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A hedgerow established along a pasture's edge.

DEFINITION

Establishment of dense vegetation in a linear design to achieve a natural resource conservation purpose.

PURPOSE

To provide food, cover and travel corridors for wildlife, act as a living fence, delineate field boundaries, restricting livestock movement, act as a screen and/ or barrier to noise dust chemical drift and odors.

WHERE USED

This practice is applicable on crop, hay, pasture, and urban land uses where linear permanent vegetative plantings are needed to fulfill one of the above purposes.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Release and cultural practices

All plantings shall be released from overtopping vegetation during the first year after planting.

Competing vegetation shall be controlled until the desired plants are established.

Damaging pests and disease shall be monitored and controlled.

Periodic application of fertilizer may be needed to maintain plant vigor.

Any plant officially listed by the state as a noxious weed shall be controlled in a hedgerow.

Protection of Plantings

Properly managed grazing may be an appropriate activity in hedgerows, provided that the purpose of the planting is not permanently compromised by foraging livestock.

Prescribed burning may be an appropriate management practice for stiff stemmed grass hedges.

Schedule pruning, prescribed burning and other hedgerow renovation activities during September – March.

Grasses: The viable grass clumps are at least 1 per square foot during the second growing season.

Container grown seedling survival should be at least 90% during the second growing season.

Replacement plantings should be made within two years of the initial planting.

Woody Plants: If 75% of the established seedlings survive per acre, at the end of the first growing season after planting, then it is not necessary to replant. Replanting shall be required when survival is inadequate. Replacement plantings must be made within two years after the original planting.

Additional Operation and Maintenance requirements specific to this Plan:
