

STATEMENT OF WORK
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Pennsylvania

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work. The following deliverables are required for the complete implementation and documentation of this practice. The Riparian Forest Buffer (391) standard and specification (PA eFOTG) should also be reviewed for additional practice-specific requirements. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documentation that will demonstrate that criteria in the NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with other planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client.
 - c. Practice standard criteria, related computations, and analyses to develop practice plans and specifications, including but not limited to:
 - i. Buffer widths and lengths, and adapted native trees or native trees and shrubs to be planted, retained, and/or naturally established.
 - ii. Management measures to control competing vegetation.
 - iii. Protective measures to prevent damage to trees and shrubs.
 - iv. Additional measures, as required, to reduce pollutants in surface runoff and shallow groundwater, improve habitat for aquatic organisms and terrestrial wildlife, and increase carbon storage.
2. Written practice plans and specifications, including sketches, drawings, and/or the Practice Job Sheet PA 391, that adequately describe the requirements to install and maintain the practice and obtain necessary permits shall be provided to the client.
3. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
4. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-Installation conference with client and contractor.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to practice plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Installation guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the installation process and materials meets design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of installation.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied in acres
 - b. Width and length of buffer
 - c. Actual species of trees or trees and shrubs, including retention and anticipated natural establishment
2. Certification that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Reporting of Progress by recording Extent and Date Applied in the Customer Service Toolkit Practice Scheduler where Toolkit permissions exist.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard, Specification, and Job Sheet – Riparian Forest Buffer, 391
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook, Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS National Biology Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook