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What is Golden Sands RC&D?

Golden Sands RC&D is a regional conservation 501(c)3 nonprofit. We work in 12 counties in central Wisconsin. Our goal is to make central Wisconsin a better place to work and live by promoting clean water, healthy forests, abundant wildlife, and sustainable agriculture.

Our service area includes Taylor, Marathon, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Marquette, Green Lake, and Columbia counties.



What is a demonstration forest?

Demonstration forests were established to teach landowners the importance of land stewardship and strategies to enhance woodland productivity and wildlife habitat. These forests are privately-owned properties to showcase different management strategies.

More about this forest

Scan the QR code below to see more about this demo forest or to learn about our cost-share programs, landowner opportunities and more.



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Outagamie County Pinevilla Tree Farm



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Pinevilla Tree Farm

The Pinevilla Tree Farm began in 1993 after Steve and his father, Jim, purchased 174 acres in Outagamie County with the intentions of sustainably managing the forest. The property is special because as a young boy, Steve's parents would take him for walks and teach him about the plants and wildlife in the forest. It is also special because it has been actively managed since the 1950s. Since 1993, Steve has had 12 timber harvests and has produced 300,000 board feet of sawtimber and 2,500 cords of pulpwood.



Steve Ring with his Demonstration Forest sign.

After purchasing the property, as part of their commitment to sustainable management, Steve and his father transferred the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program plan into their names. Over the years, Steve has worked with industrial and private consulting foresters, loggers and agencies like the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accomplish his goals which encourage the growth of future commercial crops through sound forestry practices with careful consideration of forest aesthetics, wildlife habitat, erosion control and recreational use. Steve manages the woods by harvesting mature timber and thinning plantations and natural stands with the intentions of improving timber quality and growth while maintaining habitat for wildlife.

Ecological Landscape of WI: Central Lake Michigan Coastal



Aerial view of Pinevilla Tree Farm in Outagamie county.

The Pinevilla Tree Farm is a mosaic of land management techniques. 17 acres are managed for shrub diversity to increase habitat for American Woodcock and Golden Winged Warblers. Another section of the property is a hardwood forest filled with 120-year-old oaks. This area, among others, includes downed trees and woody debris to provide habitat for reptiles and amphibians. Pinevilla Tree Farm also hosts a section of vernal ponds and bottomlands, which serves as a blueberry bog.

Over the years, Steve has been very active with the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA). He has hosted and attended many private woodland owner field days and meetings, which introduced him to programs that assist private woodland owners with the maintenance of their properties. He strongly believes that education is key to good forest management and encourages anyone to join WWOA. Steve feels that the love landowners have for their woodlands is what brings WWOA members together to share their stories and management practices. Many members have developed lifelong friendships. He believes that together we can create tomorrow's woodlands today.

For more information about the Pinevilla Tree Farm and other demo forest sites, visit

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Steve and his efforts towards the development of Pinevilla Tree Farm demonstrates that people have the power to leave lasting marks on their ecosystem and community.

