

STATEMENT OF WORK
Conservation Cover (327)
Louisiana

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 327 have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan (**see Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#), Page 2**).
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client (**any requirements should be put in the section Additional Specifications and Notes in the Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#)**)
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices (**see Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#), page 3**)
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop a site-specific plan (**see Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#)**). These include (but are not limited to):
 - i. Planting dates
 - ii. Site preparation
 - iii. Species selection, seeding rates, and mixture computations
 - iv. Management of vegetation after establishment
 - v. Wildlife considerations
2. In addition to the items above, a map clearly showing the areas to be planted will be provided to the client (**Toolkit/GIS maps**)
3. Operation and maintenance (O&M) Plan (**see Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#), page 3 and notes section on page 5**). If wildlife habitat is a concern, activities involving mowing and spraying pesticides should be planned accordingly. This may include observing critical nesting periods and/or spot spraying with pesticides.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations (**see Conservation Cover [Jobsheet](#), page 5**). Any ground-disturbing activities will require producers to contact [Louisiana One Call](#).

Plant species that have been tested in Louisiana, and are acceptable for use when planning Conservation Cover, can be found in the [Planting Rates for Louisiana](#). This document can be found by clicking on the link, on the SharePoint site, or on eFOTG. The [Louisiana Conservation Seed Mixture worksheet](#) can also help with calculating seeding mixtures.

The Conservation Cover Jobsheet, with custom guidelines for implementing Conservation Cover, should be placed in Section 5 of the six-part folder. At a minimum, a copy of the jobsheet and map must be provided to the client.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client
 2. Verification that client has obtained required permits
 3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes
 4. Application guidance as needed – a check of proper seedbed preparation, species selection, use of proper seeding rates, planned mixtures, and equipment selection and calibration should be made during this step.
 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, identified during planning, before application
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CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual materials used
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (**see Conservation Cover Jobsheet, page 5**)
3. Report progress and observations in the conservation assistance notes.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Conservation Cover (327)
- NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook
- NRCS National Biology Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- Planting Rates for Louisiana table
- Louisiana Conservation Seed Mixture worksheet