

WETLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT CODE 644

Maryland Conservation Practice Implementation Requirements and Certification

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

Purpose To manage wetland and aquatic habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, aquatic mammals, amphibians, reptiles, or other wetland dependent flora fauna for one or more of the following purposes: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>To provide a variety of foods for the desired wildlife species</p> <p>To provide water for the desired wildlife species</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>To provide cover for nesting, brood rearing, loafing, resting, escape, travel corridors, summer shade, and winter protection for the desired wildlife species</p> </div> </div>	
Species to Benefit	Habitat Type
Description of Work	Permit May Be Required?
Associated Practices (must be implemented in combination with this practice)	

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES			
Location(s)	Acres	Activity	Timing, Intensity, Frequency

Additional and/or Special Requirements (permits, sensitive areas, etc.)
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HERBACEOUS SEEDING (IF APPLICABLE)	
Site Preparation (Type and Timing)	
Planting Dates	Establishment Should Occur By (Date)
Seeding Depth	Planting Method
Seed Mixture (Species or Mix, Rate, Quantity)	
Weed Control Measures During Establishment (Timing and Methods)	

Notify the NRCS or SCD office when the activity is completed.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- Inspect the habitat periodically (at least annually) to determine if suitable vegetation is present in suitable quantity, quality, and distribution to meet project objectives.
- Drawdowns of the pool area should occur over a period of 2 weeks or more to increase availability of food resources and reduce potential for nutrient losses.
- Leave vegetation in pool area standing over winter to provide food for waterfowl and other wildlife.
- Avoid disturbance during the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15, except if recommended for control of noxious and invasive plants.
- Avoid noisy activities when waterfowl are present.
- Avoid the use of pesticides on the site to prevent harm to wildlife.
- 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 concerning recommendations for spot-treating the weed problem.
- 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.

<p>Additional Operations and Maintenance</p>

CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)	
Supporting Documentation (for file)	
Map showing practice location	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Worksheet(s)
<p>Planning Certification</p> <p>This practice was planned according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Job Class: _____</p>	<p>Implementation Certification</p> <p>This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount: _____ Date: _____</p>
<p>_____ Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date</p>	<p>_____ Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date</p>
Reporting Checklist	
<p>CPA-06 Notes</p> <p>File copy of completed IR sheet</p>	<p>Report in Toolkit</p> <p>Other reporting tools (optional)</p>

COOPERATOR RECORD-KEEPING
(Optional)

Cooperator Name and Address: _____

Date/Time	Location (Tract/Fields)	Type or Description	Amount