

**WEST VIRGINIA  
CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SITE VISIT  
DOCUMENTATION WORKSHEET**

**A. PRODUCER INFORMATION**

Landowner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. PARTNERS PRESENT:**

	Prelim- inary Visit	Final Site Visit
NRCS _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FSA _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WVDOF _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WVDNR _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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USFWS _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WVCA _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Landowner _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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List the agency contact person present. If not available, list the date and how they were notified next to their affiliation in the space provided above.

**C. ELIGIBILITY**

**NOTE - All eligibility requirements must be met and approved through Farm Service Agency prior to any site visit.** Refer to Paragraphs 82, 83, 97-100 and 112 of the 2-CRP Handbook.

**According to Farm Service Agency this site has been determined to be located on:**

\_\_\_\_\_ CROPLAND      \_\_\_\_\_ NON-CROPLAND

**The landowner has requested the following practice:**

\_\_\_\_\_ CP1 – Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Cropland Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ CP2 – Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Cropland Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ CP3A – Tree Planting (Cropland Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ CP21 – Filter Strip (Cropland Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ CP22 – Riparian Buffer  
(Cropland or Non-Cropland)

\_\_\_\_\_ CP23 – Wetland Restoration  
(Cropland)

**If the landowner has requested CP22 – Riparian Buffer, complete Section E on the following pages to determine practice eligibility and feasibility. For all other practices, utilize the notes section to document site description, land eligibility and resource concerns.**

**D. SOILS INFORMATION (Optional)**

Soil Type \_\_\_\_\_

Flooding Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

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To assist in determining minimum buffer widths for CP22 refer to the list of flood prone soils for each county and their corresponding flooding frequency listed in the local soil survey.

**E. CP22 SITE ELIGIBILITY**

**SITE SKETCH**

**1. Is the site located immediately adjacent to a defined channel?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

(If YES continue. If NO, refer to Paragraph 99, pg. 5-10 of the 2-CRP handbook.)

**2. Does the channel flow more than just periodically after rainfall events or during snowmelt?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

(If YES continue. If NO, refer to CP22 criteria for riparian area development. Exhibit 9, pg. 152.2 in the 2-CRP handbook)

**3. For non-cropland sites, does the site qualify as marginal pasture?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**Marginal pasture is defined as pasture (non-cropland, non-forestland, non-woodland) immediately adjacent to a permanent water body greater than 5 acres that provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water off the farm; or pasture adjacent to streams having perennial flow, or a seasonal stream.**

**4. Describe the area immediately adjacent to the stream:** (choose only one)

- a. Dominated by grass and herbaceous plants
- b. Dominated by grasses and forbs with some woody vegetation
- c. Dominated by woody vegetation
- d. Consists of bare ground or mineral soil

**5. Is there at least 35 feet (measured horizontally from the top of the bank) that can be developed into a riparian forest buffer along the entire length of the proposed site?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**6. Are any of the following applicable to the proposed area? (Check all that apply.)**

**a. Soil compaction is preventing runoff infiltration or impacting soil quality due to livestock trampling, grazing, loafing or watering?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**b. There is less than 70% woody vegetation established within the proposed riparian zone?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**c. There is a high potential for substantial nutrient or pesticide loading in the watercourse?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

- **d. Other resource concern(s) that could be addressed using CP22.** (Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition, Water Quality – Excess nutrients in surface water, Pesticides transported to surface waters, Pathogens, pharmaceutical in surface water, Excessive sediment in surface water, Elevated water temperature, Wildlife resource concerns **(Describe below)**)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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(If YES was answered to any of the questions in 6 a, b, c or d continue. If NO, was answered to all questions **STOP.**

**7. Of the entire site proposed, how much of the proposed riparian area is functioning?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Less than 70% \_\_\_\_\_ Greater than or equal to 70%

(If less than or equal to 70%, continue to question 8. If greater than 70% STOP and evaluate the need for developing a riparian area at the proposed site.)

**8. Is the site located on a floodplain where the minimum width of the buffer is required to be greater than 35 feet?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(Minimum buffer widths are required to be the lesser of 30% of the floodplain or 100 feet; however, never less than 35 feet. If YES, document in Section F the rationale and minimum required buffer width.) See WV Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Standard – some species of wildlife prefer wider buffers.

**9. Should the average width of the proposed buffer exceed 180 feet due to water quality concerns?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If YES, use Section F.– Notes of this document for justification of water quality concerns)

**10. Is the "top of streambank" distinguishable?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If NO, document in the notes section how top of bank is determined in Section F.– Notes.)

**11. Would tree planting be required due to sloughing stream banks, lack of an adequate seed source, thick dense sod (e.g. fescue), wildlife concerns or by the request of the landowner?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If YES, use Section F - Notes section to document selected species and rationale.)

**12. Is there a strong potential that natural succession will reestablish the necessary vegetation and restore the functions of the riparian area? Consider the need for site preparation and/or risk of invasive establishment.**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(NOTE: Answering YES to this question does not preclude tree and shrub planting on the site.)

**13. Does a strong potential exist for invasive and noxious weeds to dominate the site and prevent or considerably delay a suitable or intended climax community?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If YES, proceed to 14. If NO, proceed to question 15.)

**14. Will actions be necessary by the landowner to control any noxious or invasive pest in order to establish and/or maintain the riparian forest buffer?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(Any actions identified should be documented in the notes portion of this document.)

**15. Is the stream currently being utilized as a water source for livestock?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

**16. Will alternate water sources, equipment and/or livestock crossings need to be considered and developed?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If YES, document the type, number and any other pertinent details in Section F - Notes.)

**17. Is this site located on a high quality trout stream, 303(d) listed stream or on a stream with an established TMDL?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(Refer to FOTG Reference "WV High Quality Streams, Sixth Ed." or the WVDEP website as appropriate.)

**18. Are there other riparian area resource concerns on this farm, either upstream or downstream from the proposed site, that could be addressed?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(If YES, document the concerns and why the plan could not address them in Section F - Notes.)

**19. Were photographs taken during the site visit?**

\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

(Photos should be maintained in the case file for future reference.)

