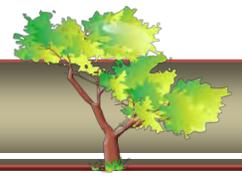


# Phase 1 Offsite Woodland Habitat Evaluation



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract \_\_\_\_\_ Field No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Woodland Analysis Tutorial

Figure 1 illustrates three suitable habitat woodlands of varying size, connectivity, and distance to water. Woodland A is 9-acres in size and 480-feet from Woodland C. Woodland B is 8-acres in size and is 197-feet from Woodland C. Woodland C is > 10-acres in size and all three woodlands are within 2-miles of a permanent water source; the stream flowing through Woodlands B & C.

Figure 1

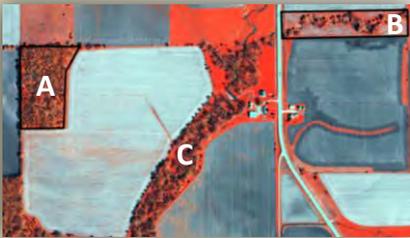
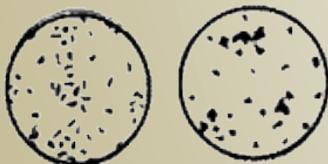


Figure 2 is an example of a pasture with scattered trees of less than 10% canopy cover. Figure 3 includes an illustration depicting 10% canopy cover; one with sporadic cover and one with patchy cover.

Figure 2



Figure 3



For land that applicants plan to subdivide, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will complete this habitat evaluation after making an HEL determination. Projects that may adversely affect suitable endangered or threatened species habitat will require the completion of a *Phase-2 Onsite Woodland Habitat Evaluation* to determine whether NRCS can provide conservation planning assistance within these areas.

1. Is there a source of permanent water (a stream, farm pond, wetland, etc.) within 2 miles of the project site?

Yes - Continue to number 2.

No - Suitable habitat is not present, NRCS can proceed with conservation planning assistance.

2. Is the entire woodland area (not just the project area) greater than or equal to 10 acres in size?

Yes - Continue to number 5.

No - Continue to number 3.

3. Is the woodland area within 1,000 feet of another woodland area that is  $\geq 10$  acres in size (i.e. not isolated)?

Yes - Continue to number 4.

No - Suitable habitat is not present, NRCS can proceed with conservation planning assistance.

4. Is the project area comprised of pasture with scattered (less than 10% canopy cover) live trees, or eastern red cedar or evergreen trees?

Yes - Suitable habitat is not present, NRCS can proceed with conservation planning assistance.

No - Continue to number 5.

5. Discussions with the US Fish and Wildlife Service concerning these sites are ongoing and AD-1026 forms should be held pending further direction.