

Lancaster Town Forest Committee

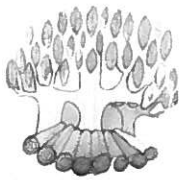


1 Regeneration after harvest including low bush blueberries, white pine, and red maple

You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the Lancaster Town Forest Committee. We will be discussing the proposed Phase II harvest. Town Forest Committee Chair, Tim Castner, and forester, Kevin Scherer will be explaining the 10 year forest management plan, results of the phase I harvest and the plans and goals for an additional harvest. Public comments and questions are welcome.

The Meeting will be in the Dexter Room of the Thayer Memorial Library on Monday June, 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Please contact Tim Castner at thcastner@comcast.net with questions.



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Lancaster Town Forest Committee
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Mr. Castner,

As requested the following is a proposal with revenue estimates for the next phase of timber harvesting as described in the forest management plan. It is important to note that there are many factors that affect the value of a timber sale that are extremely difficult to predict. These factors include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in a volatile forest products market, unforeseen tree defect, harvester availability and demand, decision changes while marking timber, and unforeseen administration expenses. Please use the below estimates for planning purposes only and understand the figures will be adjusted after the timber has been marked and tabulated. This proposal also includes my recommendations for the abutting land trust parcels. It is my recommendation that we apply for a grant to complete a Forest Stewardship Plan on land trust parcels 29-17 and 29-18. Funding for this management plan would be available in July or August, but it would be best to get the applications filed as soon as possible. I have attached the application. It should be filled out by a land trust representative and mailed to the DCR's Forest Stewardship Program. Unfortunately, land trust parcel 28-12 does not meet the minimum parcel size for grant funds. However, I believe a Forest Stewardship Plan is necessary and I have included an estimated cost below.

Forest Stewardship Plan for Parcels 29-17 and 29-18: \$910 (Reimbursement from FSP)

Forest Stewardship Plan for Parcel 28-12: \$800

Harvest 1 (see attached map)

Forest Stands	Acreage	Sawtimber Volume	Pulpwood Volume (tons)	Cordwood Volume (cords)	Estimated Forestry Expenses	Estimated Net Revenue
6	30	80	250	80		
11	38	74	100	130		
12	18	60	40	125		
18	12	30	120	72		
20	8	46	200	16		
Total	96	290	710	423	\$12,734	\$52,266

Harvest 2 (see attached map)

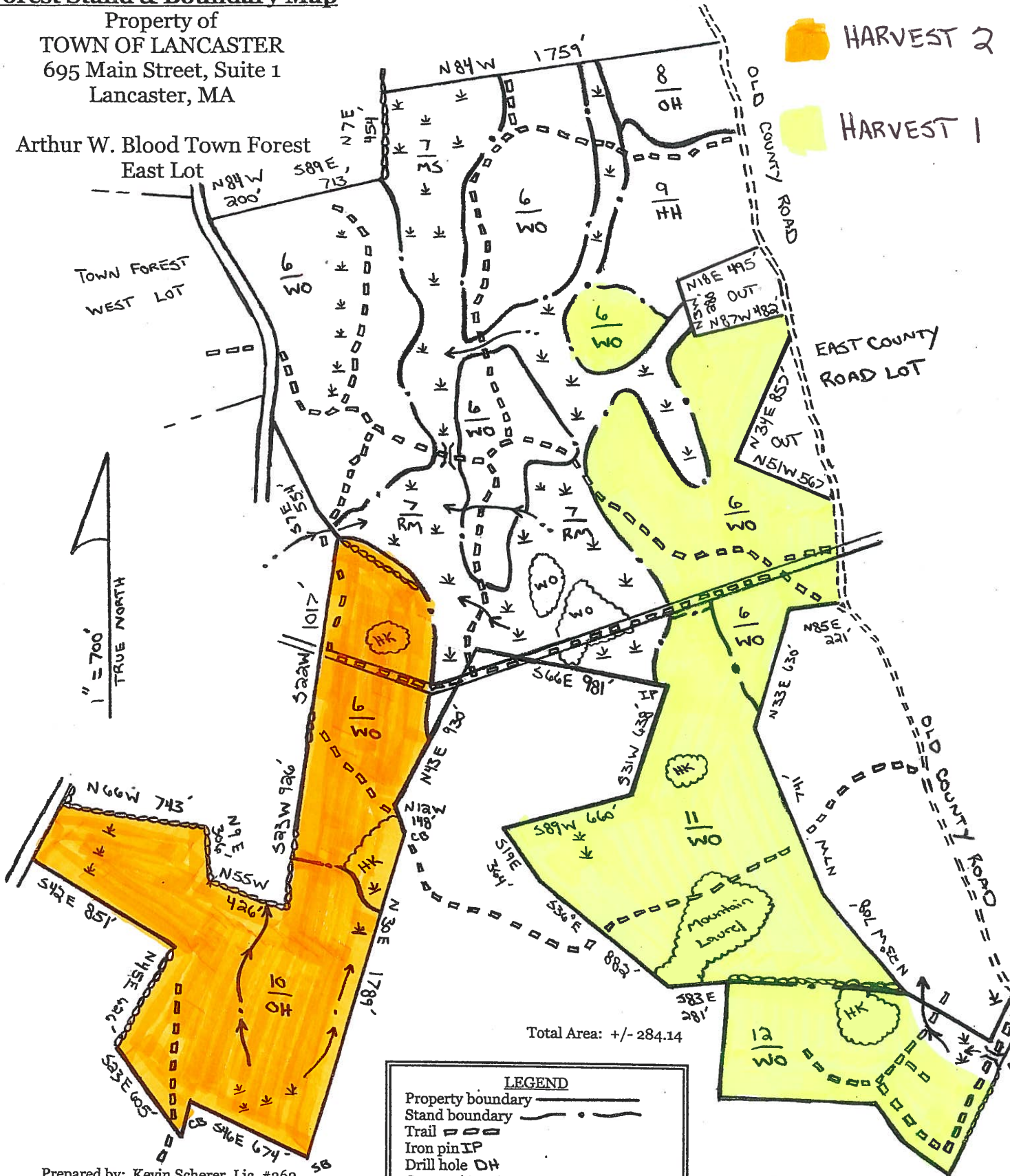
Forest Stands	Acreage	Sawtimber Volume	Pulpwood Volume (tons)	Cordwood Volume (cords)	Estimated Forestry Expenses	Estimated Net Revenue
6	19.3	64	230	70		
10	30	60	60	180		
Total	49.3	124	290	250	\$5,930	\$23,970

Forest Stand & Boundary Map

Property of
TOWN OF LANCASTER
695 Main Street, Suite 1
Lancaster, MA

Arthur W. Blood Town Forest
East Lot

 HARVEST 2
 HARVEST 1



Total Area: +/- 284.14

LEGEND	
Property boundary	—————
Stand boundary	— · — · —
Trail	□ □ □ □
Iron pin IP	IP
Drill hole DH	DH
Cement/Granite Bound	□
Stonewall	⊖ ⊖ ⊖ ⊖
Forest edge	~~~~~
Stream	→ → →
Wetland	⋆ ⋆ ⋆
Beaver Dam	XXXXX
Culvert	()
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Sources: Survey Plan
Mass GIS Orthophotographs
Assessor's data
Field Research w/ GPS 1/14

