

WILLIAM PENN STATE FOREST DISTRICT

2022 ACTIVITY PLAN

The mission of DCNR Bureau of Forestry is to conserve the long-term health, viability and productivity of the Commonwealth’s forest and to conserve native wild plants. One of the ways the bureau carries out this mission is through the [State Forest Resource Management Plan](#) (SFRMP), a document that guides the management of the 2.2 million-acre state forest system. The SFRMP is updated approximately every 5 years and includes an extensive public engagement process.

One of the policies in the bureau’s strategic plan ([Penn’s Woods: Sustaining Our Forests](#)) includes, “Public participation will be an integral part of the management of state forest lands.” The purpose of this Activity Plan is to communicate to the public about upcoming management activities, projects, and events that will be conducted to implement the SFRMP on William Penn State Forest. This document will be revised at the start and middle of each calendar year to provide sufficient time for public review, questions, and feedback. The bureau is committed to considering the views and perspectives of the public and stakeholders and strives to accommodate public interests in planning management activities and decision making. We encourage comments or questions regarding planned or proposed activities be directed to the state forest district conducting the activity.

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RECREATION

- Wertz Tract
 - Install footbridge over Hospital Creek
- Buck Hollow
 - Install campsite on southern section
- Honey Brook Tract
 - Plan a future trail system using the existing networks.
 - Install a campsite

Organized Events

- Events are currently on hold due to COVID restrictions. This may change for the second half of 2022.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Marked and sold, potentially active

- Missing in Action sale on the Texter Mt. Road side of the Wertz tract is sold and expires 2/3/2022.
- Sportsman Road District Forest Permit sale sold and expires 4/15/22.

Marked but not yet sold

N/A

Proposed (not marked yet)

N/A

Regeneration projects

Deer fence will be put out for bid on the Wertz tract to be installed on the Missing in Action sale after cutting is completed.

RESTORATION AND HABITAT PROJECTS

- Manual removal of invasive plants will occur on the Wertz tract with the goal of protecting sensitive plants.
- Bidding will be conducted for mowing and fire line construction at the Goat Hill Wild Plant Sanctuary on the TNC acquisition. Tentative completed dates are November 2021-March 2022.

ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS

- An access road stream crossing is in the bidding phase for Goat Hill Wild Plant Sanctuary. This will allow us to perform habitat work that improves the serpentine ecosystem.
- Continue to improve the access road at Gibraltar.
- Install 1 gate on the ROW at Gibraltar.

PRESCRIBED FIRE

- Warm Season Grass field 1 and 2 will be burned at Buck Hollow (Furnace Rd and Hay Creek Rd)
- 2 grass fields will be burned at Goat Hill to promote serpentine habitats

INSECT, DISEASE, AND INVASIVE PLANT TREATMENTS

- Southern Pine Beetle mitigation at Goat Hill
- Treat stilt grass at Goat Hill and Wertz
- Focus on Paulownia, Ailanthus, and Angelica tree treatments on Wertz, Gibraltar Hill, and Buck Hollow Tracts.
- Complete an begin to implement the invasive Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) plan.

NATURAL GAS, OIL, AND OTHER GEOLOGIC RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- No activity to report

TOWER AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY PROJECTS

- No Activity to report

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Habitat Projects

- Begin to plant the elm tree seed orchard at Honey Brook.

RESEARCH

- Research is ongoing involving nodding trillium, glade spurge, and elderberry on various tracts.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR