

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

HEDGEROW PLANTING

(Feet)

CODE 422

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- The client will receive a plan or specifications describing the following management and corrective actions that are required for the successful management of the hedgerow.
- Competing vegetation will be controlled until the woody plants are established.
- Vegetation shall be maintained to ensure continued control of odor movement and chemical drift.
- Supplemental planting or replanting may be required when survival is too low to produce a continuous hedgerow.
- Supplemental watering may be desirable to ensure adequate survival of plantings.
- Prevent uncontrolled spreading by using mechanical methods or herbicides to destroy seedlings.
- Vegetation shall be protected from unwanted fire and grazing throughout its life span.
- Damaging pests shall be monitored and controlled.
- Noxious weeds and/or exotic invasive plants will be controlled as needed.
- Periodic applications of nutrients may be needed to maintain plant vigor.
- When renovation of the hedgerow is needed, use fire, herbicides, or mechanical means to set back the vegetation to an earlier stage.
- To preserve wildlife, renovate only one-third the length of the hedgerow at a time allowing re-growth before proceeding to the next section. Renovation activities shall be scheduled to prevent disturbance during the wildlife nesting season.