FOREST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

AT

ABEND HAFEN FARM

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**MULTIPLE USES**

**WILDLIFE HABITAT**

**Agriculture**

**Timber**

**Hunting and Fishing**

**Bird Watching**

**Wildlife Photography**

**Conservation Education**

**Stress Relief!**

**WILDLIFE HABITAT:**

Fields: 32 Ac. in crops

14 Ac. in CRP

Timber: 6 Ac. loblolly pine saw timber (about 1950)

20 Ac. loblolly pine pole timber (1989) (scattered hardwoods)

14 Ac. loblolly pine seedlings (2011) (scattered hardwoods)

3 Ac. field border along highway (autumn olive, Japanese black pine, Russian

olive, Leyland cypress, crab apple, bald cypress) (1991-92)

1 Ac. bald cypress (1991-92)

2 Ac. mature hardwood/loblolly pine homesite buffer

Water: ¾ Ac. stocked fish pond (also for fire protection)

Four moist soil impoundments (5.5 Ac.) planted with sorghum/Jap millet mix

Other: ¼ Ac. apple orchard (also fig trees)

Over one mile of roads/dikes (clover)

1 Ac. food plots/clover surrounding impoundments

Nesting structures for wood ducks, bluebirds, bats, squirrels, and ospreys

Backyard pond, fountain, bird baths, feeders, and bird houses

**AGRICULTURE:**

Corn Soybeans

Sorghum Winter Wheat

**TIMBER:**

1988 22 Ac. clearcut harvest (214K BF Sawtimber and 142 cords (439 Tons) Pulpwood/chips)

6 Ac. understory pulpwood thinning (62.8 cords/180 tons)

1989 20 Ac. reforestation

2002-07 2,025 fish trap poles sold (for commercial pound nets)

2007 20 Ac. pulpwood thinning (25 truck loads/565 tons)

2010 14 Ac. clearcut harvest (103K BF)

2011 14 Ac. reforestation

2012 6 Ac. timber cruise (108K BF)

14 Ac. Timber Stand Improvement – pine release spraying

2017-18 14 Ac. pre-commercial thinning

MANY cords of firewood have been cut since 1972!

**HUNTING and FISHING:**

Deer

Turkey

Largemouth Bass and Bluegill

**BIRDWATCHING:**

Songbirds

Waterfowl

Wading Birds

Raptors

Woodpeckers

**WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY:**

If it slithers, crawls, walks, leaps, runs, climbs, swims, or flies, it’s game!

**CONSERVATION EDUCATION: (Maryland Woodland Stewards Program / American Tree Farm System Outreach)**

Sign Displayed along Highway

Newspaper Articles

Newsletters

Radio -- WCEM for Dorchester Co. Forestry Board

Television -- WBOC for Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

One-on-One Conversations with Friends and Neighbors

Tours --

State Forestry Board Assn., Coverts Spring Field Day, Dorchester Co. Agriculture

Awareness Tour, Dorchester Co. Envirothon Team Training, Northeast Regional

Foresters Meeting, DNR Budget Personnel, Camp Nanticoke Boy Scout Eco-tour,

Delmarva Forestry Seminar, Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, Eastern Shore Land

Conservancy, Maryland Tree Farm System “Discover Your Woods” Tour, UMES Small

Farm Bus Tour, P. R. China State Forestry Administration

Slide Presentations --

Maryland Woodland Stewards Workshops, Anne Arundel Co. and Dorchester Co.

Elementary Schools, Delmarva Birding Festival, Quail Unlimited Wildlife Workshop,

Friends of Blackwater Spring Fling, Maryland Land Trust Alliance Workshop, Friends of

Blackwater Annual Meeting, UMd Ext. Sustainable Forestry Workshop

Conservation Displays --

Cambridge Earth Day Celebration, Maryland Forests Association Fall Forest Festivals,

Cambridge National Outdoor Shows,

**STRESS RELIEF!** ---- 106 acres of Heaven on Earth

**THE MESSAGE…..**

Volunteering with other organizations (e.g., Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), working with local officials (e.g., project forester, extension agent, soil conservation district, & U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service) has greatly enhanced opportunities to spread the Maryland Woodland Stewards and American Tree Farm System message and meet the multiple use goal of conservation education at Abend Hafen Farm!

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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MAP:

Stand 1 - 6 Ac. Mature loblolly pine

Stand 2 - 14 Ac. Seedling/sapling loblolly pine

Stand 3 - 20 Ac. Pole loblolly pine

