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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 102

Purpose. To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

Effective. This notice is effective when received.

Section I - Maps

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone – This map has been revised from a national image to a state of Florida image showing much greater detail.

Florida Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (Days) - This map has been improved by increasing the width of the zones on the map for easier readability.

Mean Date of Last 32⁰ F Temperature in Spring, Florida - This map has been improved by increasing the width of the zones on the map for easier readability.

Mean Date of First 32⁰ F Temperature in Autumn, Florida - This map has been improved by increasing the width of the zones on the map for easier readability.

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USDA Plant Hardiness Zone, January 1997.	USDA Plant Hardiness Zone, Resource – Page 6, December 2004.
Florida Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (Days), July 1995.	Florida Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (Days), Resource – Page 8, December 2004.
Mean Date of Last 32 ⁰ F Temperature in Spring, Florida, July 1995.	Mean Date of Last 32 ⁰ F Temperature in Spring, Florida, Resource – Page 9, December, 2004.
Mean Date of First 32 ⁰ F Temperature in Autumn, Florida, July 1995.	Mean Date of First 32 ⁰ F Temperature in Autumn, Florida, Resource – Page 10, December, 2004.

Section III – Part C

Human Considerations – This is a new introductory part to this Section that should be used by conservation planners and others concerned with addressing the human elements when providing technical assistance and developing conservation plans.

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----	Part C – Human Considerations, December 2004 behind Part B – Resource Management System Guidance, August 2004.

Section IV

Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (Code 647) – This practice standard has now been adopted for use in Florida. Please use this practice standard when providing technical assistance and/or conservation planning to achieve wildlife habitat objectives for wildlife species dependent upon maintaining a plant community consisting of a herbaceous/shrubby structure, e.g., bobwhite quail.

Fishpond Management (Code 399) - This practice standard has been revised and updated to reflect new science and technology.

Fishpond Management (Code FL399S) - This practice standard specification shall be used as a supplement to Fishpond Management (Code 399).

Hedgerow Planting (Code 422) - This practice standard has been revised and updated to reflect new science and technology.

Pasture and Hay Planting (Code 512) - This practice standard has been revised and updated to reflect new science and technology. Please use this revised practice standard along with the Supplement to Practice 512, May 2003 currently in the FOTG.

Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (Code 643) - This practice standard has now been adopted for use in Florida. Please use this practice standard when providing technical assistance and/or conservation planning to achieve plant community/wildlife habitat restoration or enhancement for rare and declining wildlife species, or habitats that have been determined to unique or declining in the area.

Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391) - This practice standard has been revised and updated to reflect new science and technology.

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----	Early Successional Habitat Development / Management, Code 647, December 2004.
Fish Pond Management, Code 399, Page 1-15, October 1987 and all attachments.	Fishpond Management, Code 399, December 2004.
----	Fishpond Management, FL399S, Conservation Practice Specifications, December 2004, behind practice standard 399.
Hedgerow Planting, Code 422, August 1999.	Hedgerow Planting, Code 422, December 2004.
Pasture and Hayland Planting, Code 512, Page 1 -13, November 1986.	Pasture and Hay Planting, Code 512, December 2004.
----	Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats, Code 643, December 2004.
Riparian Forest Buffer, Code 391A, May 1999.	Riparian Forest Buffer, Code 391, December 2004.



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