

## Bid Notice- Forestry Services

The Clayton County Conservation Board is accepting bids for contracted forestry services including: Timber stand improvement (TSI), Machine Planting, Hand Planting, pre-emerge spraying. Contractors must be insured and provide proof of same. Contractors must show proof of pesticide applicator license (if bidding corresponding work). Work shall proceed on the timeline outlined withing the forestry stewardship plan that accompanies each property.

**Bid date:** April 11, 2026 (5:00pm)

**Bid Opening:** April 14, 2026 (8:30am)

**Bid Opening Location:** 29862 Osborne Road, Elkader,

Iowa 52043

**Phone:** 563-245-1516

**Email:** [CCCB@claytoncountyia.gov](mailto:CCCB@claytoncountyia.gov)

Interested parties may bid all or some of the work depending on their specialty.

Work must be completed to the satisfaction of the Conservation Board to be paid.

The Clayton County Conservation Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**Contractor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Call Dave Asche, District Forester, with plan questions: 563-880-0507

See Plan and Map attached for each project.

**Project Name:** Pleasant Ridge Stand A TSI (19.5 Acres) **Bid Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completion Date By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

This bid accepted and approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the \_\_\_\_\_ month, 2026.

**Chairman Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Office Use Only)** Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Forest Management Plan

Clayton County Conservation  
29862 Osborne Rd.  
Elkader, IA 52043

Pleasant Ridge

Phone# 563-245-1516

Date: 2025

Plan prepared by:  
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**Location of the woodlands:** Section 19, Buena Vista twp. Clayton county

**Acres of woodlands in plan:** 25

**Owner's long range goals:** Tree health, quality, species diversity and wildlife habitat

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL STANDS

**Stand A: (19.5 acres)**

**Soils:** Nordness and Dubuque

**Current Vegetation:** The overstory is 14 to 20 inch red oak, white oak, bur oak, chinkapin oak, walnut, basswood, sugar maple, cherry, aspen, bitternut hickory, hackberry, shagbark hickory and ash. The understory is 1 to 10 inch ironwood, bitternut hickory, muscle wood, hackberry, boxelder, elm, ash, walnut, cherry and honeysuckle.

### **Recommendations:**

1. The hackberry, white elm, bitternut hickory, ironwood, boxelder, muscle wood and honeysuckle of all sizes (down to 1 inch) should be felled or girdled and treated with a herbicide with the active ingredient of Triclopyr such as Garlon or Remedy ultra to prevent sprouting.
2. Aspen and poor formed desirable species should be cut off as close to the ground as possible and not treated.
3. Any oak should be released from direct competition of other trees including sugar maple and basswood to help them remain a healthy part of the stand.
4. Vines should be cut and treated if they are in an oak or other desirable tree.

5. This work should be done between October and March for the herbicide to work properly. It is against the law to use any herbicide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, insure the label is understood before use.

**Desired Results:** Removing the undesirable stems will promote the current regeneration as well as promote new seedlings in areas that had lower numbers present. The oak release work will help to provide space for the limited oak in a developing maple/basswood stand.

**Stand B: (5.5 acres)**

**Soils:** Nordness

**Current Vegetation:** Open area with some walnut, apples, cedar, prickly ash and scattered other deciduous trees.

**Recommendations:** Hand plant 100 red oak, 100 white oak and 100 chinquapin oak scattered as evenly as possible throughout the entire stand. Do not plant in areas that have a lot of walnut or apple. Install a 5 foot tall tree pro tube and fiberglass stake on each one. After the planting, spray a 2 foot wide band around each tube with a combination of glyphosate, princep and pendulum.

**Desired Results:** Increase species diversity by adding 3 oak species.

### Timber Stand Improvement Contractors Working in Northeast Iowa

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
Brown Forestry & Sawmill	1814 337th St.	Decorah	IA	52101	(563) 380-1199
Lane McGreal	20914 Elm	Strawberry Point	IA	52076	(563) 329-1040

