

The Whiteside SWCD and the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association put on a short tour of Clayton Lindscheid's forty acres. Clayton's property features both wildlife habitat and forestry practices all on 40 acres. Because of his efforts there is a good population of pheasants, whitetail deer, fox squirrels, and quail. A number of song birds also use the habitat year round as well as stopping on their annual migrations.

The forty acres contain the following practices: tall and short native grass native grass, food plots, cool season grass, hardwood, pine, and shrub seedling plantings, and a two acre direct seeding of nuts and acorns. Clayton has also done a number of management activities including burning, pruning, thinning, and sod renovation.

In between showers the group of about nine people from three states (Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois) spent about 1 1/2 hours walking the property viewing the different practices on the ground then spent another 45 minutes touring Clayton's wood working shop. Clayton is an award winning carver with a long history of teaching others about the hobby.

Even though it rained before and after the tour the group seemed to enjoy themselves and learned a great deal in a short time.