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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE NO. 76

Purpose. To distribute revisions to the Conservation Cover Practice Standard (Code 327) and the Warm Season Grasses, Cool Season Grasses, and Herbaceous Plantings for Pollinator Habitat Job Sheets.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section IV: The following Maryland conservation practice standards are issued as final:

- Previously, an addendum to the Maryland Conservation Cover practice standard (code 327) was issued to provide wildflower mixes for pollinators and beneficial insects. This addendum has been updated with revised native wildflower mixes, and a list of small trees and shrubs for pollinators.

One of the mixes is a custom mix (mix 18), which allows planners to select from a list of native grasses and pair them with one of the native wildflower mixes. The addendum also includes a fourth native wildflower mix that was designed for enhancing forb diversity in existing grass stands.

As of the receipt of this notice, the native wildflower mixes contained in this addendum should be used, at the listed *Wildflower Meadow* seeding rates, for all pollinator habitat practices in Maryland, unless otherwise specified.

- The Herbaceous Plantings for Pollinator Habitat job sheet has been revised to function as a stand-alone job sheet (i.e. without need to reference the WSG job sheet). The wildflower mix species lists have been removed from the job sheet. Wildflower mixes should be selected from the above referenced addendum to the Conservation Cover practice standard.
- The Warm Season Grasses and Cool Season Grasses job sheets have been revised. The CRP-specific job sheets for warm and cool season grasses have been eliminated. The new job sheets should be used for all warm season and cool season grass plantings, regardless of program, unless a specific job sheet exists. When developing a job sheet for CRP or CREP, the CRP Job Sheet Attachment for Program Participants (distributed as part of CRP Change Notice No. 22) should be included with these job sheets. (Also refer to the

memorandum for file code 450-11 distributed on October 4, 2011.)

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Instructions.

Section I:

- File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xix) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section IV-A:

- File the revised Warm Season Grasses, Cool Season Grasses, and Herbaceous Plantings for Pollinator Habitat job sheets with Conservation Cover Practice Standard (Code 327).
- Addendum Conservation Cover Code 327 replaces Maryland Native Wildflower Mixes (03/09) and List of Native Shrubs and Small Trees for Pollinator Habitat (02/11).

Section IV-B:

- File the revised List of Conservation Practice Instruction Sheets (January 2012).

Distribution.

This Change Notice, the Change Notice Register, and Section IV practice standards are being distributed as electronic 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 this Change Notice, please contact Steve Strano, State Biologist at 443-482-2928 or steve.strano@md.usda.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon F. Hall", with the word "FOR" written in blue ink below it.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
Maryland State Technical Committee (Change Notice only)