



**VIRGINIA TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE 450-15-429**

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**Subject:** VIRGINIA FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE-SECTION III – Virginia Conservation Activity Plans

**Purpose:** To transmit new and/or revised Virginia Conservation Activity Plans.

**Effective Date:** This notice is effective upon receipt.

**Filing Instructions:** The new and/or revised Conservation Activity Plans and associated documents can be accessed electronically in Section III of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) at the following link: <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

**Explanation of Changes:**

**CNMP Plan Criteria (CAP 102)** - A comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) is a conservation plan for an animal feeding operation (AFO) that documents how nutrients and contaminants will be managed in the production and land treatment areas of the farm to protect animal & human health, and the environment.

**Nutrient Management Plan Criteria (CAP 104)** - Nutrient management plans are documents of record of how nutrients will be managed for plant production and to address the environmental concerns related to the offsite movement of nutrients from agricultural fields.

**Forest Management Plan Criteria (CAP 106)** - A forest management plan is a site specific plan developed for a client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied.

**Guide for Foresters for the Joint Management Plan Template (CAP 106)** – An associated document with CAP 106.

**Guide for Landowners for the Joint Management Plan Template (C106)** - An associated document with CAP 106.

**Managing Your Woodlands Natl ATFS FS NRCS Mgt Plan Template (CAP 106)** – An associated document with CAP 106.

**Feed Management Plan Criteria (CAP 108)** - A feed management plan is a farm-specific documented plan developed for a client who addresses manipulation and control of the quantity and quality of available nutrients, feedstuffs, and/or additives fed to livestock and poultry.

**Grazing Management Plan Criteria (CAP 110)** - A grazing management plan is a site-specific plan, developed with a client to address one or more resource concerns on land where grazing related activities or practices will be applied.

**Prescribed Burning Plan Development Criteria (CAP 112)** - A prescribed burning plan is a site-specific plan developed with a client that addresses one or more resource concerns on land through the use of fire.

**Conservation Plan Supporting Integrated Pest Management Plan Criteria (CAP 114)** - Integrated pest management (IPM) is an ecosystem-based strategy to mitigate the risks associated with pest management activities in a sustainable approach to manage pests using a combination of techniques such as chemical tools, biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices and use of resistant varieties.

**Irrigation Water Management (CAP 118)** - The objective of irrigation water management (IWM) is to control the volume, frequency, and rate of water for efficient irrigation. Measurements of soil moisture, plant water use, and climate provide feedback to decide when to irrigate, and how much water to apply.

**Agricultural Energy Management Plan Criteria (CAP 128)** - The objective of an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) is a detailed documentation and inventory of the energy consuming activities and components of the current agricultural operation. The plan will document a typical prior year of on-farm energy consumption, and the strategy by which the producer will explore and prioritize their on-farm energy conservation concerns, objectives, and opportunities.

**Drainage Water Management Plan Criteria (CAP 130)** - The objective of drainage water management (DWM) is to control soil water table elevations and the timing of water discharges from subsurface or surface agricultural drainage systems, allowing the opportunity for crop use of the subsurface water and nutrients.

**Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition Plan Criteria (CAP 138)** - A "Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition" is a resource inventory with recommended practices to address the resource concerns that will assist the producer to develop an Organic Systems Plan. The resource inventory and recommended practices will also serve to assist NRCS or a qualified TSP develop a conservation plan with the producer, if requested.

**Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan Criteria (CAP 142)** - A fish and wildlife habitat plan is a site-specific plan developed with a client who is ready to plan and implement conservation activities or practices with consideration for fish and wildlife habitat.

**Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan Criteria (CAP 146)** - A pollinator habitat enhancement plan is a site-specific conservation plan developed for a client that addresses the improvement, restoration, enhancement, expansion of flower-rich habitat that supports native and/or managed pollinators.

**IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan Criteria (CAP 154)** - Integrated pest management herbicide resistance weed conservation plan is a plan with emphasis on modifying herbicide use for suppressing weeds on cropland.

**IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan Template (CAP 154)** - An associated document with CAP 154.

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