

**STATEMENT OF WORK
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Kentucky**

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) or objective(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of any required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Determination of the harvest-regeneration strategy and the species of tree and understory vegetation to be retained
 - ii. Timing and method of removal for trees and understory to be eliminated
 - iii. Mitigation of wildfire hazard, erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings will be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.
6. Photo documentation of 'before' conditions (random locations within treatment area(s))

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained any required permits.
3. Layout and, as applicable, marking of 'leave' trees or 'take' trees according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client, original designer, and/or contractor.
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. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARED PRACTICES

As noted in GM KY Supplement 450-407.12: Certifying Performance for Cost Sharing (June 2008)

- A. All practices will be located and identified using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) unit. (See GM KY 450-407.12 for additional guidance.)
- B. Practices receiving cost share assistance will be photo identified with no less than one before picture and no less than one after picture. (See GM KY 450-407.12 for additional guidance)

A quick link to the policy is: ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/KY/GM_Supplement_450.pdf.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Forest Stand Improvement, 666
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook