerns
- Appendix
- Written by Forester

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Woodland Stewardship Management Plan


Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Owner's Information:

Owner: _____

Signed: _____

Date:

Case Number: _____

Preparer's Information:

Prepared by: _____

Signature: _____

Date:

ODNR Division of Forestry

This plan is valid for the period beginning and ending

Plan Status:

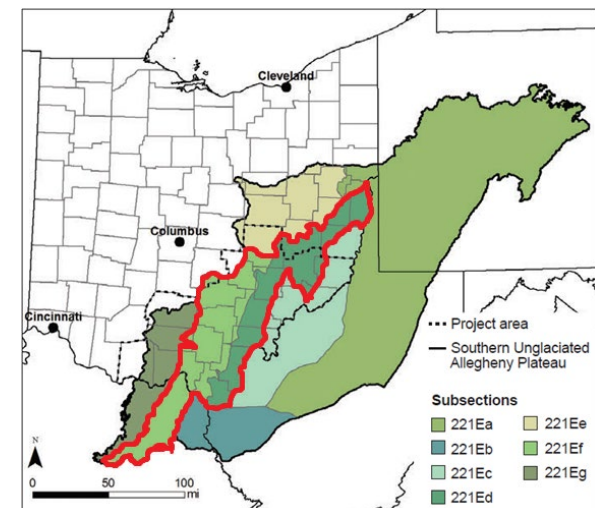
Hocking Plateau Landscape Plan

- Two-document Plan
 - Forest Resource Concerns
 - Woodland Mgt. Property Plan
- Goal: Sustaining Oak Forests
- Combined – meet standards for programs that require forest mgt plans
 - NRCS programs
 - Tree Farm Program
 - Others

The image shows two overlapping forms. The top form is titled "FOREST RESOURCE CONCERNS" and "HOCKING PLATEAU LANDSCAPE". It contains introductory text about woodlands in Ohio and their importance. The bottom form is titled "Woodland Management Plan" and "Property-specific information to accompany the Hocking Plateau Landscape Plan". It includes fields for "Prepared for:", "Mailing address:", "Phone:", "E-mail:", "Property Location:", "Latitude:", "Longitude:", "Total Acres:", "Wooded Acres:", and "Landowner Priorities:". It also contains "Program Requirements" and "Forester's Signature" sections.

Hocking Plateau Plan: Resource Concerns

- Landscape Description
- Forestry Issues
 - Forest Mgt Activities
 - Oak Regeneration
 - Forest Health Threats
 - Soils & Water Resources
 - Climate
- Wildlife
- Rare Communities/T&Es
- Fire
- Cultural/Historical
- Carbon/Climate change
- Summary



Hocking Plateau Plan: Property Plan

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Woodland Management Map



STAND	ACRES	Description	Recommendation(s)	Eligible for EQIP/CSP?
A	30.5	Small sawtimber – floodplain	Control invasive plants	Yes - 314
B	35	Small sawtimber – hardwood ravine	Crop tree release	Yes - 666
C	8.6	Riparian forest buffer	Maintain buffer	No

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FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

If property is certified in the Ohio Forest Tax Law program, the following forest management practices must be completed and procedures must be followed to remain in the program and continue to receive your reduced property tax rate.

Inspections for compliance and progress can be conducted at any time while in the program.

Continual Required Practices For OFTL:

- Before conducting any forestry work that is not listed in your "Forest Management Activity Summary", contact your service forester to ensure compliance with your approved Woodland Management Plan.
- Do not sign any timber sale contracts or sale agreements without first informing your service forester of your intent to harvest timber.
- **Boundary Marking**, must be completed to the specifications outlined in the OFTL rules, and must be maintained at all times. Failure to maintain boundaries can lead to decertification from the program.

Forest Stand Specific Prescriptions:

Stand	Acres	Activity Schedule			
		Prescription	When to Perform Rx (season)	Year to be completed	Date Completed
A	30.5	Control invasive plants (practice 314)	Spring-fall	2022-25	
B	35	Crop tree release (practice 666)	Fall-winter	2023-26	
C	8.6	Maintain riparian buffer	Year-round	ongoing	

Interested? What can you do?

- Finishing Plan: early 2022
- Interested landowners
 - Voluntary
 - Contact Danielle Lampley
Danielle.Lampley@dnr.ohio.gov
- EQIP/CSP deadline –
January 14, 2022
 - Apply at local Ag/NRCS
Office
- Work with your forester



The Future of OAK is in Our Hands!

Questions?



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