

Elk and Duck River Watershed Buffer Initiative Site Visit Information

Conservation Professional Name: _____ Date of visit: _____

Landowner Name: _____ Total Acreage: _____

Below is the context and questions you should present to the landowners during your visit. Use this as a conservation starter but not as a deposition. Return to Candace Dinwiddie at cdinwiddie@tnforestry.com

The purpose of this project is to promote the benefits of forest management to landowners and identify those who may be interested in implementing conservation practices to restore and enhance the aquatic habitat of the Elk and Duck River watersheds. There is money available to help landowners reach their goals.

In order for us to best serve you, the My Tennessee Woods Team needs to understand what your interests are.

Rank your goals for your woods 1st – 5th: ___Forest Health ___Income ___Ecosystem Services
___Recreation ___Wildlife/Fisheries

Forestry practices are often not considered because of costs. However, state and federal agencies make money available so that landowners can get what they want most out of their woods.

Have you ever applied for cost-share programs from state or federal agencies? Yes No NA

Would you consider cost-share to help you meet your forest management goals? Yes No NA

Due to its rich aquatic life, the Elk & Duck Rivers are among the most biodiverse freshwater bodies in the world.

Would you be willing to implement conservation practices to restore and enhance the aquatic habitat?
 Yes No NA

Nonnative invasive plants often negatively impact wildlife and forest productivity.

If invasives are a problem in your woods have you made any efforts to remove them? Yes No NA

If you had professional advice and/or financial assistance would you treat invasives? Yes No NA

A written forest management plan is a road map developed by you and conservation professional to help you reach your long term goals for your woods. It is not a legal binding contract with an outside party.

Have you written down your goals and objectives into a management plan? Yes No NA

Would you accept professional and/or financial assistance to write a plan? Yes No NA

Are you interested in your land becoming a certified Tree Farm through the American Tree Farm certification program?

 Yes No NA

Below are questions we need you, the conservation professional, to respond to regarding your visit:

In order to best serve this landowner, The My Tennessee Woods Team needs to know what this landowner needs to do next on their property.

Name the two most important specific actions that you recommended to this landowner.

So that we don't duplicate efforts, have you committed to any follow-up actions with this landowner?

What follow-up from any of the My Tennessee Woods Team would you recommend that would best help this landowner meet their goals, such as technical service, association membership, forest certification, or subscription to publications?

Anything else we should know?

Please return form to: Candace Dinwiddie, TFA cdinwiddie@tnforestry.com