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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE  
CHANGE NOTICE NO. 86

**Purpose.** To distribute the Maryland Wildlife Habitat Evaluations. The Change Notice Register and the Section II Table of Contents has been updated.

**Effective Date.** Upon receipt.

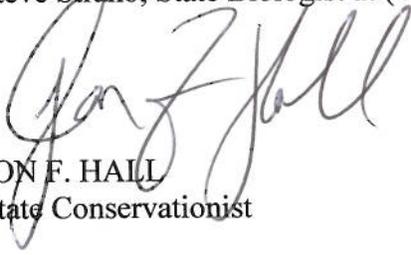
**Explanation.** Section I: A new folder containing the link for WINPST has been created in Section I-E Resource Assessment Tools.

**Section II:** The Maryland Wildlife Habitat Evaluation worksheets have been updated. The wildlife habitat evaluation worksheets should be used for conservation planning activities, including activities related to evaluating financial assistance program applications, unless otherwise specified. These worksheets are the current versions for evaluating habitat on cropland, pasture, and woodland, as well as evaluating specific types of habitat. All previous versions are archived and should not be used for any activities as of the date of this notice. In some cases, such as with Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), the use of specific habitat evaluation guides may be required.

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation worksheets are provided in fillable Excel and non-fillable PDF formats. Instructions for completing the guides are included in the files. The Maryland Wildlife Habitat Evaluation worksheets are available in Section II of the eFOTG in the folder: Wildlife Habitat Evaluations. Also in this folder are the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides (WHEGs) for WLFW-Golden-winged Warbler and WLFW-Bog Turtle.

<p><u>Filing Instructions.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section I:</b> File the Change Notice and the Change Notice Register in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide. File the Section I Table of Contents.</li> <li>• <b>Section II:</b> Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired, paper copies of the Table of Contents and the Wildlife Habitat Evaluations may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section II-E of the FOTG binder.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Distribution.</u></p>	<p>All documents may be downloaded from the MD NRCS eFOTG web page: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg</a></p>

If you have questions concerning the Maryland Wildlife Habitat Evaluations, please contact Steve Strano, State Biologist at (443) 482-2928.

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Attachments