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Provided in this packet I have included several items and a checklist so you can move forward and get enrolled into Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL). First, you will need to confirm that all the parcel(s) are listed under the same name. Once this is complete, Luke will be able to treat all the property as one management unit. After this is done you will need to get a Woodland Management Plan written by a Consulting Forester. This list is provided in the packet. Please inform the person(s) you contact what the Woodland Management Plan is for, so they are aware. Next, you must mark your woodland boundary according to the specifications in this packet. This is very important to have done as I cannot certify the land until this is finished.

Following completing these tasks for Ohio Forest Tax Law you can then call Luke Walters, State Forester, to set up an appointment and he will come meet you to walk and inspect the property. At this time if you have questions about your Woodland Management Plan or the program, he can answer them.

Sincerely,
Heather Hall
CAUV Specialist
(440) 576-3788



Dear Landowner,

The following items need to be completed in order to qualify for certification into the OFTL program:

- 1.) Own 10.00 acres of contiguous woodland that follow all Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL) rules (*Contact State Forester for additional details on qualifying woodland acres*)
- 2.) Woodland Boundary marked in accordance to OFTL Standards (*Please refer to the enclosed map(s) & illustrations page for details of where & how the woodland property boundary needs to be marked*).
- 3.) OFTL Application Form completed & sent to ODNR State Forester.
- 4.) Woodland Management Plan obtained to qualify for OFTL (*This will need to be obtained through a Consulting Forester. List will be provided by ODNR State Forester*)
- 5.) Examination of Woodland by ODNR State Forester, consisting of checking Woodland boundaries and/or reconnaissance of woodland and review of Forestry practices described in your Woodland Management Plan.

If you have questions / concerns, please contact me. Thanks for your interest in Forestry through the Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL) program!

Sincerely,

Luke Walters
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Ohio Division of Forestry
Serving Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull Counties
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Newbury, Ohio 44065
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APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF FOREST LAND

To the Chief, Division of Forestry:

In accordance with sections 5713.22-.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby apply for the classification of certain lands owned by me as forest lands for the purposes of timber production and for the entrance of the same under the Ohio Forest Tax Law.

APPLICANT TO FILL BLANKS BELOW

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, _____ State, _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total number of acres on property _____ Estimated acres in forest _____

Parcel(s)# _____

(If necessary, list additional parcels on an attached sheet).

County _____ Township _____

Location of forest land if different from mailing address (address or location by road):

Is this forest land currently under the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program? ¹ _____

Is forest grazed by livestock? _____ (Forestland cannot be considered for forest land tax reduction unless the owner is willing to keep livestock out of the woods).

Do you have any deed restrictions or local ordinances that deal with forest management? _____ If yes, please attach a copy of those restrictions.

Do you have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan? _____ If yes, please provide a copy of this plan.

Was this forest land previously classified under the Ohio Forest Tax Law? _____ Please provide previous owner's name _____

Signatures of Owner(s): ²

DO NOT SUBMIT
\$75.00 APPLICATION
FEE AT THIS TIME

Date: _____

1. The forest land acreage on your property can only be placed under one tax reduction program, Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) or Ohio Forest Tax Law.
2. This form must be signed by the person(s) in whose name the property is recorded in the County Auditor's office.



MARKING PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

It is highly recommended that before you have any timber harvesting or timber stand improvement practices performed in your woodlot, that you mark your boundaries. Having your boundaries marked is required by law before your property can be entered or retained under the OHIO FOREST TAX LAW Program.

Boundary marking is for your protection, to avoid trespassing and timber theft problems. If you are unsure of exactly where the boundaries are located, first contact your neighbor for assistance. If it is still unclear, or if there is a discrepancy, then you should have a surveyor locate the lines for you. Having the boundaries surveyed is not specifically required for this program, but it could save you expensive litigation in the future.

- Use good quality high visibility oil based paint. Blue, Yellow, or red are commonly used.
- If using spray paint, use tree marking paint available through various forestry suppliers.
- Mark close enough to see from mark to mark **during the summer when the leaves are on the trees.**
- As a courtesy, notify your neighbors that you will be marking line for the OFTL Program.
- **Mark no more than 100 feet between marks. Typical surveyor stakes are generally placed too far apart for this program and are easily removed.**

Don't:

- Don't mark dead trees.
- Don't use ribbons, flags, wire flags, or anything easily pulled down, off, or out of the ground.

