

## Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

### Virginia Conservation Practice Job Sheet

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#### Definition of Practice

Provide and manage upland habitats and connectivity within the landscape for wildlife.

#### Purpose

Treating upland wildlife habitat concerns identified during the conservation planning process that enable movement, or provide shelter, cover or food in proper amounts, locations, and times to sustain wild animals that inhabit uplands during a portion of their life cycle.

#### Where Used

This practice applies on where the decision maker has identified an objective for conserving a wild animal species, guild, suite, or ecosystem. It also applies on land within the range of targeted wildlife species and capable of supporting the desired habitat.

#### Conservation Management System

Upland wildlife habitat management contains component practice(s) to complete the conservation management system(s) that address wildlife resources as part of the conservation system.

#### Specifications

Practice specifications will be developed individually for each site with the landowner. Specifications will comply with Standard 645, and the decisions concerning location, vegetation manipulation and other specific technical decisions will be documented on this job sheet.

Specifications will incorporate essential practice specifications from individual practices identified to improve the wildlife habitat as identified through the Virginia Wildlife Habitat Evaluation.

#### Operation and Maintenance

Operation and Maintenance will consist of recommendations to maintain the desired plant vegetation successional stage, protection from unwanted grazing, renovation activities, pest and invasive species control, and timeliness of any disturbance activities.

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<i>Landowner:</i>	<i>Farm #:</i>
<i>Field(s):</i>	<i>Tract #:</i>
<i>Assisted By:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>Drawing No(s):</i>	<i>Signature:</i>

Landuse (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cropland	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastureland/Grassland/Hayland
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Shrubland	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Corridor
<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Water Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/> Streambank and Shoreline	<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species

Habitat Evaluation Scores		
Landuse Evaluated	Benchmark Score	Planned Score
EX. 1 - Cropland	35	76

Practice Planned (practice yielding the planned score)	Field Number(s)	Planting requirements (mix)	Management	Size
EX. 1 - 386	3 – 2 sides	NWSG	647 – light disking	35'w x150' long

Seeding recommendations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Forbs/Grass species to be planted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Shrub species to be planted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

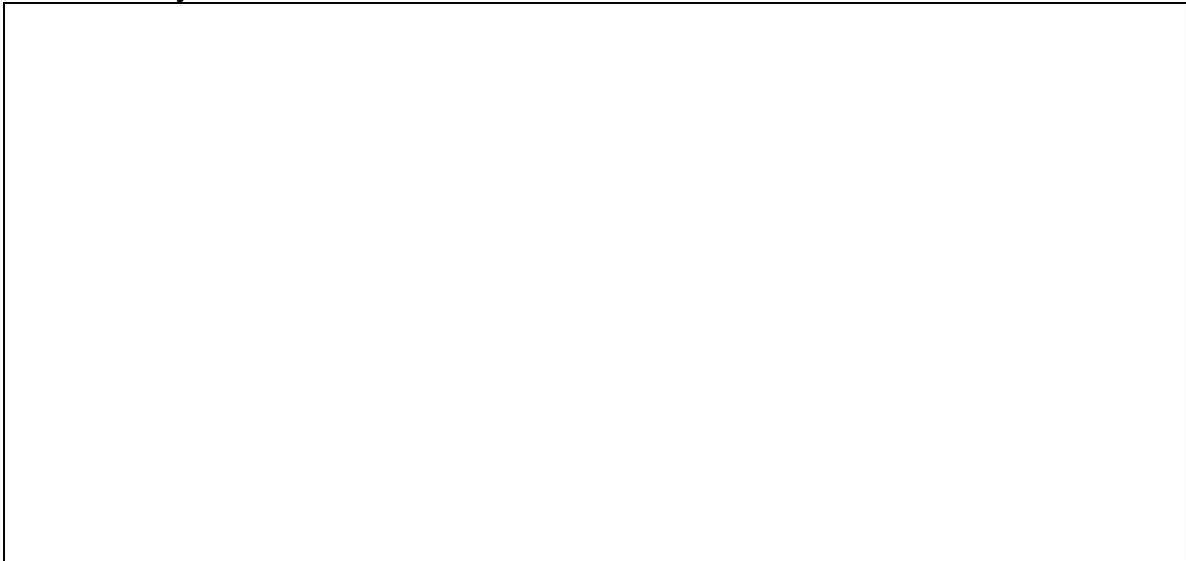
Tree species to be planted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Site preparation requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other (may include but not limited to burning, grazing management, nest boxes, food plots, snags, brush piles, coarse woody debris) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Installation shall be in accordance with the specified drawings, specifications, and special requirements. **No changes are to be made in the drawings or specifications without prior approval from the technical specialist developing the plan.**

**Sketch of Layout**



# Operations and Maintenance Plan

## 645 Early Successional Habitat

- 1) During the year of component practice establishment:
  - a. Control competing vegetation to allow the planting stock to become established, if applicable. Natural succession is encouraged. Chemical, mechanical or agronomic methods may be used.
  - b. Control and eliminate invasive species.
  - c. Monitor any plantings and replace dead plants.
  - d. Monitor the habitat for desired successional stage.
  - e. Insure protection from grazing livestock when not specifically used as the management technique prescribed by this job sheet.
  
- 2) After establishment:
  - a. Fertilize periodically to promote vigorous growth and maintain plant vigor.
  - b. Monitor and control invasive species.
  - c. Monitor the habitat for desired successional stage.
  - d. Manage desired successional stage.
  - e. Protect from grazing unless part of the management plan.
  - f. Schedule management activities to avoid the nesting season (April 15 through Aug 15).
  - g. Replace dead or missing plants of planted stock.
  - h. Monitor other structural elements of the plan.