
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Managing Your Forest for Timber and Wildlife!</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">A Tree Farm Field Day!</h3> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Presented by Michigan Conservation Districts, Forestry Assistance Program, American Tree Farm System, and Stephen Begin</p>	
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During this field day you will learn about different factors to consider when making management decisions on your forested property. These topics will be discussed as part of a field tour highlighting the 40-acre parcel owned by the Manistee Conservation District. Josh Shields (Forestry Assistance Program [FAP] forester with the Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts) and Stephen Begin (consulting forester) will talk about the history of the parcel, the benefits of a forest management plan, and the benefits of Tree Farm and Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Forest, Wetlands, Habitat A\*Syst (FWH A\*Syst). You will also learn how to use forestry tools such as an angle gauge, cruiser stick, clinometer, and increment borer! Finally, Josh Shields will discuss an herbicide experiment implemented on the parcel, and how to slow the spread of non-native invasive trees such as Scots pine and black locust, and non-native invasive shrubs such as autumn olive.

**Location and Date**

**\*Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at the 40-acre parcel on the southwest corner of 9 Mile Road and Puustinen Road near Kaleva, MI (see map in this document)**

\*At 9:00am, meet at the parcel by the “Outdoor Classroom” sign. **PLEASE PARK ON THE SHOULDER OF 9 MILE ROAD WITHOUT BLOCKING ANY INTERSECTIONS.**

*There is NO COST to attend the workshop and LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED! THANK YOU TO THE MICHIGAN TREE FARM COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING THIS EVENT! SPACE IS LIMITED so Please register before September 13<sup>th</sup>, by contacting the Manistee Conservation District at 231-889-9666 or email Josh Shields, the Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation District Forester, at [joshua.shields@macd.org](mailto:joshua.shields@macd.org).*

**Agenda:**

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 - 12:00	History of the parcel; benefits of a forest management plan; benefits of Tree Farm and MAEAP FWH A*Syst; forestry tools such as an angle gauge, cruiser stick, clinometer, and increment borer; herbicide experiment implemented on the parcel; how to slow the spread of non-native invasive trees such as Scots pine and black locust, and non-native invasive shrubs such as autumn olive.	Josh Shields, FAP forester Stephen Begin, consulting forester
12:00 - 1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Map of location:

← Kaleva is this way, to the west.

Meet here, by "Outdoor Classroom" sign.

Park ON SHOULDER of 9 Mile Road.

