

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT 2016 WETLAND ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Client:	Date:
County:	Tract No: Field No.
CRP Signup:	CRP Practice: Acres:
Evaluators:	
Is there a separate grass buffer assessment worksheet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

SITE DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> FLOODPLAIN/BOTTOMLAND/RIPARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> DEPRESSIONAL AREA <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT/LAKEPLAIN TYPE OF RESTORATION: <input type="checkbox"/> DIKE/EMBANKMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TILE BREAK <input type="checkbox"/> DUGOUT ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PRESENT? (If so, show location on map) <input type="checkbox"/> Active gully erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive sheet and rill erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive soil deposition <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive floodplain scouring

DOMINANT VEGETATION															
Was any planting done as part of this restoration? If so, what species?															
Current Vegetation															
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STAND DIVERSITY AND STRUCTURE
On average, is the stand: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 uniform height Height inches OR <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 heights Height ranges
Is the vegetative interspersion: <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
Is the vegetation so thick as to be difficult to move through? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there open water present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Percent open water %

WEED PRESSURE			
Weed Species (include noxious weeds, other undesirable species)	Weed Pressure	Threat To Stand	Spots/Widespread
	<input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
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**VEGETATION PROBLEMS
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Are any of the following problems present on this site? If so, describe in terms of extent, severity and location

Lack of Species Diversity (Not enough variety in plant types and species)

Details

Excessive Undesirable Species (Too much cover of species not beneficial to wetland wildlife)

Details

Stand Too Dense (Vegetation too thick, lack of some open water if that was expected)

Details

Too Much Open Water (Depends on planned wetland type but generally greater than 50%)

Details

Recommendation:

Stand is acceptable as is; continue monitoring and management

Stand is not acceptable as is; however there are no practical alternatives for improvement; use best management possible and continue to monitor

Stand is not acceptable and one or more of the following activities should be implemented to improve the stand:

Interseed with appropriate vegetation

Spray to eliminate undesirable vegetation

Disturb soil substrate to improve growth of desirable vegetation

Manipulate water levels to improve vegetative richness or interspersion

Use prescribed burn to control vegetation

Excavate substrate to increase water depths

OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Excessive ATV or farm equipment use Excessive mowing

Herbicide damage Encroachment (type)

Illegal activity Unapproved grazing Unapproved haying Food plots

Additional restoration opportunities

Other

Condition of vegetated buffer: Acceptable Needs action

Condition of structural components

Embankment: N/A Acceptable Needs action

Water Control Structure: N/A Acceptable Needs action

Principal Spillway/Pipe: N/A Acceptable Needs action

Emergency Spillway: N/A Acceptable Needs action

Other