

SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDE FOR  
PLANNING NARRATIVES  
FOR VEGETATIVE COVERS  
FOR CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM PRACTICES  
OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> SIGN-UP

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**The following narratives are required to be included in EVERY CRP plan: 327-CRP1, 472-CRP2, and 645-CRP7. The following matrix is a guide for narratives that apply to the vegetative cover practices available under the regular CRP sign-up.**

<b>Practice <u>1/ 2/</u></b>	<b>Assigned Point Score</b>	<b>Required Narrative(s)</b>	<b>Optional Narratives (Plan as needed <u>3/</u>)</b>	<b>Supporting Narratives (Plan as needed <u>3/</u>)</b>
<b>CP1 Permanent introduced grasses and legumes.</b>				
Existing stand of one to three species or planting new stand of two to three species of an introduced grass species. <u>4/</u>	10	Planting: 512:CRP-CP1 Existing: 327:CRP-CP1EIG	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 327:CRP19; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Planting: 645:CRP8
<b>CP2 Establishment of permanent native grasses and legumes.</b>				
Existing stand (minimum of one to three species) or planting a mixed stand of a minimum of three species (at least 2 native grasses and at least one legume or forb species beneficial to wildlife).	20	Planting: 327:CRP-CP2-20 Existing: 327:CRP-CP2E20 <u>or</u> 327:CRP-EV-CP2 <u>or</u> 314:CRP-EV2-NR and <u>/or 315:CRP-EV2-NR</u> <u>as applicable to the site.</u>	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 327:CRP19; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8
Existing stand or planting a mixed stand of a minimum of five species (at least 3 native grasses and at least one legume, forb, or shrub species best suited for wildlife in the area).	50	Planting: 327:CRP-CP2-50 Existing: 327:CRP-CP2E50 <u>or</u> 327:CRP-EV-CP2 <u>or</u> 314:CRP-EV2-NR and <u>/or 315:CRP-EV2-NR</u> <u>as applicable to the site.</u>	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8
<b>CP3 Tree planting. (general)</b>				
Solid stand of pine/softwood (existing or planted at rates based on Site Specific Index recommended by a qualified forester).	10	Planting: 612:CRP-CP3-10 Existing: 327:CRP-CP3E10 <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3-10 <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-31 <u>as</u> <u>applicable to the site.</u>	315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5	SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.
Pines/softwoods (existing or planted at rates based on Site Specific Index recommended by a qualified forester) with 10 to 20 % openings managed to aCP4D wildlife cover.  Trees	50	Tree Planting: 612:CRP-CP3-50 Existing Trees: 327:CRP-CP3ETO <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3-50 <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-35 <u>as</u> <u>applicable to the site.</u>	315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5	SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.

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<b>CP3 Tree planting. (general) (continued)</b>				
<p><b>Pines/softwoods (existing or planted at rates based on Site Specific Index recommended by a qualified forester) with 10 to 20 % openings managed to aCP4D wildlife cover. (continued)</b></p> <p><b><u>Openings</u> managed to aCP4D wildlife cover:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Native Warm Season Grasses, Legumes and Forbs</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Shrubs</b></p>	50 (Cont.)	<p>Grass, Legume, and Forb Planting: 327:CRP-CP3-OP <u>or</u> 327:CRP-CP3-ON Existing Grass, Legume, and Forbs: 327:CRP-CP3EOH <u>or</u> 327:CRP-EV3-OP <u>or</u> 314:CRP-EV3-NR and /or 315:CRP-EV3-NR <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p> <p>Shrub Planting: 612:CRP-CP3-OS Existing Shrubs: 612:CRP-EV3-OS <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-OS <u>or</u> 327:CRP-CP3EOS <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20</p> <p>314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; as appropriate; 647:CRP20</p>	<p>Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8</p> <p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p>
<b>CP3A Hardwood, tree planting.</b>				
<p><b>Existing or planting solid stand of non-preferred mast producing species.</b></p>	10	<p>Planting: 612:CRP-CP3A10 Existing: 327:CRP-CP3AE1 <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3A <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-3A <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; as appropriate; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Existing or planting solid stand of a single <u>native</u> hard mast producing species.</b></p>	20	<p>Planting: 612:CRP-CP3A20 Existing: 327:CRP-CP3AE2 <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3A <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-3A <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; as appropriate; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666: CRP5</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Existing or planting mixed stand of preferred mast producing hardwoods (minimum of 2 species with at least 1 <u>native</u> hard mast producing species) best suited for wildlife.</b></p>	30	<p>Planting: 612:CRP-CP3A30 Existing: 327:CRP-CP3AE3 <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3A <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-3A <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; as appropriate; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666: CRP5</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p>

