

## CONSERVATION PRACTICE PHYSICAL EFFECTS WORKSHEET

STATE	Pennsylvania	FIELD OFFICE	Any	DATE	
<b>PRACTICE: Stream Habitat Improvement and Management 395</b>		Baseline Setting:			
		Appropriate Land Use(s): All Land Uses			
<b>RESOURCES, CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCERNS</b>	<b>PHYSICAL EFFECTS</b>		<b>RATIONALE</b>		
<b>SOIL - EROSION</b>					
Sheet and Rill	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Wind	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Ephemeral Gully	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Classic Gully	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Streambank	Substantial Improvement		Vegetation and dense roots protects and binds the soil making it resistant to water flow erosion.		
Shoreline	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Irrigation Induced	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Mass Movement	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Road, Roadsides, and Construction Sites	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
<b>SOIL – CONDITION</b>					
Organic Matter Depletion	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Rangeland Site Stability	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Compaction	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Subsidence	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Contaminants:					
• Salts and other Chemicals	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Animal Waste and other Organics - N	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Animal Waste and other Organics - P	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Animal Waste and other Organics - K	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Commercial Fertilizer - N	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Commercial Fertilizer – P	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Commercial Fertilizer – K	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
• Residual Pesticides	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Damage from Sediment Deposition	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
<b>WATER – QUANTITY</b>					
Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Excessive Seepage	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Excessive Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Excessive Subsurface Water	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Drifted Snow	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Inadequate Outlets	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Inefficient Water use on Irrigated Land	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Inefficient Water use on Non-Irrigated Land	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		
Reduced Capacity of Conveyances by Sediment Deposition	Not Applicable		Not applicable.		

Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Aquifer Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Insufficient Flows in Water Courses	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
<b>WATER – QUALITY</b>		
In Groundwater:		
• Harmful Levels of Pesticides	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Excessive Nutrients and Organics	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Excessive Salinity	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Levels of Heavy Metals	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Levels of Pathogens	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Levels of Petroleum	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
In Surface Water:		
• Harmful Levels of Pesticides	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Excessive Nutrients and Organics	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity	Slight to Substantial Improvement	Improved vegetation and management will reduce streambank erosion and improve channel stability.
• Excessive Salinity	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Levels of Heavy Metals	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Temperatures	Slight to Substantial Improvement	Restoration of riparian conditions will contribute to moderation of stream temperatures.
• Harmful Levels of Pathogens	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• Harmful Levels of Petroleum	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
<b>AIR – QUALITY</b>		
Particulate Matter less than 10 Micrometers in Diameter (PM 10)	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Particulate Matter less than 2.5 Micrometers in Diameter (PM 2.5)	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Excessive Ozone	Neutral	There is a minimal reduction of ozone precursors through reduced surface temperatures offered by shade or ground cover, and minimal biofiltering of ozone concentrations due to interception by vegetation.
Excessive Greenhouse Gas:		
• CO <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide)	Slight Improvement	Vegetation removes CO <sub>2</sub> from the air and stores it in the form of carbon in the plants and soil.
• N <sub>2</sub> O (Nitrous Oxide)	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
• CH <sub>4</sub> (Methane)	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Chemical Drift	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Objectionable Odors	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Reduced Visibility	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Undesirable Air Movement	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Adverse Air Temperature	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Tall vegetation provides shade and moderates temperatures.

<b>PLANTS – SUITABILITY</b>		
Plants not Adapted or Suited	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Management and improvement measures create or maintain the desired riparian and aquatic plant communities.
<b>PLANTS - CONDITION</b>		
Productivity, Health, and Vigor	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Management and improvement measures create or maintain the health and vigor of desired riparian and aquatic plant communities.
Threatened or Endangered Plant Species:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant Species Listed or Proposed for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act</li> </ul>	Neutral	When threatened or endangered plants are present, protection and recovery are addressed in the planning process.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declining Species, Species of Concern</li> </ul>	Neutral	When threatened or endangered plants are present, protection and recovery are addressed in the planning process.
Noxious and Invasive Plants	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Vegetation is installed and managed to control undesired species.
Forage Quality and Palatability	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Wildfire Hazard	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
<b>ANIMALS - FISH AND WILDLIFE</b>		
Inadequate Food	Slight to Substantial Improvement	Aquatic habitat is improved providing food for fish and wildlife.
Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Slight to Substantial Improvement	Aquatic habitat is improved providing cover for fish and wildlife.
Inadequate Water	Slight to Substantial Improvement	Riparian and instream improvements will improve water quality, and where applicable, water quantity for aquatic and riparian species and their habitats..
Inadequate Space	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Restored habitats increase suitable space for fish.
Habitat Fragmentation	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Restored habitats that were previously fragmenting the stream system increase connectivity.
Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Moderate Improvement	Habitat management is implemented to remove limiting factors.
Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish and Wildlife Species Listed or Proposed for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act</li> </ul>	Neutral	Activities are designed, installed, and mitigated to an extent to maintain or enhance species of concern.

