

Forest Management Goals: David Manski's Property (2018)

Timber production: (a) Manage for long-term forest health, diversity, and quality. (b) Generate enough income to cover part or all of forest management implementation activities. (c) Increase quantity of hardwood trees on property. (d) Minimize introduction of non-native insects, plants and forest diseases on our property. (e) Consider actively managing/promoting tree species that have commercial value that do not currently naturally reside in the Bar Harbor area, but may in the future occur due to global warming.

Wildlife management: (a) Promote both old and young forest stands to increase wildlife habitat diversity; (b) Retain snags on our property to provide nesting habitat for cavity nesting birds. (c) Provide habitat for terrestrial wildlife through establishment of brush/wood piles and coarse woody debris on the forest floor. (d) Minimize introduction of non-native wildlife. (e) Improve pollinator habitat in our agricultural fields. (f) Prevent introduction of fish into our farm pond (at present the pond is fishless and supports numerous amphibian species). (g) When disturbance events occur within forested areas, maintain a portion of the damaged vegetation to provide additional and diverse wildlife habitat. (h) Except for existing orchard, maintain fields as grasslands for wildlife and manage them so they do not succeed into forests (a requirement of our conservation easement). (i) Maintain a forested wildlife corridor along the eastern edge of our large wetland complex on the west side of our property.

Recreation management: (a) Establish walking trail(s) on our property for personal use. (b). We do not plan to allow general public recreation on our property without our permission.

Soil & water protection: (a) Provide for ecologically healthy streams, riparian areas, ponds, and wetlands. (b) Minimize introduction of non-native aquatic plants, fish and wildlife in our aquatic habitats. (c) Maintain our open water farm pond; don't let cattails, alders, and other successional woody species invade the pond or its shoreline. (d) Continue management of farm pond for crop irrigation.

Aesthetic consideration: (a) Maintain the health of the 13 mature oak trees located at the edge of our fields; if any of these trees die, then replacement oaks should be planted in their place. (b) Maintain the health and presence of mature trees that parallel Norway Drive and provide a visual buffer from the road to our fields (required under our conservation easement). (c) Minimize disturbing and protect the various historic stone piles and stone fencing located in former pasture land that has now grown into forest land. (d) Maintain a forested buffer along the boundary of our property to provide additional privacy from neighbors and from roads.