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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-141

Purpose: To change the allowable planting dates for Root Pruned Potted Stock for Difficult Sites described in Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Section IV, Riparian Forest Buffer Standard (391). District Conservationists shall make the following pen and ink change to their County FOTG.

Expiration Date: When contents have been noted and changes made.

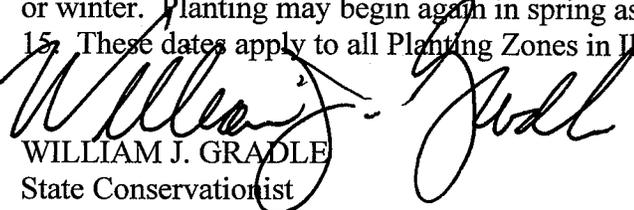
Background: Root pruned potted stock for establishing trees on frequently flooded riparian forest buffer sites are described in the General Specifications of the Riparian Forest Buffer Standard (391). Additional experience with this kind of planting stock has shown that the planting dates can be changed to provide a larger window of opportunity for establishing a riparian forest buffer.

The new planting dates are for sites that are not frozen and have adequate soil moisture to support plant growth. Trees may be planted from September 1 until the ground freezes in the fall or winter. Planting may begin again in spring as soon the soil can be worked and continue until May 15. These dates apply to all Planting Zones in Illinois.

Pen and Ink Instructions

Please make the following changes to Riparian's Forest Buffer, General Specifications, GS-391-2, "Use of Root Pruned Potted Stock for Difficult Sites."

The last sentence of the first paragraph begins, "planting will occur...". Draw a line through this sentence and replace with: "Trees may be planted from September 1 until the ground freezes in the fall or winter. Planting may begin again in spring as soon as the soil can be worked and continue until May 15. These dates apply to all Planting Zones in Illinois."


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Attachments

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