

RIPARIAN HERBACEOUS COVER CODE 390

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		
Provide food and cover for wildlife and aquatic organisms	Reduce erosion from wind and water	
Protect and improve water quality	Increase carbon storage in biomass and soils	
Description of Work		
Associated Practices (must be implemented in combination with this practice)		
Waterbody Name and Type		
Planting Type		
Native Warm Season Grasses	Introduced Cool Season Grasses	
Native Cool Season Grasses	Combination Native Warm and Cool Season Grasses	
Native Wildflowers	Other: _____	
Planned Avg. Width	Existing Avg. Width	Total Avg. Width
Acceptable Uses		

VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT	
Site Preparation (Type and Timing)	
Planting Date(s)	Expected Establishment Date
Seeding Depth	Lime and Fertilizer
Planting Method	

Weed Control Measures During Establishment (Timing and Methods)
Additional Establishment Instructions

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

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.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

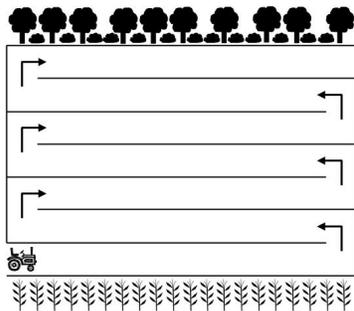
Once the planting has become established, follow these prescriptions for maintaining the planting. Most maintenance requirements should NOT occur during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, unless otherwise specified.

- Maintain **herbaceous** planting areas according to the specifications below:

Maintenance (Method, Timing, Frequency)
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- At a minimum, inspect the field border 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 for recommendations.
- 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 mowing patterns provide escape routes for wildlife.

Additional Operations and Maintenance
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CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)	
Supporting Documentation (for file)	
Map showing practice locations and widths	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 photos (optional)	Report in Toolkit Other reporting tools (optional)