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<b>CP3A Hardwood, tree planting. (continued)</b>				
<p><b>Existing or planting mixed stand of preferred mast producing hardwood species (3 or more species, with at least 2 <u>native</u> hard mast producing species) best suited for wildlife.</b></p>	50	<p>Planting: 612:CRP-CP3A50 Existing: 327:CRP-CP3AE5 <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3A <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-3A <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Existing or planting stand of Longleaf pine planted at rates appropriate for the site index.</b></p>	50	<p>Planting: 612:CRP-CP3ALL Existing: 327:CRP-CP3AEL <u>or</u> 612:CRP-EV3A <u>or</u> 666:CRP-EV2-3A <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate; 666:CRP6 <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>
<b>CP4B Permanent wildlife habitat (corridors), noneasement AND CP4D Permanent wildlife habitat, noneasement.</b>				
<p><b>Existing stand or planting mixed stand (minimum of 4 species) of either grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, or trees planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for various wildlife species in the area.</b></p> <p><b>Trees and/or Shrubs</b></p> <p><b>Native Warm Season Grasses, Legumes and Forbs</b></p>	40	<p>Tree/Shrub Planting: 612:CRP-CP4B-4 or 612:CRP-CP4D-4 as appropriate Existing Trees: 327:CRP-CP4EA <u>or</u> 612:CRP-CP4EP <u>or</u> 666:CRP-CP4ENR <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p> <p>Grass, Legume, and Forb Planting: 327:CRP-CP4B-4 <u>or</u> 327:CRP-CP4D-4 Existing Grass, Legume, and Forbs: 327:CRP-CP4EP <u>or</u> 314:CRP- CP4ENR and /or 315: CP4ENR <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>All covers: 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; Trees only: 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3; 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5 Shrubs only: 314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 647:CRP20</p> <p>Grass, Legume, and Forb Planting: 314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p> <p>Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8</p>

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<b>CP4B Permanent wildlife habitat (corridors), noneasement AND CP4D Permanent wildlife habitat, noneasement. (continued)</b>				
<p><b>Existing stand or planting stand of predominately native species (minimum of 5 species) of either of these including: grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, or trees planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited to providing wildlife habitat for species in the area. Only native grasses are authorized. Introduced grasses are not authorized for and shall not be included in cover mixes for 50-point N1a scores for CP4B or CP4D.</b></p> <p><b>Trees and/or Shrubs</b></p> <p><b>Native Warm Season Grasses, Legumes and Forbs</b></p>	50	<p>Tree/Shrub Planting: 612:CRP-CP4B-5 or 612:CRP-CP4D-5 as appropriate Existing Trees: 327:CRP-CP4EA <u>or</u> 612:CRP-CP4EP <u>or</u> 666:CRP-CP4ENR <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p> <p>Grass, Legume, and Forb Planting: 327:CRP-CP4B-5 <u>or</u> 327:CRP-CP4D-5 Existing Grass, Legume, and Forbs: 327:CRP-CP4EP <u>or</u> 314:CRP- CP4ENR and /or 315: CP4ENR <u>as applicable to the site.</u></p>	<p>All covers: 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; Trees only: 647:CRP22; 666:CRP2; 666:CRP3; 666:CRP4; 666:CRP5 Shrubs only: 314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 647:CRP20</p> <p>Grass, Legume, and Forb Planting: 314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20</p>	<p>SitePrep: 490:CRP T/S-SP;338:CRP2 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2, as appropriate.</p> <p>Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8</p>
<b>CP12 Wildlife food plot.</b>				
<p><b>Wildlife food plots are small non-cost-shared plantings in a larger area. Wildlife food plots will never be the predominate cover.</b></p>	NA	645:CRP-CP12A <u>or</u> 645:CRP-CP12B as appropriate.	NA	NA
<b>CP42 Pollinator Habitat</b>				
<p><b>Planting (minimum of 0.5 acres) of a diverse mix of multiple species suited for pollinators. Plant to a mixture of (as a minimum) nine pollinator friendly plant species of forbs, legumes, vines, and/or shrubs, including at least three early, three mid, and three late flowering species.</b></p>	50	327:CRP-CP42PH	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8

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<b>N1B - CP42 Pollinator Habitat</b>										
<p><b>Establishment of pollinator habitat (CP42) that remains in the location of the CRP-1. The habitat size, shape, and composition must meet the following requirements:</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="233 305 1003 553"> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 305 541 334"><b>Size CRP Acreage Offered</b></td> <td data-bbox="621 305 1003 334"><b>Habitat Size Requirement</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 370 541 399">Less than 10 acres</td> <td data-bbox="621 370 1003 428">At least one acre of pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 464 541 493">10 acres or greater</td> <td data-bbox="621 464 1003 553">At least 10 percent of the acreage offered in pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Size CRP Acreage Offered</b>	<b>Habitat Size Requirement</b>	Less than 10 acres	At least one acre of pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.	10 acres or greater	At least 10 percent of the acreage offered in pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.	20	327:CRP-N1BPH	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8
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Less than 10 acres	At least one acre of pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.									
10 acres or greater	At least 10 percent of the acreage offered in pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least 0.5 acre.									
<b>N1B - Conversion of a Primarily Monoculture Stand</b>										
<p><b>Conversion of at least 51 percent of a primarily monoculture stand to a mixture of native species that provides wildlife benefits.</b></p>	20	327:CRP17; 315:CRP17	314:CRP18; 314:CRP21; 315:CRP1; 315:CRP2; 315:CRP3; 327:CRP19; 338:CRP1 along with 394:CRP1 and/or CRP2; 647:CRP20	Site Prep: 315:CRP16; Planting: 645:CRP8						

- 1/** Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice. To receive credit for additional species, at least 10% of the mixed stand must be composed of each additional species in CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, openings of CP3, and CP42, (Mixtures – by planting rate or Area – by percentage of field).
- 2/** Natural regeneration of native herbaceous or shrubby vegetation with required maintenance may be permitted within open areas if it is consistent with NRCS technical standards, and has been concurred with by State FWS or USFWS. Cost share is not authorized for natural regeneration.
- 3/** Any appropriate narratives necessary to ensure vegetation meets required point cover. (As applicable to the site.)
- 4/** Bermudagrass and fescue are allowed only for the 10-point category of new or re-enrolled CP1. These species are not recommended cover for wildlife but do provide suitable soil protection.