

To: RVSD School Board  
From: Loren Glasbrenner, Dick Powell, and Scott Lancaster, WI DNR  
Re: School Forest

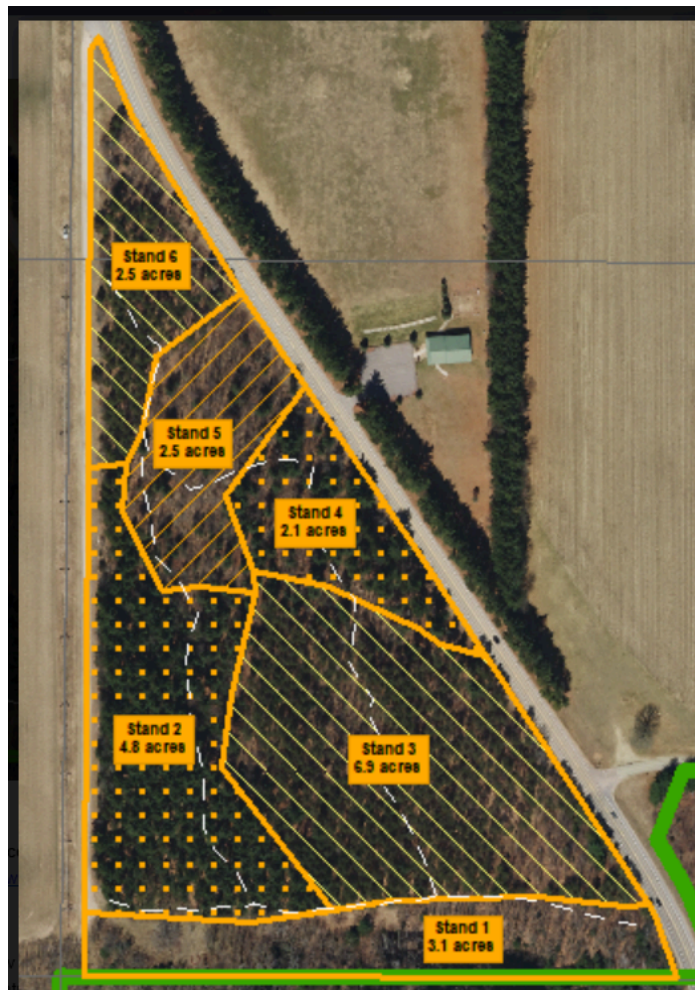
Below you will see our rules - soon to be posted:

**This school forest was created for the students, families, and communities of River Valley to enjoy. This natural area invites you to walk, jog, rest, and observe the plant and animal life that reside here. Please respect this environment to keep its natural state in place for the future. Take with you learning; leave only footprints.**

The following **are prohibited** in the River Valley School Forest:

- Hunting and weapons
- Camping
- Unauthorized vehicles, including golf carts, ATVs, UTVs.
- Alcohol or tobacco
- Illegal substances
- Littering
- Campfires
- No animals (Exception - leashed cats and dogs after school hours)

*Thank you for treating the plants, trees, wildlife, and scenery how you would want someone to treat your own home—with respect.*



Ongoing support:

- Last year, D. Powell entered the school forest with equipment to target invasive species and create access
- DNR also entered property to reestablish trails
- Red Pine Pocket Mortality and Heterobasidion Root Disease is a concern
- White Pine in the SW corner needs to be thinned (Stand 3); it is rough and declining
- Stand 6 could be converted to prairie and Stand five holds larger trees and possibly include some grasses
- Gigi LaBudde and Jeremy Batson about collaborating on some grassland projects
- Dick P. may mow that area a few years after planting the grass seed and district can coordinate with the Fire Department to help out with controlled burn
- Dick will focus on mowing Stands 6, 5 and 4 (in that order)
- As for the SE corner, that dead pocket is a mess (Stand 2)
- Possible logging is a priority
- Pause work until July 15 before doing any work on or around oak to keep the spread of Oak Wilt down
- Also, this will allow fungi to dry up and reduce spread as many spores to open wounds