

Ohio State University Extension Internship Program Intern Work Plan – June 3 to August 9, 2019

1. **Location/County:** Jackson Agricultural Research Station
2. **Supervisor of Intern:** David K. Apsley
3. **Supervisor email address:** apsley.1@osu.edu
4. **Identify the program and impact area(s) that will be the major focus of the intern.**

Impact Area(s) – check a maximum of two

- Health and Wellness
- Workforce Development
- Thriving Across the Life Span
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
- Environmental Quality

Program Area(s) – check all that apply

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community Development
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- 4-H Youth Development

5. **Identify the impact area-related activities/projects/products that it is anticipated the intern will complete during the internship.**

The principal role of this internship is to support the efforts of Ohio's Interagency Forestry Team¹. This team's planning area is 17 counties in Appalachian Ohio (Figure 1), and the current emphasis is on sustaining Ohio's oak forests. Currently, Dave Apsley (OSU Extension Natural Resources Specialist) serves as the outreach coordinator for the team.

Much of the focus of this internship will be on products related the team's pilot shared stewardship effort, which focuses on a smaller five county area (Vinton, Athens, Hocking, Perry and Morgan; Figure 2). This five county area contains the state's highest concentration of publically owned lands. The 5-year goal of this project is to engage 250 private woodland owners in active woodland management that employs "oak-friendly" forestry practices to sustain oak on their properties. The initial focus will be to expand



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the usage of treatments that sustain oak on public lands (Wayne National Forest, State Forests and State Wildlife Areas) to nearby or adjacent private woodlands. To support this goal the intern will help to develop a number of products to enhance awareness, provide information and encourage woodland owners to sustainably manage their woodlands.

- A DAY in the WOOD
 - Develop blog-posts (<http://u.osu.edu/seohiowoods>), and press releases for at least two A DAY in the WOODS events. Share this information on Social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.) and with Listserv.
 - Develop evaluation instrument and administer for one A DAY in the WOODS event
 - Summarize and share evaluation results with partners
- Develop an outreach product based (flyer, advertisement or other product) on TELE principals (Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively; www.engaginglandowners.org) to encourage woodland owners within the Shared Stewardship project area to actively employ an “oak friendly” practice in their woodland
- Develop an information sheet on an oak related topic to be used in the shared stewardship project area. This product will eventually be adapted for use in a jointly branded Ohio State University and Central State University fact sheet with the intern as a co-author.
- Create an Ohio Interagency staff directory, which includes contact and specializations of all natural resources professionals working on the collaborative oak restoration project.
- Make contact with and create an updated list of contacts and media outlets with an interest in sharing forestry information with their audiences within the 17 county region.
- Develop content and co-present a 30-minute segment on an oak related topic for Tree Talk on the OSU South Center’s YouTube channel.
- Support the Forest Outreach Coordinator from Central State University in the development of Legacy Planning and Women Owning Woodlands programming.

¹ The Ohio Interagency Forestry Team is comprised of member agencies with overlapping forestry missions including the USDA Forest Service (National Forest, Research and State & Private), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, ODNR Division of Forestry, ODNR Division of Wildlife, The Ohio State University Cooperative Extension and Central State University Cooperative Extension.

6. List a minimum of six activities in which the intern will participate. These activities and meetings should be within the impact areas, across program areas and/or with the community or other professionals.

- A DAY in the WOODS-2nd Friday Series Events
 - June 14th: Non-game Wildlife at the Vinton Furnace State Forest

- July 12th: Woodland Conservation Practices and EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) at the Vinton Furnace State Forest
 - August 9th: Hemlock Ecosystems and Night Sounds at Camp Oty'Okwa in the Hocking Hills
- Help to organize and participate in an OSU (Extension and CFAES)/Forestry Team Leadership field tour. Date TBD
- Assist with ODNR Division of Forestry-Teacher workshop with a focus on Song Birds and Project Learning Tree Workshop at the Vinton Furnace State forest on June 4.
- Attend and participate in OSU Extension-Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Retreat, June 5-7.
- If out-of-state travel is allowed and intern is interested, attend and assist with the Tree Identification portion of the National 4-H Forestry Invitational (<http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>) in Weston, WV. July 28-30.
- Participate in Interagency Forestry Team-Outreach and Public Affairs working group meeting
- Attend Ohio Interagency Forestry Team –Middle Management meeting.
- Multiple opportunities to shadow other ANR and 4-H Extension professionals including the Forest Outreach Coordinator from Central State University, as well as, natural resources professionals and communications professionals from interagency partners.

