



Owner: _____ Business I.D.: _____ County: _____ Date: _____
Operator: _____ Tract No. _____ Field No(s). _____
Contract No./Revision No. : _____ Contract Item No.: _____ Field Office: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Background Conservation Plan/Casefile Information is documentation that is gathered or prepared by the conservation planner during the first 7 steps of the conservation planning process (refer to the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) for details). This information should be included in the client's casefile. While information within a client's casefile is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the client may sign a waiver which would allow access of this material to a Technical Service Provider or other interested party as designated by the client.

Practice Design, Installation and Checkout Requirements are documentation deliverables that apply to the individual practice. Design, Installation and Checkout are categories of technical assistance which can be completed and submitted separately for certification.

Use of this Form: This form will be used as a checklist for verification of practice design, installation and checkout deliverables. Checked items are required to be documented.

Documentation submittal: Submit this form along with completed documentation deliverables as indicated for each category of technical assistance to NRCS. All documentation must be provided before work can be submitted for payment.

References: Nebraska NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) (http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=NE), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard 391, Riparian Forest Buffer; Conservation Practice Standard 380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment; and Herbaceous Vegetation Design Procedures (550DP) for requirements on establishment and selection of herbaceous vegetation; NE NRCS FOTG Section II, A, Statewide Soil and Site Information, SRPG-Soil Rating for Plant Growth, No. 4, Windbreak Interpretations; National Forestry Manual; NRCS National Forestry Handbook; NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH), Amend NE 4; NRCS National Biology Manual; NRCS National Biology Handbook; NE NRCS Forestry Tech Note No. 63; NE NRCS Biology Tech Note No. 65; NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook; NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook.

CONSERVATION PLAN/CASEFILE INFORMATION NEEDED:

- Client's objectives (assistance notes)
- Resource inventory (NE-CPA-52 or equivalent)
- Conservation plan for the treatment unit (NE-CPA-68 or equivalent)
- Location (Map or photo including legal description)
- Soil Survey Information
- Purpose of the practice (List all that apply/design must account for these purpose(s)): _____
- Riparian Forest Buffer general practice requirements, including records to be kept, jobsheets to be utilized, etc.

Check the box(s) to indicate supporting practices needed to facilitate Riparian Forest Buffer (refer to the conservation plan for the more information):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 338 Prescribed Burning | <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> 382 Fence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 393 Filter Strip | <input type="checkbox"/> 472 Access Control | <input type="checkbox"/> 511 Forage Harvest Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 512 Forage and Biomass Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> 528 Prescribed Grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Range Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 580 Streambank/Shoreline Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> 584 Stream Channel Stabilization | <input type="checkbox"/> 595 IPM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify by practice code) _____ | | |

DESIGN DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

(Refer to FOTG Sec. IV, 391, and 550 DP; Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheets; NE NRCS Biology Tech Note 65)

- Tree/shrub planting requirements per NE NRCS FOTG Sec. IV – 612 (NE-CPA-15)
- Alternative watering source, as needed; refer to the applicable Nebraska Field Office Technical Guide Standards: 349, 378, 516, 574, 614, 642
- Buffer design: location; layout; width; length; area; slope; existing vegetation; vegetative species to be established/managed.
- Riparian Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Worksheet (NE-CPA-43)
- Seeding and site preparation requirements (NE-CPA-8) (site preparation/seedbed conditions, planting equipment, acres, dates, seeding depth, seeding rates, seed source requirements, varieties recommended, fertilizer/lime recommendations, seeding location and all other seeding and site preparation requirements according to 645 standard).



- Weed control requirements (pre and post weed control recommendations)
- Targeted wildlife species if wildlife is identified as a resource concern or client objective
- All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.
- Erosion prediction results.
- Maps that identify each Riparian Forest Buffer area.
- Narrative statements verifying that other Considerations from NE NRCS FOTG 391 Standard have been addressed: (attach additional sheets, as needed): _____
- Operation and Maintenance requirements described in the NE NRCS FOTG 391 Standard are provided to the client (copy to NRCS).
- Verification of client review/concurrence with the design (date reviewed): _____
- Verification that applicable permits are obtained (prior to installation) and applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations are adhered to, including setbacks, utilities, safety and zoning regulations.

INSTALLATION DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS, including job sheets referenced under the Design Deliverables or equivalent documentation)

- Operation and Maintenance requirements reviewed with the client (date reviewed): _____
- Review Riparian Forest Buffer with the client or contractor (date reviewed): _____
- Record any relevant correspondence with the client or contractor.
- Field boundaries staked for each Riparian Forest Buffer treatment.
- Modifications to the design during installation of Riparian Forest Buffer plan (include basis).
- Oversight of the practice installation/application (record pertinent notes).
- Advise the client and NRCS of any environmental compliance, resource or regulatory issues that arise during installation and discontinue installation until resolved. All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.

COMMENTS: Use this space for installation notes or explanation of unchecked items (attach additional pages as needed):

CHECK OUT DELIVERABLES (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

- Provide records that Riparian Forest Buffer plan was installed according to specifications including completed job sheets & required recordkeeping.
- Progress reporting completed in Performance Results System (PRS):
Amount applied: _____ Date: _____ Reported by Whom: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I have completed a review of the technical assistance documentation submitted for this practice and certify that NRCS Standards and Specifications are met and all applicable laws and regulations are complied with.

- Design Installation Checkout (Check each category of documentation submitted with this certification)

Certified by: /s/ _____ Date: _____
Title: _____ Representing: _____