

STATEMENT OF WORK
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Pacific Islands Area

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables

In the Pacific Islands Area, all design documents shall be developed in accordance with the requirements in the Conservation Practice Standard available in Section IV of the [NRCS Field Office Technical Guide \(eFOTG\)](#).

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with 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. List of facilitating practices (e.g. Streambank and Shoreline Protection – 580, Fence – 382, *Riparian Forest Buffer* – 391, or *Pest Management* - 590).
 - d. Practice standard criteria related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. *Baseline conditions, including vegetation and native animal survey data.*
 - ii. Determination of *buffer zone* widths and lengths and adapted species to be planted, retained, and/or naturally reestablished.
 - iii. Required seedbed condition and preparation methods.
 - iv. Soil and seed amendments needed.
 - v. Variety or origin and amount of each species to be planted.
 - vi. Planting dates and depths and description of planting equipment.
 - vii. Protective measures for planted species, including use exclusion, *fence, feral ungulate or other invasive animal control.*
 - viii. *Additional provisions, as required, for reducing excess amounts of pollutants in surface runoff and shallow ground water flow; providing habitat for native aquatic organisms and terrestrial wildlife (including native insects and birds); and increasing carbon storage in biomass and soils.*
 - ix. Instructions as needed for placing different seed types (i.e. fluffy, large, small, slick and dense) in suitable drill boxes.
2. *A list of native or naturalized plant species will be developed that corresponds with the environmental conditions of the site. Initially, to select suitable species use the [Riparian Plant Restoration: A management tool for restoration in Hawaii](#), Version 2.0 or the [Pacific Island Plant Restoration: A management tool for habitat restoration in Micronesia, Version 1.0](#) or other suitable resource.*
3. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
4. Operation and Maintenance Plan.
5. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
6. Design modifications during installation as required.

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INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client and contractor.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application inspection.
 - a. Actual materials used.
 - b. Inspection records.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Final quantities of materials used
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- [NRCS Field Office Technical Guide \(eFOTG\)](#), *Pacific Islands Area* Section IV, Riparian Herbaceous Buffer (390) - Conservation Practice Standard
- [NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook](#)
- [NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook](#)
- [NRCS National Biology Manual](#)
- [Draft NRCS National Biology Handbook](#)
- [NRCS National Forestry Handbook \(NFH\)](#), Part 636.4
- [Riparian Plant Restoration: A management tool for restoration in Hawaii, Version 2.0](#)
- [Pacific Island Plant Restoration: A management tool for habitat restoration in Micronesia, Version 1.0](#)