

CONSERVATION COVER CODE 327

Maryland Conservation Practice Implementation Requirements and Certification

Cooperator Name	County	Planner	Date
Farm/Tract/Field(s)	Program/Contract No. (if applicable)		Amount Planned AC

Purpose	
To reduce soil erosion and sedimentation	To create or enhance wildlife habitat
To improve water quality	Habitat type: _____
Description of Work	
Associated Practices (must be implemented in combination with this practice)	
Planting Type	
Native Warm Season Grasses	Introduced Cool Season Grasses
Native Cool Season Grasses	Combination Native Warm and Cool Season Grasses
Native Wildflowers	Other: _____
Acceptable Uses	

VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT	
Site Preparation (Type and Timing)	
Planting Dates	Establishment Should Occur By (Date)
Seeding Depth	Lime and Fertilizer
Planting Method	

Weed Control Measures During Establishment (Timing and Methods)

SEED MIXTURE				
Location(s)	Species and Cultivar or Mix [‡]	Acres	Seeding Rate	Total Seed Quantity

[‡] If specifying only a mix, attach a copy of the mix.

Notify the NRCS or SCD office when the planting is completed.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

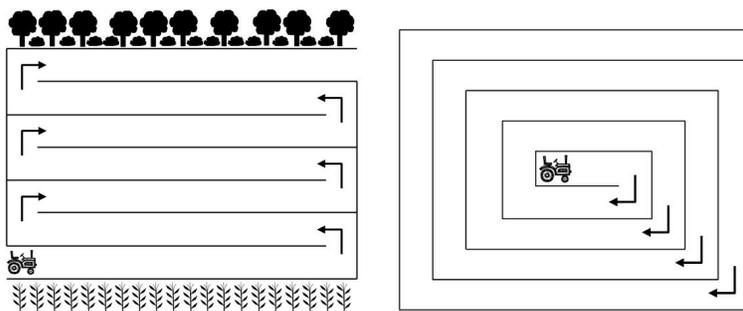
Once the planting has become established, follow these prescriptions for maintaining the planting. Most maintenance requirements should NOT occur during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, unless otherwise specified.

- Maintain the planting areas according to the specifications below:

Maintenance (Method, Frequency, Timing)

- At a minimum, inspect the planting annually for plant health and survival, and invasive and undesirable species.
- Do not mow for cosmetic purposes.

- Do not disturb the planting during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, except if recommended for control of noxious and invasive plants.
- For wildlife benefits, leave a portion of the herbaceous planting standing through the winter, preferably disturbing it only every 2 to 3 years.
- Control noxious weeds and other invasive plants by spot treatment using mechanical methods or approved herbicides. If it becomes necessary to control noxious weeds during the nesting season, contact your local weed control specialist concerning recommendations for spot-treating the weed problem.
- If undesirable woody vegetation starts to encroach on the planting, targeted herbicide applications may be necessary for control. Refer to applicable Brush Management (Code 314) Implementation Requirements or contact your local University of Maryland Extension or Soil Conservation District office for more specific information.
- To the extent possible, mow in a manner that provides escape routes for wildlife, as illustrated below.



Edge-to-edge (left) or inside-to-outside (right) mowing patterns provide escape routes for wildlife.

Additional Operations and Maintenance

CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)	
Supporting Documentation (for file)	
Map showing practice location	Recommended seed mixture
<p>Planning Certification</p> <p>This practice was planned according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Job Class: _____</p>	<p>Implementation Certification</p> <p>This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount: _____ Date: _____</p>
Signature by individual with appropriate JAA _____ Date _____	Signature by individual with appropriate JAA _____ Date _____
Reporting Checklist	
CPA-06 Notes File copy of completed IR sheet Post treatment site photos (optional)	Report in Toolkit Other reporting tools (optional)