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<b>ANIMALS – DOMESTIC</b>		
Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Slight to Moderate Improvement	Re-establishment of streamside habitat can provide additional forage.
Inadequate Shelter	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Riparian area shrubs and trees can provide shade and protection from wind.
Inadequate Stock Water	Not Applicable	Not applicable.
Stress and Mortality	Moderate to Substantial Improvement	Tall vegetation alters temperatures and wind effects reducing stress caused by weather extremes.
<b>HUMAN – ECONOMICS</b>		
Land - Change in Land Use	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Land – Land in Production	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Capital – Change in Equipment	Moderate increase.	
Capital - Total Investment Cost	Moderate.	Moderate.
Capital – Annual Cost	Slight increase.	
Capital – Credit and Farm Program Eligibility	Situational.	
Labor - Labor	Slight to substantial increase	Slight to substantial increase during installation.
Labor – Change in Management Level	Slight to moderate increase.	
Risk - Yield	Slight Decrease	Slight decrease due to favorable habitat.
Risk - Flexibility	Slight Decrease	Slight decrease due to favorable habitat.
Risk - Timing	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Risk – Cash Flow	Slight Increase	Slight increase due to installation costs.
Profitability – Change in Profitability	Situational	Slight decrease to moderate increase.
<b>HUMAN - CULTURAL</b>		
Cultural Resources and/or Historic Properties Present or Suspected to be PRESENT	Slight to Substantial Increase	Construction impacts (mechanical).
<b>HUMAN – ENERGY</b>		
Depletion of Fossil Fuel Resources	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Underutilization of Non-Fossil Energy Resources	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

## Human Considerations Explanation

<b>Considerations</b>	<b>Physical effects indicate:</b>
<b>Land - Change in Land Use</b>	The degree to which implementing the conservation practice is expected to cause a change from one land use to another.
<b>Land - Land in Production</b>	The degree to which implementing the conservation practice is expected to cause an increase or decrease in the amount of land in production.
<b>Capital - Change in Equipment</b>	The degree to which implementing the conservation practice is expected to cause an increase or decrease in the amount of capital equipment required for farm or ranch operations.
<b>Capital - Total Investment Cost</b>	A qualitative measure of the increase in total investment dollars required in order to implement the conservation practice.
<b>Capital - Annual Cost</b>	A qualitative measure of the expected change in annual capital costs required in order to operate and maintain the conservation practice.
<b>Capital - Credit &amp; Farm Program Eligibility</b>	Included to make conservation planners aware of the potential availability of funding for implementing conservation practices.
<b>Labor – Labor</b>	The degree to which implementing the conservation practice is likely to cause an increase or decrease in the total amount of overall farm or ranch labor required for operations.
<b>Labor - Change in Management Level</b>	The degree to which implementing the conservation practice is likely to cause an increase or decrease in the total amount of required active management on a farm or ranch.
<b>Risk – Yield</b>	The degree to which risk, as related to crop or livestock yields, is expected to increase or decrease as a result of implementing the conservation practice.
<b>Risk – Flexibility</b>	The degree to which risk, as related to the flexibility of farm or ranch operations, is expected to increase or decrease as a result of implementing the conservation practice. For example, converting from flood irrigation to a sprinkler system gives a farmer an increase in flexibility of irrigation, which results in a decrease in the level of risk associated with inflexibility of operations.
<b>Risk – Timing</b>	The degree to which risk, as related to the timing of farm or ranch operations, is expected to increase or decrease as a result of implementing the conservation practice.
<b>Risk - Cash Flow</b>	The degree to which risk, as related to cash flow in farm or ranch operations, is expected to increase or decrease as a result of implementing the conservation practice.
<b>Profitability - Change in Profitability</b>	The degree to which farm or ranch profitability is expected to increase or decrease as a result of implementing the conservation practice.
<b>Cultural Resources and/or Historic Properties Present or Suspected to be Present</b>	The degree to which implementation of the conservation practice is expected to increase or decrease the risk of cultural resource disturbance, degradation, or loss.
<b>Depletion of Fossil Fuel Resources</b>	Inefficient use of fossil-originated energy sources (diesel, gasoline, propane, natural gas, coal), lubricants, and other materials.
<b>Underutilization of Non-Fossil Energy Sources</b>	Available and cost-effective alternative energy sources (solar, wind, biofuel, hydroelectric, geothermal) are not being used or are being used inefficiently.