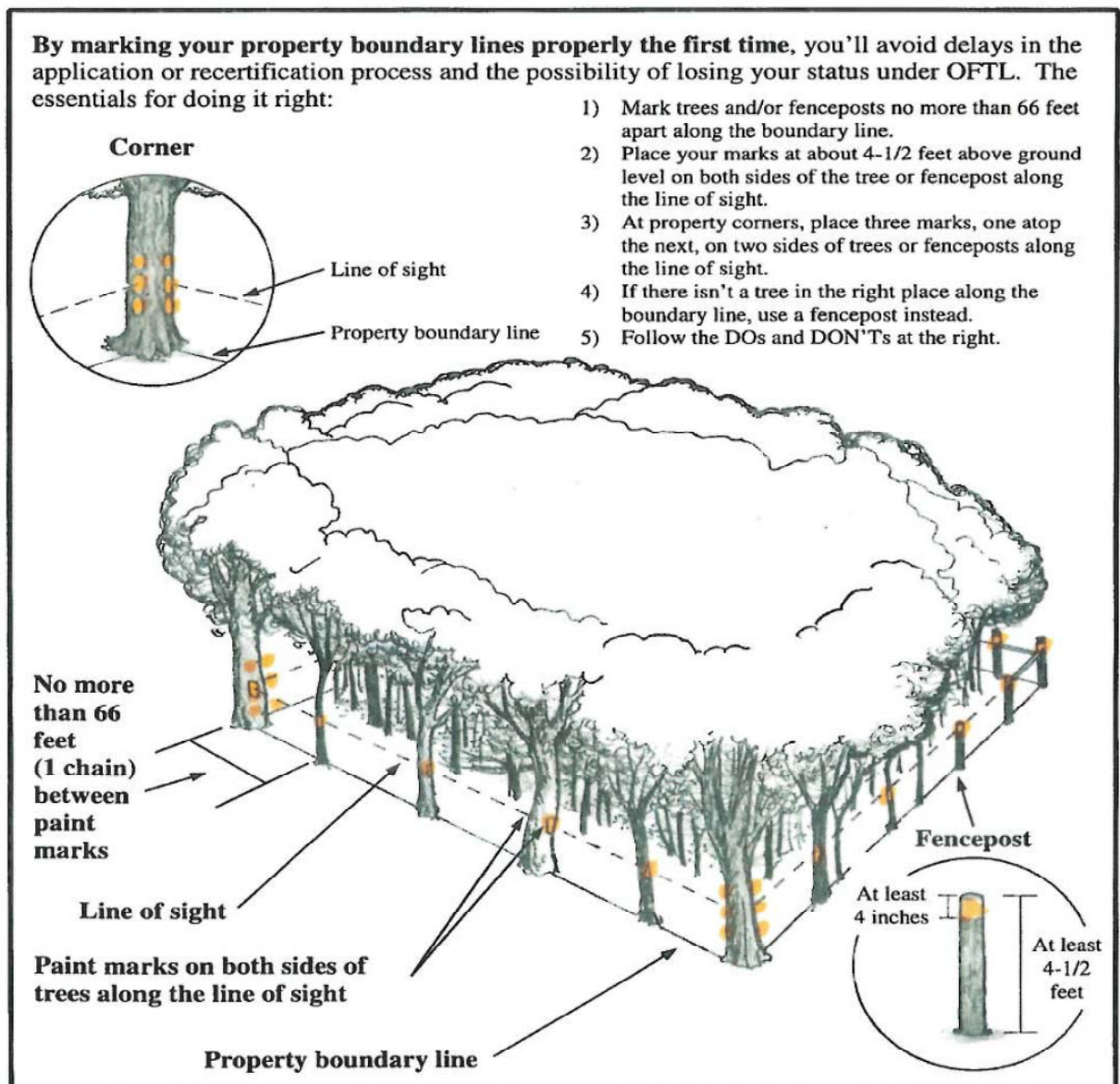
Paint on boundary trees is considered the minimal "permanent" marking allowable. Ribbons do NOT qualify as permanent marking of boundaries. Posts can also be used but avoid stakes that can easily be pulled out of the ground.

Boundaries of the perimeter of the property need marked. Existing roads, that are property boundaries, do not need to be painted along the road, but any intersection of the property boundary with a road should be marked and easily seen from the road.

Place the marks on either side of the tree in the direction the line is going.

If there is no tree on the line, locate a tree that is within 6 feet of the property line without going over on your neighbor, or place a post on the line and paint it.

Refresh as needed to maintain highly visible property lines.



Consulting Foresters - Northeast Ohio

Thomas Anundson: Anundson & O'Barto, Consulting Foresters. SAF member, B.S. Forest Science Degree from Penn State University, 1992. Tom has been serving private landowners for more than 25 years, specializing in timber sale management, timber stand improvement, invasive species control, wildlife habitat improvement, management plan writing. Tom will travel anywhere in Eastern Ohio.

