

ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CHAPTER 2000

ANNUAL PLANNING

2000 **OBJECTIVE & POLICY** 2

2100 **ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET** 2

2000 OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

OBJECTIVE

To develop an annual work plan and budget that will satisfy the needs specified in Chapter 1000 to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with program priorities established in the Mission Statement.

POLICY

The County Forest program will sustain a level of operation that considers the needs of the forest and the public in accordance with the goals identified in Chapter 100.

2100 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

Each year an Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be prepared by the forest administrator with assistance from the Committee and the DNR liaison forester. This plan shall be based upon the detailed annual needs contained in Section 1100 of the Plan. Annual work plans are approved by the County Board and forwarded to the DNR as required by Wisconsin statutes s. 28.11(5)(b) and s.28.11(5m)(b). Following County Board approval, a copy is provided to official copy-holders of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for inclusion as an amendment in this chapter.

**ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY LAND AND OUTDOOR DEPARTMENT
2006 WORK PLAN
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY FOREST RESOURCES
AND ITS ATTRIBUTES
(COUNTY FOREST PROGRAMS ONLY)**

In the year 2006 Oneida County Forest management activities will be accomplished under the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
County Forest Account	56110	\$ 465,600.00
State Aid Forestry Account	56112	\$ 43,100.00
Forest Road Account	56111	\$ 28,000.00

Those management activities will be as follows:

DNR / County Cooperative Planning

The annual County Forestry Department / DNR planning meeting was held on September 15, 2005. The purpose of the planning meeting is to provide a forum where both departments can jointly establish and agree upon County Forest management goals for the upcoming year. Persons present were DNR County Forest Liaison, Manny Oradei; DNR Wildlife Manager, Ron Eckstein; DNR Team Leader, Phil Theiler; DNR Forestry Specialist, Brian Spencer, Oneida County Forest Director, John Bilogan; and Oneida County Assistant Forest Director, Paul Fiene. Items discussed were County Conservation Funds, Wildlife Habitat Funds (10 cents per acre funds), proposed timber sales and harvest acreage goals, reforestation, forest reconnaissance, forest blocking, time standards, recreational development, fish and wildlife projects and forest protection.

County Forest Roads

The need for crushing additional gravel in 2006 to maintain the County Forest Road system has been identified as a high priority. Plans were made to locate a suitable crushing site with low visible impact near the northern edge of the Enterprise County Forest Block. The culvert replacement plan will once again continue in 2006. Five to ten culverts of varying size are scheduled for replacement in 2006. One large culvert scheduled for replacement in 2006 will require the installation work to be contracted out. In an effort to provide better public access to remote areas of the Oneida County Forest, seven small parking lots are planned for construction

adjacent to the Rozell County Forest Road. Normal maintenance of the other County Forest Roads will include grading, sign replacement, culvert and wash out repair, spot graveling, brushing, mowing, and beaver flood control. Access to the remainder of the forest will be determined by implementation of the access management provisions of the current Ten Year Plan.

Timber Sale Administration

It is anticipated that between 30 and 40 timber sale contracts will be active in the year 2006. Department involvement will include contract administration, sale inspection, and fiscal record keeping. A harvest of 20,000 cords with an equivalent value of \$776,000.00 is expected. The haul permit system will continue to be used for pulpwood and wood scaling will be utilized for saw logs. Weekly timber sale inspections by both County and DNR personnel will be conducted on all active sales.

Timber Sale Establishment

Approximately 1600 acres of mature timber will be harvested in 20 areas as specified in Section 12 B of the forest reconnaissance computer printout. This will entail approximately 700 acres of Northern Hardwood thinning and 600 acres of Aspen harvest for regeneration. An additional approximate 300 acres of miscellaneous timber types will also be harvested. The sale areas are distributed throughout the three County Forest Blocks (Enterprise, Cassian-Woodboro, and Lynne-Little Rice). A sale value of \$800,000 is expected. The labor required to establish the aforementioned timber sale acreage will be provided by the Oneida County Forestry Department in conjunction with planned assistance from DNR Forestry personnel.

Reforestation and Plantation Release

Approximately 40 acres of established timber harvest areas will be chain scarified in order to expose mineral soil and prepare a seed bed for Oak, Maple, and Birch trees. Small clear cuts (8-10 acres) along the Washburn Ski Trail will be conducted and planted to spruce / pine for green cover along the trail.

Forest Protection

Cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources will be sought in protecting the forest from insects, disease, and forest fires. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), will be contracted with to help control beaver damage, thereby minimizing timber loss, road washouts, trout stream degradation, and loss of valuable lowland vegetative ecosystems.

Equipment and Facilities

The following equipment has been budgeted for replacement in 2006: A 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup truck, a lawn mowing tractor and a ski trail grooming drag. The truck will be used for facility management / forest maintenance. The new truck will replace an existing 8-year old 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup with approximately 85,000 miles of use. The lawn tractor will be used to mow grass at our various County Parks. The new lawn tractor will replace an existing tractor that has been used by our department for mowing parks for 10 years. The ski trail drag will be used to groom approximately 45 miles of County maintained ski trails. The new ski trail drag will replace an existing 12-year old drag.

Forest Reconnaissance

Forest Reconnaissance work is anticipated to include 5,000 acres being redone and 2000 acres being updated due to current management activities. A combination of DNR and County employees will perform this reconnaissance.

Wildlife Management

In cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, wildlife management activity on the County Forest will center around forest openings maintenance, habitat trail mowing, seeding hunter hiking trails, and special timber sale designs to promote both game and non-game wildlife habitat.

ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE

December 5, 2005

Thomas Rudolph, Chairman

Wilbur Petroskey, Vice Chairman

Charles Wickman, Member

Peter Wolk, Member

Guy Hansen, Member