

**STATEMENT OF WORK  
Multi-Story Cropping (379)  
Washington**

**These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.**

## **DESIGN**

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### **Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Analyses of compatibility of adapted and selected overstory and understory woody plant and non-woody plant species including computation of required canopy covers, by story or level, balanced to optimize health and growth to achieve intended purpose(s)
    - ii. Requirements for moisture conservation or supplemental watering, enhancement of habitat for beneficial insects (e.g, pollinators), minimization of pests, maintenance of soil organic matter, and erosion control.
    - iii. Analysis of required spacing between trees/shrubs to facilitate the use of machinery and equipment as appropriate
    - iv. Protective and maintenance measures for plants to assure desired function including use exclusion
    - v. Additional provisions to control site and soil damage during removal of any woody and non-woody plants
    - vi. **Evaluate wildlife habitat using Biological Technical Note 14.**
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

*Note: Incorporate compliance with all federal, state, local and/or tribal laws, regulations and permitting requirements within the practice design. Use approved jobsheets, specification worksheets, Planner's guide, technical notes and practice standard references as appropriate. Include required documentation within Documentation Requirement form.*

## **INSTALLATION**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Pre-application conference with client **where site specific specifications are reviewed.**
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer. **Provide As-Built (Installation) notes and modifications.**
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, local and/or tribal laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

*Note: Document meetings. Provide maps, photos, video or drawings of treatment area. Provide all other implementation notes and issues. Document the effectiveness of treatment to achieving the purpose.*

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**CHECK OUT**

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**Deliverables**

1. Records of application.
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Actual plant materials used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

Note: *Provide NRCS with completed & signed Documentation Requirement form, As-Builts and all other support documentation*

**REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Multi-Story Cropping, 379
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook

Note: *NRCS Washington Planner's guide for 379 Multi-story cropping.*

*USDA Plants Website:* <http://plants.usda.gov>

*USDA Websoil Survey Website:* <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

*National AgroForestry Center:*

<http://www.unl.edu/nac/publications.htm>

*Working Trees for Agriculture*

*AgroForestry Notes: (Forest Farming Series)*

*Special Forest Products Series*

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*Freed, Jim. 1998, Developing Special Forest Products Markets for Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners. Paper Presented at the North American Conference on Enterprise Development Through Agroforestry: Farming Agroforest for Specialty Products. Minneapolis, MN, October 4-7, 1998*

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