



A Forest Stewardship Management Plan

Dutchess County Parks - Wilcox Park

Owned By
Dutchess County NY

Plan Start Date
01/01/2013



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PRIMARY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

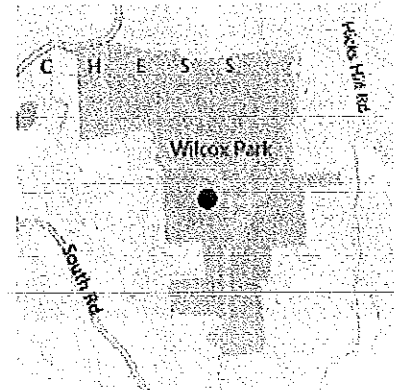
Turn this County Park into a working forest.
Become involved in improving wildlife habitat projects.

An important part of this plan is a recommendation to contract with/develop a relationship with a local consultant forester. This forester will be able to give you many more specific forest activities, mark the trees, administer any timber sales, perform or contract out spraying and/or planting. Doing this as soon as possible will ensure a positive transition to a working forest landscape at Wilcox Park.

PROPERTY

Address

State Route 199
Milan NY 12571
Dutchess County



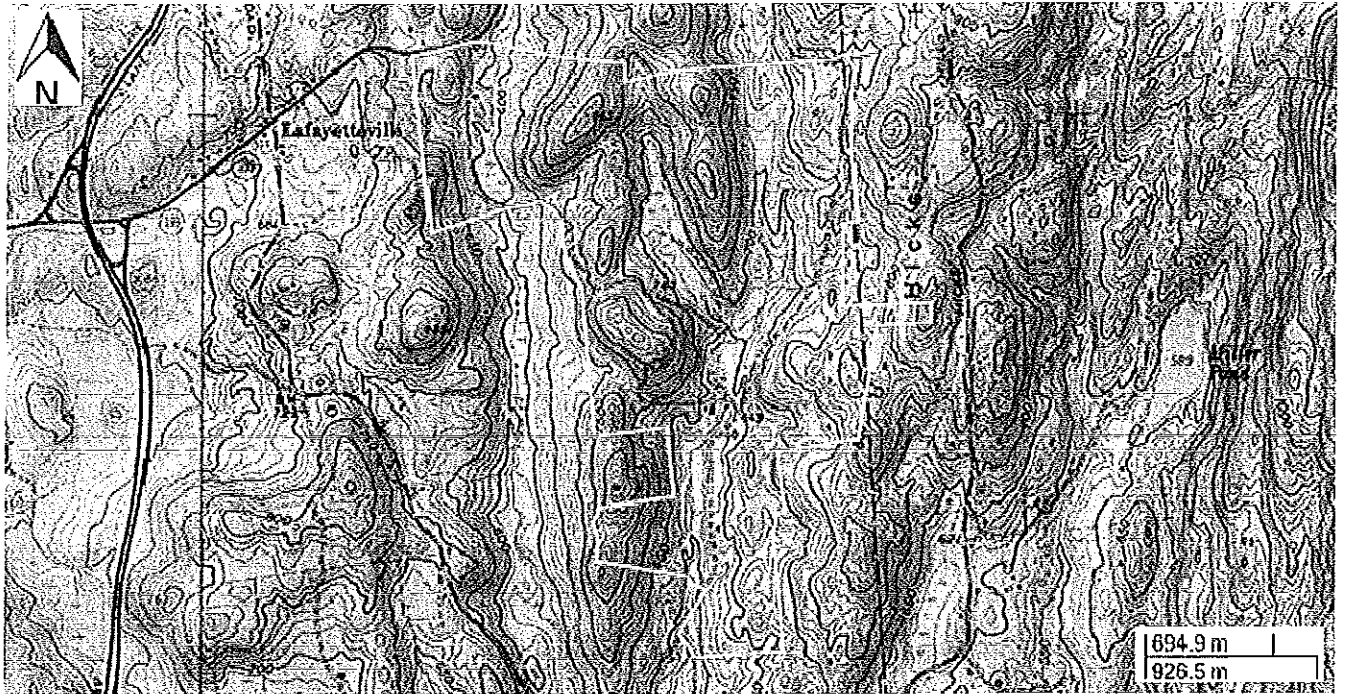
Legal Description

Property is level to rolling to hilly. Located in the Towns of Milan and Pine Plains (mostly Milan) and south of Route 199.

Mapped Acres (GIS)	599.0
Surveyed Acres	620
Forested Acres	510
Perennial Stream Length (ft)	N/A
Boundary Marked	No

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Topographic Map



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Proposed Forest Management Schedule

Date	Priority	Feature	Activity Practice
10/1/2013	High	Property	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
12/31/2013	High	Property	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
12/31/2013	Medium	Property	Stand Clearcut
1/31/2014	High	Property	Commercial Thin
12/31/2014	Medium	Property	Stand Clearcut
1/31/2015		Property	Silviculture - Other (Acres)
3/31/2015		Property	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
12/31/2015	High	Property	Commercial Thin

Property-Level Activities

Activity	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Priority	High
Date Recommended	10/1/2013
Start Year	2013
End Year	2022
Quantity	20
Frequency	Once

Activity Description

Convert dead/dying red pine plantation to early successional habitat. This can be accomplished using Partners (list available thru Elizabeth Marks at NRCS in Ghent 518 828-4385 x105 or elizabeth.marks@ny.usda.gov)

Activity	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Priority	High
Date Recommended	12/31/2013
Start Year	2015
End Year	2022
Quantity	20
Frequency	Once

Activity Description

Wildlife habitat improvement - connect with partners associated with EQIP (NRCS Environmental Quality Improvement Program). Elizabeth Marks in the Ghent, NY office can get the list of partners involved in the New England Cotton-tail habitat restoration project. Any projects done in the park should have educational signage associated with it. This will improve public perception and lessen negative impacts.

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Activity	Silviculture - Other (Acres)
Date Recommended	1/31/2015
Start Year	2015
End Year	2022
Quantity	20
Frequency	Once

Activity Description

White Pine stands - either thin or clearcut these stands to promote regeneration. To maintain a conifer component, it would be beneficial to plant additional pines or spruces in clumps (instead of rows) and fence them to protect from deer.

Activity	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Date Recommended	3/31/2015
Start Year	2014
End Year	2020
Quantity	5
Frequency	Unknown

Activity Description

Deer exclosures - fencing areas that have been cleared to encourage natural regeneration with out being browsed by the deer. These areas can be any size, and once the vegetation has grown up, the fence can be taken down and moved to another site.

Activity	Commercial Thin
Priority	High
Date Recommended	12/31/2015
Start Year	2015
End Year	2015
Quantity	80
Frequency	Once

Activity Description

Commercially thin sections of Stand 2, in areas not readily seen by the public, in the winter-time. This will help to limit the amount of exposure that the public has to the operation. Winter activities are easier on the soils.