

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN  
FOR  
UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT (645)**

Landowner/user:

Date:

Address:

A properly operated and maintained **Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Practice** is an asset to your farm operation and your agricultural land. Implementation of Upland Wildlife Habitat Management will help you to achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by managing upland habitats and connectivity within the landscape for wildlife.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements of the operation and maintenance program.

**Operation and Maintenance**      Lifespan 1 Year

The following actions shall be carried out to ensure that this practice functions as intended throughout its expected life:

- Evaluate habitat conditions on a regular basis in order to adapt the conservation plan and schedule of implementation.
- Annually inspect and repair structural or vegetative components of this practice.
- For areas of apple tree release, remove new trees that sprout up beneath and around the apple tree to ensure that they do not shade it. Shrubs beneath the tree should also be removed. However, allow shrubs sprouting in the openings around the tree to grow.

**Specific Additional Requirements for Your Practice:**