

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Maine

At a minimum operation and maintenance lifespan of this NRCS practice is 15 years. The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by following a routine operation and maintenance program.

The operation and maintenance plan for this practice will require periodic inspection, monitoring and maintenance to provide satisfactory performance.

Required:

- Use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or other chemicals and mechanical treatments will not compromise the intended purpose of the hedgerow. Herbicides used on or adjacent to the hedgerow should be of low toxicity to beneficial insects that provide pollination services, or be applied after sundown to minimize impacts.
- Species on Federal and Maine invasive or noxious lists will be maintained at less than 15% aerial coverage. If available and practicable, biological control of undesirable plant or pest species shall be used; otherwise, appropriate chemical and/or mechanical treatment may be used.
- Replacement of trees and shrubs will be continued until the hedgerow is meeting its intended purpose.
- Trees and shrubs will need to be pruned or removed if they spread to or encroach on unintended adjacent land.
- Additional operation and maintenance, if needed, specific to your hedgerow (see below).

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Contact your local NRCS Service Center for technical assistance, as needed, for implementation of this operation and maintenance plan.

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Wetland Enhancement (659) Monitoring

The Land User, with assistance from NRCS or other Cooperators where needed, will provide the following information annually starting December 31st the year of practice installation and ending five years after practice installation.

Project Information:			
Client Name:			
Project Location:		Project Name (or N/A):	
Date Practice was installed:		Site Monitoring Date:	
Hydrologic Function: <i>please describe and document below whether the frequency, timing, duration and depth of flooding is meeting targeted goals.</i>			
Frequency:			
Timing:			
Duration:			
Depth:			
Vegetative Function: <i>please describe and document whether desired wetland plant species (planted or natural colonization) or critical area plantings have or are becoming established, are serving the intended purpose, and any problems (e.g., invasion of invasive, noxious, or undesirable species).</i>			
Wetland Species:			
Critical Area Planting:			
Structure Condition/Function: <i>please describe and document if structures are serving their intended purpose and any problems (e.g., nuisance animals or plants, structural failures, etc.).</i>			
Notes: <i>please describe any other issues or problems related to the project's success, operation and maintenance, etc.</i>			

Please attach supporting documentation (e.g., photos, survey information, etc.) as needed.