Northwest Portage County Forest Plan, Application for Demonstration Site Funds

Purpose of the Northwest Portage County Forest Plan

The Northwest Portage County Forest Plan will address local issues and concerns resulting from forest fragmentation and/or land parcelization through a collaborative effort of local landowners and organizations interested in maintaining woodland benefits and services in their area.

Purpose of a Demonstration Site

Demonstration Sites will illustrate practical woodland management activities recommended in the Plan to offset the effects of the locally identified issues and concerns.

Recommended activities include tree plantings, invasive plant control, wildlife habitat improvement, and woodland improvement activities (e.g. crop tree release, thinning, woodland product development).

Demonstration Site Criteria and General Information

Sites must be in Portage County within the townships of Freedom, Hiram, Mantua, or Shalersville; or within the cities of Streetsboro or Aurora.

Sites must be owned by a local government or non-profit agency. State and federal lands are not eligible.

Organizations must allow public access to the Demonstration Sites.

Activities must be explained in some way—through signs, brochures, and/or website information.

Sites must be maintained as Demonstration Sites for at least two years but preferably longer.

Demonstration Site work must be completed by December 2013.

Awarded grant money will not exceed $7,000, must be matched 1:1, and can only be used for direct costs needed for creating the demonstration site. Matching funds can be cash, in-kind matching costs (equipment or labor), or indirect costs (overhead). However, federal funds cannot be used for the match.

Preference will be given to locally protected lands that border privately-owned woodlands of 2-10 acres in size.

Applications will be evaluated and awarded based on how well the proposed demonstration site fits into the Northwest Portage County Forest Plan and meets the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan.

Link to Northwest Portage County Forest Plan:
http://ohiodnr.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nmip6%2b9F4Fs%3d&tabid=24131

Application Deadline: ***November 20, 2012***

Applicant Information

Community/Organization Name: _____

Address:_____

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Description of Potential Sites for Woodland Management

Property Name: _____

Property Address/Location:_____

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County: _____Civil Township:_____ Total Acres: _____ Total Forest Acres: _____

Description of Demonstration Site Location (attach map showing location of work/demonstration site):

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Description of Woodland Management Practices to be Completed

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(e.g., invasive plant control--name major invasive species to be controlled and area; tree planting/reforestation, wildlife habitat improvement activities, woodland improvement activities, etc.).

Projected Time Line

Begin Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

Budget

Grant Funds Requested: _____

Activity/Material	Cash	Materials	In-Kind Services	Total
Totals				

Application Signature

Official Authorized Signature (s): _____ Date: _____

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Mail Completed Application to:
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