

## FIELD BORDER CODE 386

### Maryland Conservation Practice Implementation Requirements and Certification

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| <b>Cooperator Name</b>     | <b>County</b>                               | <b>Planner</b> | <b>Date</b>                     |
| <b>Farm/Tract/Field(s)</b> | <b>Program/Contract No. (if applicable)</b> |                | <b>Amount Planned</b><br><br>AC |

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| <b>Purpose</b>  |                                 |             |
| Reduce erosion from wind and water  | Provide wildlife food and cover |             |
| Protect soil and water quality  | Increase carbon storage         |             |
| Manage pest populations   | Improve air quality             |             |
| <b>Description of Work</b>  |                                 |             |
| <b>Associated Practices (must be implemented in combination with this practice)</b> |                                 |             |
| <b>Type of Border</b>   |                                 |             |
| Woody – Shrubs and Trees  | Cut-back Border                 |             |
| Herbaceous – Grasses and Forbs  | Natural Regeneration            |             |
| Combination Herbaceous and Woody  |                                 |             |
| <b>Average Width</b>  | <b>Length</b>                   | <b>Area</b> |

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| <b>HERBACEOUS PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS</b>                              |                                    |
| <b>Site Preparation (Type and Timing)</b>                              |                                    |
| <b>Planting Date(s)</b>  | <b>Expected Establishment Date</b> |
| <b>Seeding Depth</b>   | <b>Lime and Fertilizer</b>         |
| <b>Planting Method</b>   |                                    |
| <b>Weed Control Measures During Establishment (Timing and Methods)</b> |                                    |

*Notify the NRCS or SCD office when the planting is completed.*

| <b>HERBACEOUS SEED MIXTURE</b> |  |              |                     |                            |
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| <b>Location(s)</b>             | <b>Species and Cultivar or Mix<sup>‡</sup></b> | <b>Acres</b> | <b>Seeding Rate</b> | <b>Total Seed Quantity</b> |
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<sup>‡</sup> If specifying only a mix, attach a copy of the mix.

| <b>WOODY PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS</b>                                   |  |
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| <b>Planting Stock Type</b>   |  |
| Bare-root Seedlings  | Container                      Balled & Burlap |
| <b>Site Preparation (Type and Timing)</b>                              |  |
| <b>Planting Date(s)</b>  | <b>Expected Establishment Date</b>             |
| <b>Planting Method</b>   |  |
| <b>Shelters or Other Protection</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Irrigation Requirement</b>  |  |
| <b>Weed Control Measures During Establishment (Timing and Methods)</b> |  |
| <b>Additional Instructions</b>   |  |

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| <b>WOODY PLANTING DIMENSIONS</b> |                    |                    |                             |                            |                               |
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| <b>Planting Location(s)</b>      | <b>Length (ft)</b> | <b>No. of Rows</b> | <b>Spacing Between Rows</b> | <b>Spacing Within Rows</b> | <b>Total Number of Plants</b> |
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| <b>WOODY PLANT QUANTITIES (to be ordered)</b> |                              |                 |                        |
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| <b>Planting Location(s)</b>                   | <b>Species and Cultivars</b> | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>No. of Shelters</b> |
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| <b>CUT-BACK FIELD BORDER SPECIFICATIONS</b>      |
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| <b>Location and Dimensions (Identify on Map)</b> |
| <b>Species and Amounts to Retain</b>             |
| <b>Removal and/or Kill Methods and Timing</b>    |
| <b>Special Instructions</b>                      |

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Once the planting has become established, follow these prescriptions for maintaining the planting. Most maintenance requirements should NOT occur during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, unless otherwise specified.

- Maintain **herbaceous** planting areas according to the specifications below:

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| <p><b>Maintenance (Method, Timing, Frequency)</b></p> |
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- At a minimum, inspect the field border annually for plant health and survival, and invasive and undesirable species.
- Do not mow for cosmetic purposes.
- Do not disturb the planting during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, except if recommended for control of noxious and invasive plants.
- For wildlife benefits, leave a portion of the herbaceous planting standing through the winter, preferably disturbing it only every 2 to 3 years.
- Control noxious weeds and other invasive plants by spot treatment using mechanical methods or approved herbicides. If it becomes necessary to control noxious weeds during the nesting season, contact your local weed control specialist for recommendations.
- If undesirable woody vegetation starts to encroach on the planting, targeted herbicide applications may be necessary for control. Refer to applicable Brush Management (Code 314) Implementation Requirements or contact your local University of Maryland Extension or Soil Conservation District office for more specific information.
- If tree shelters were used to protect the planting: Most shelters are constructed with a perforation that is supposed to break when the tree diameter reaches the diameter of the shelter. If the shelters are not breaking at this time, remove the shelter by hand.
- If a fence was used to protect the planting, inspect the fence weekly to ensure proper functioning.

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| <p><b>Additional Operations and Maintenance</b></p> |
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| <b>CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)</b>   |   |
| <b>Supporting Documentation (for file)</b>   |   |
| Map showing practice locations and widths  | Recommended seed mixture  |
| <p><b>Planning Certification</b></p> <p>This practice was planned according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Job Class: _____</p> | <p><b>Implementation Certification</b></p> <p>This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amount: _____ Date: _____</p> |
| _____<br>Signature by individual with appropriate JAA    Date  | _____<br>Signature by individual with appropriate JAA    Date   |
| <b>Reporting Checklist</b>   |   |
| CPA-06 Notes   | Report in Toolkit   |
| File copy of completed IR sheet  | Other reporting tools (optional)  |
| Post-treatment site photos (optional)  |   |