

STATEMENT OF WORK
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Indiana

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. List of facilitating practices
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Determination of woody plants to be treated to achieve intended purpose(s)
 - ii. Minimum and maximum amount of live branch and foliage material to be cut, by species or species group,
 - iii. Treatment method(s) and tools,
 - iv. Timing of activity to minimize the likelihood of disease and insect outbreaks, and to reduce treatment impacts on wildlife, soils, and desirable vegetation,
 - v. Mitigation measures (e.g., slash and debris disposal) to minimize wildfire hazard and attraction of pests, to maintain soil quality, and to minimize impacts on desirable vegetation and wildlife,
 - vi. Safety considerations.
2. Written plans and specifications, including sketches and drawings, shall be provided to the client. The plans and specifications shall adequately describe the requirements for obtaining any necessary permits, and for installing the practice.
3. Operation and maintenance plan.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications made during installation, if any.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Marking of the area and/or plants to be treated, according to plans and specifications, and including any pertinent notes or inventory information.
4. Guidance as needed on installing the treatment, including safety considerations.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Tree/Shrub Pruning, 660
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook