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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Notice of Changes

SECTION II. Natural Resources Information

Soils Information

Information on **Soil Management Groups** was placed in a new folder in Section II under Soils Information. **MSU Extension Bulletin E1262** provides background information on how soils are classified by soil management group. The pdf file **Soil Management Groups** lists the current soils for Michigan with hydrologic group and soil management group.

Technical questions should be addressed to Jerry Grigar, State Agronomist, at (517) 324-5250, or Martin Rosek, State Soil Scientist, at (517) 324- 5241.

SECTION IV. Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The following are new **Forestry** conservation practice standards and accompanying Statements of Work that are now available in Michigan FOTG:

Fuel Break (383)

Woody Residue Treatment (384)

The **Alley Cropping (311)** conservation practice standard (CPS) and Statement of Work (SOW) have been reviewed and updated, to reflect minor changes to the national CPS and SOW.

The CPS and SOW for **Forest Trails and Landings (655)** have been updated to reflect minor changes to the national CPS and SOW. Additionally, the plans and specifications section has been revised to allow for less detailed specifications during initial plan development.

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Continuation Sheets for the following Forestry conservation practices have been created:

- **Alley Cropping (311)**
- **Forest Trails and Landings (655)**
- **Forest Stand Improvement (666)**
- **Riparian Forest Buffer (391)**
- **Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)**
- **Tree Shrub Site Preparation (490)**
- **Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)**
- **Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)**

These sheets allow planners to specify multiple instances of a practice in a conservation plan without having to include the full text of the job sheet repeatedly.

Technical questions for these Forestry conservation practices should be addressed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

Questions regarding Field Office Technical Guide should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.



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