

## **STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **Forest Stand Improvement (666)**

These deliverables are to be provided for the NRCS case file and apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

#### **DESIGN**

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##### **Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices (i.e. NY 666 Implementation Requirement).
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. List of facilitating conservation practices
  - d. Practice standard criteria related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Determination of the harvest-regeneration strategy and the species of tree and understory vegetation to be retained
    - ii. Timing and method prescribed to treat over-story/understory for desired effect
    - iii. Mitigate wildfire hazard, erosion, runoff, soil compaction and wildlife habitat to acceptable levels
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describe the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Operation and Maintenance Plan
4. Design modifications during installation as required.

#### **INSTALLATION**

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##### **Deliverables:**

1. Delay installation until TSP and/or Contractor receives written verification from NRCS that all NEPA requirements have been satisfied for this practice
2. Pre-application conference with client
3. Verification that client has obtained all required permits
4. Layout and/or inspect sample marking of 'leave' or 'take' trees according to plans and specifications documented on the Implementation Requirement sheet
5. Provide additional installation guidance details on the Implementation Requirement sheet
6. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
7. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation
8. Certify on the Implementation Requirement sheet that the installation process and materials meets design requirements.

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**CHECK OUT**

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**Deliverables:**

1. As-Built documentation:
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications.
3. Progress reporting

**REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard –Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook