

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Critical Area Planting (342)**  
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Use Forms ND-CPA-9 and ND-CPA-9a to document herbaceous plantings.

Document woody plantings according to NRCS Forester or Plant Materials Specialist instructions.

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## **DESIGN**

### **Deliverables**

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 and seedbed preparation
  - iii. Soil amendments required
  - iv. Species selection, seeding or planting rates and establishment method
  - v. Type and amount of mulch required
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.
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.

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## **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.

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## **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. Record progress reporting according to NRCS policy.

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## **REFERENCES**

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Critical Area Planting - 342
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook