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WOODLAND: A VALUABLE LAND USE
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Tree planting project

GARLYN GLANZ (left), executive director of the Delaware County Conservation board, talks with Don Sellner who looks at the results of a 1968 tree planting project on his property near Earlville. Sellner planted a variety of pine trees. He said such a woodland cover benefits wildlife. As an example of what can be done by planting trees now, Sellner added a few trees to the cover in 1982. (photo by Larry Beeler)

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A tree planter is also available for use to any county landowner. Interested persons may contact Garlyn Glanz, executive director of the local conservation board, phone 927-3410.

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