Address: 621 Cathy Ann Dr. **Phone:** 412-302-0239

Boardman, OH 44512 **Email:** anundsont@aol.com

Base: Mahoning County Website: www.consultingforester.com

Adam Beichler: TWC Consulting Forestry. SAF Certified Forester. Adam works for the Wilderness Center in Wilmot, Ohio managing organization property and works with private landowners in providing all the services listed above on behalf of the Wilderness Center.

Address: 9877 Alabama Ave. SW
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

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Base: Wayne County

Dan Castellucci: Frontier Woodland Services, LLC. SAF Forester degree from West Virginia University in Forest Resource Management. Dan has worked in forestry with public utilities and public lands management.

Address: 13830 Easton St NE
1213
Alliance, Ohio 44601

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E-mail: frontierwoodland@gmail.com

Base: Stark County

Randy and Koral Clum: Clum Forestry Consultants. SAF Certified Foresters. Randy and Koral Clum have extensive experience in conducting timber sales in east central Ohio. Based out of Dover, Ohio, they will travel north into surrounding counties to provide services.

Address: 2501 Oak Tree Drive NW
Dover, Ohio 44622

Phone: 330-364-2386
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Base: Tuscarawas County

Jed Coldwell: Coldwell Timber Consulting LLC. Jed is an SAF Member and degreed forester who works extensively in east central Ohio. He will travel north into Northeast Ohio to conduct timber sales.

Address: 33759 Hull Road
Salineville, OH 43945

Phone: 330-831-4374
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Base: Carroll County

Ben Crawford: SAF member with a bachelor's degree in Forestry from Ohio State University. Ben also operates Red Barn Home Furnishings.

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Kathryn Downie: Legacy Forestry Consulting: Society of American Foresters member with a bachelor's degree in forestry from The Ohio State University. Background in the forestry industry and forest management on utility systems. Specializes in forest management plans and timber harvest sales throughout northeastern Ohio.

Address: 33539 Park Place,
Avon Lake, OH 44012

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Base: Lorain County

David Duell: Legacy Land & Wildlife LLC. SAF Forestry degree from Penn State University. David has diverse experience in the forest management industry including management of private lands. You can visit his website for further details.

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Medina, OH 44256

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Email: legacylandandwildlife@gmail.com

Base: Medina County

Website: www.legacylandandwildlife.com

Jim T. Elze: LZ Forestree Consulting. SAF Certified Forester. Jim is a retired Service Forester who has worked extensively in northeast Ohio as a consulting forester since his "retirement".

Address: 2145 Merle Road
Salem, OH 44460

Phone: 330-831-8975 (mobile)
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Base: Columbiana County

John Evers: NEO Forest Management. John is a degreed forester and SAF member beginning his career in consulting forestry. A Geauga County native, John has transitioned his work to Northeast Ohio from his current activities in East Central Ohio.

Address: 14253 Nash Road
Burton, OH 44021

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Base: Geauga County

Joel Firem: Firem Forestry Consulting. Joel is a degreed forester and SAF member. He is specializing in writing Woodland Management Plans for Ohio Forestry Tax Law and CAUV, Property Management Plans, Wildlife Management Plans, Habitat Restoration Plans, Prescribed Fire Management Plans, Vegetative Inventories, Forest Management, and Timber Stand Improvement Plans

Address: 12548 Aquilla Rd
Chardon, Ohio 44024
Base: Geauga County

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Jason Grossman: Grossman Brothers maple products. Jason is an SAF member and degreed forester working in northeast Ohio. Primary profession is tubing and repair for maple syrup production. Forestry work focuses on writing Forest Management Plans for commercial timber production and syrup production.

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Base: Geauga County

Frank Luppino: SAF Certified Forester

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Medina, OH 44256

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Base: Medina County

Rick Miller: Rick is a retired ODNR state land forester, and is a SAF Certified Forester based out of Tuscarawas County.

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Dover, OH 44622

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330-987-9300 (Cell)
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Base: Tuscarawas County

Tim Morgan: Morgan Forest Management. Tim is an SAF Certified Forester who works out of Ravenna, Ohio. Tim has extensive experience with timber sales and routinely works the northeast Ohio region.

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Base: Portage County

Ryan Zeisler: Zeisler Forestry Consulting LLC. Ryan is an SAF member and degreed forester working in the east central and northeast Ohio region.

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Base: Columbiana