

STATEMENT OF WORK
Contour Buffer Strip (332)
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 332 have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, Page 3](#)**).
 - 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 Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, Page 6](#)**)
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, page 4](#)**)
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop a site-specific plan (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet and Standard](#)**). These include (but are not limited to):
 - i. Row grade, width of tilled strip and width of vegetated strip (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, Page 4](#)**)
 - ii. Planting dates
 - iii. Site preparation (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, Page 3](#)**)
 - iv. Species selection, seeding rates, and mixture computations (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, Page 3](#)**)
 - v. Management of vegetation after establishment (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, page 4](#)**)
 - vi. Wildlife considerations (**see Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, pages 3 and 6](#)**)
 - vii. RUSLE2 evaluation on both the before and after scenarios (**see [RUSLE2 model instructions](#)**)

The practice standard for Contour Buffer Strips has additional guidance. The calculations that must be used and criteria that must be followed depend on the resource concern(s) being addressed. Minimum row grade and minimum buffer strip width(s) are outlined in the standard.

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 Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, page 4 and notes section on page 6](#)**). 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 Contour Buffer Strip [Jobsheet, page 6](#)**). 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 Contour Buffer Strips, 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 Contour Buffer Strips Jobsheet, with custom guidelines for implementing the practice, 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.

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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

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual materials used
 - c. Actual row grade applied, actual width of tilled strip and actual width of vegetated strip
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (**see Contour Buffer Strips Jobsheet, page 6**)
3. Report progress and observations in the conservation assistance notes.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- Planting Rates for Louisiana table
- Louisiana Conservation Seed Mixture worksheet