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STATEMENT OF WORK Conservation Cover (327) MARYLAND

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Planting dates
 - ii. Site preparation
 - iii. Species selection and seeding rates
 - iv. Management of vegetation after establishment
 - v. Wildlife considerations
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits. Plans and specifications shall be developed in accordance with the conservation practice standard Conservation Cover (Code327).
3. Operation and maintenance plan
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations
5. Design modifications during application as required
6. Design work shall be in accordance with the Maryland conservation practice standard. Plans shall be prepared in accordance with the **SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION, Planning Information, Field Data, and Survey Notes** and **Design Data** sections of the Conservation Practice standard.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes
4. Application guidance as needed
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during application
7. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements
8. Check out and certification of the conservation practice shall be in accordance with the **SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION, Construction Check Data/As-Built** section of the Conservation Practice standard.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual materials used
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
3. Progress reporting
4. Check out and certification of the conservation practice shall be in accordance with the **SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION, Construction Check Data/ As-Built** section of the Conservation Practice standard.

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Conservation Cover-327
- NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook
- NRCS National Biology Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook

Note: *All references listed in the Reference section of the conservation practice standard apply.*