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Purpose. This notice transmits new or revised Conservation Practice Standards (CPSs) and supporting documents for release to Section IV of the Pennsylvania NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Effective Date. This notice is effective upon receipt.

Explanation of Changes. Changes specific to each practice are described below.

Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391) The existing support documents for this practice (Practice Standard, Job Sheet, and Statement of Work) have been updated and expanded to describe: new options for plant materials, additional options for tree/shrub shelters, to reflect changes in supporting practices, and to provide better clarification and documentation of practice layout.

In addition to the update/revision of existing documents, three new documents have been added to the Riparian Forest Buffer folder on the eFOTG:

- The Practice Guide for Riparian Forest Buffers offers detailed guidance for planning and maintaining buffers, which will be helpful for writing plans and completing useful Job Sheets.
- The Tree and Shrub Information for PA NRCS document provides a comprehensive list of woody plants available for use in PA plantings and offers a wide variety of useful information in one easy-to-find location.
- And the Woody Plants for Pollinator Plantings document lists trees and shrubs that can be incorporated into any project involving woody plants, including riparian forest buffers, to allow the project to simultaneously fulfill its original purpose and also offer benefits for pollinators.

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390) A Job Sheet has been created for this practice. The new combined Implementation Requirements/Job Sheet format has been utilized.

Remove and archive, as appropriate, the following existing practice standards and all supporting documents under the same code:

Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390)



Access Instructions. The entire Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide can be accessed at the following website: <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

You may also access Section IV Table of Contents directly at the following we address:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12487>

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