7. Briefly describe the length of experience of the educator who will mentor the intern and/or the experience of the supervising educator/county team members. Our goal is to ensure the intern has a meaningful educational experience in which the intern learns the value and contribution of the Extension system and the impacts we produce for our clientele.

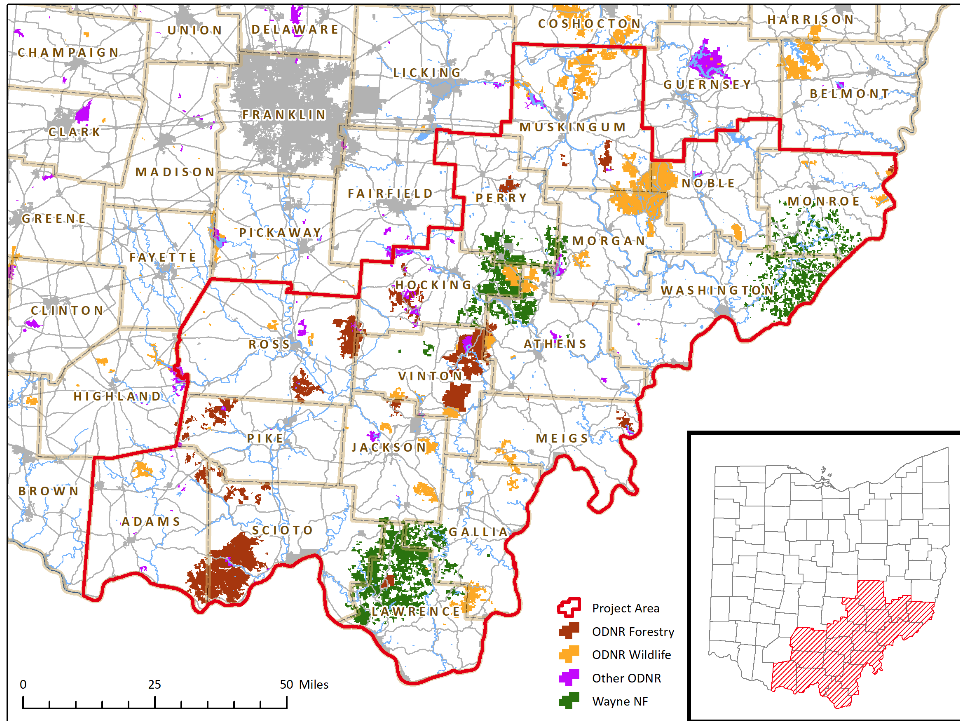
Dave Apsley focuses most of his energy on building partnerships to improve woodland management on family forests. He coordinates A DAY in the WOODS, <http://u.osu.edu/seohiowoods>, a woodland owner outreach effort focused in the Appalachian Ohio area. He is currently serving as the Outreach Coordinator for the Collaborative Oak Management Initiative. He has been a member of the National 4-H Forestry Invitational committee since 2006. Other programs that he has helped to develop include: Call Before You Cut (<http://callb4ucut.com>), Ohio Society of American Foresters directory (<http://osafdirectory.com>), and the Ohio

Woodland Stewards program <http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu>

Dave has 30 years of professional experience in forestry and natural resources education, management and research. Prior to joining Ohio State University Extension in December of 2000, he taught for six years in the Forest Management Technology at Hocking College. Other positions that he has held include Forester

and Supervisory Forester for the Department of Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Research Technician and Research Coordinator in the School of Forest Resources at the University of Georgia.

- Figure 1- Seventeen county planning area for Ohio Interagency Forestry Team



- Figure 2. Smaller five county, pilot Shared Stewardship Project area where intern will focus most of their efforts.

