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- Purpose. To distribute conservation practice standards in Section IV. A revised List of Conservation Practices and the Change Notice Register have also been updated.
- Effective Date. Upon receipt.
- Explanation. Section IV: The following Maryland conservation practice standards are issued as final:
- **Access Control (Code 472)** – Formerly called “Use Exclusion.” Except for the new name, there are no major changes to this standard.
 - **Field Border (Code 386)** – Reissued to update the planning units from linear feet to acres.
 - **Filter Strip (Code 393)** – This standard has changed significantly. The national criteria now require that there be a contributing watershed with at least a 1% slope, and the filter strip must be designed to have a 10-year life span for trapping suspended solids and dissolved contaminants.
 - **Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390)** – This practice is applicable where herbaceous buffers are needed for water quality and/or wildlife habitat purposes, but will not be designed and managed in dense vegetation as “heavy-duty” filter strips.
- Filing Instructions. Section I:
- File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xviii) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.
- Section IV-A:
- File the revised List of Conservation Practice Standards in the front of Section IV- Practice Standards. Discard the old list.
 - Remove and discard the old standards for Codes 472, 386, and 393.
 - File the new standards for Codes 472, 386, 393, and 390 in Section IV.

Distribution. This Change Notice, the Change Notice Register, and Section IV documents are being distributed as paper copies to Maryland NRCS Field Service Centers. All documents will also be electronically distributed on the eFOTG at the following address: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> . Click on Maryland, and go to the appropriate section.

If you have questions concerning the materials in the Field Office Technical Guide, please contact the appropriate NRCS technical specialist, or Anne Lynn, State Resource Conservationist.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
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