

422 – HEDGEROW PLANTING IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Operation and Maintenance		
<p>Periodic management is needed to ensure successful implementation of this practice: (check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect the hedgerow at least annually. Shape and replant areas damaged by heavy rainfall, animals, chemicals, tillage, or equipment traffic, and any other areas where the vegetation is not adequate.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For areas planted to grasses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain vegetation in a vigorous condition. Apply soil amendments periodically, if needed based on soil test results. Follow the maintenance recommendations in the attached fact sheet(s) for further instructions. • Where wildlife habitat is a concern, do not mow during the primary nesting season (April 15 to August 15). <p><input type="checkbox"/> For areas planted to trees and/or shrubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If survival is less than expected during the first two years, replant as needed to achieve the intended purpose of the practice. If native trees and/or shrubs (other than what was planted) become established, and this cover meets the intended purpose of the practice, the cover should be considered adequate. Follow the maintenance recommendations in the attached fact sheet for additional information. • Nutrients may be applied after the first year, but only if needed based on soil test results. • If tree shelters are used, remove them before they impede the growth of the trunk. Removal should not occur until the seedling has adequate girth to support itself (usually 3 to 5 years after planting). <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check for insects and diseases, and if an incidence threatens stand survival, take corrective action to keep the pest under control.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Control undesirable plants by pulling, mowing, or spraying with a selective herbicide. Control noxious weeds as required by state law.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Protect the planting from wildfire and damage from livestock, wildlife, and equipment, to the extent feasible.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable uses (e.g., occasional removal of some tree and shrub products, haying, etc.) and time of year or frequency of use restrictions, if any (list):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other requirements, or follow-up needed (describe):</p>		
Plan Approval		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date
Plan Received and Accepted		
Client Signature	Date	
Certification of Practice Completion		
<p>This Hedgerow Planting has been installed and meets the requirements of Delaware NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 422. Any changes to the planned practice are noted in Practice Specifications.</p>		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date