

STATEMENT OF WORK
Filter Strip (393)
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 have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan (see Filter Strip [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 Filter Strip Jobsheet**)
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices (**documented in the conservation plan or jobsheet**)
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses are necessary to properly plan a filter strip. [Agronomy Technical Note No. 2](#), the table [Planting Rates for Louisiana](#), [Louisiana Conservation Seed Mixture worksheet](#) (for multiple plant species), RUSLE2, and the practice **Jobsheet** must be used when designing a filter strip. These five references (all found in eFOTG) will help the conservation planner design and document the filter strip by providing answers to:
 - i. Strip width, length, percent slope, and estimated lifespan
 - ii. Size and percent slope of area contributing runoff to the filter strip
 - iii. Best suited plant species and planting rates
 - iv. Erosion calculations
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. Plans and specification shall be developed in accordance with the requirements of conservation practice standard Filter Strip (Code 393). If a conservation planner fully utilizes the resources outlined in 1d above, the requirements in the practice standard will be met. Filter Strips must be designed, at a minimum, with a 10-year lifespan. Conservation planners must also assure that sheet flow of drainage water occurs across the entire width of the Filter Strip.
4. Operation and maintenance plan (**see practice Jobsheet, page 5 and notes section on page 7**)
5. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations (**see practice Jobsheet**). Any ground-disturbing activities will require producers to contact [Louisiana One Call](#).

The Filter Strip 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.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-installation 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. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during application
6. Certification that the installation process and materials meets design and permit requirements

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of installation
 - a. Extent of practice units applied.
 - b. Actual plant materials used.
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (**see Conservation Cover Jobsheet, page 7**)
3. Report progress and observations in the conservation assistance notes.

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Filter Strip - 393
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- Planting Rates for Louisiana table
- Louisiana Conservation Seed Mixture worksheet
- Agronomy Technical Note No. 2