



FOREST ENHANCEMENT BUNDLE

B000FST4

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Forest Bundle #4

CONSERVATION PRACTICE: 666 - Forest Stand Improvement, 612 - Tree-Shrub Establishment

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Forest

RESOURCE CONCERN: Water, Animals, Plants

ENHANCEMENT LIFE SPAN: 15 years

Enhancement Description

Address forest management on site to improve sugar maple stands. By implementing this combination of enhancements together, a synergy is achieved that should result in more conservation benefits than would be expected from implementing the enhancements individually. Applicants that choose to implement this bundle will receive additional ranking points and a higher payment rate.

Criteria

- Four component enhancements in the required group must be adopted as shown in the table below.
- If an applicant has already adopted one or more component enhancements within a bundle, the applicant may schedule the bundle as long as the applicant is newly adopting the majority (more than 50 percent) of the component enhancements within the bundle.
- Applicants may choose to adopt a bundle on any portion of the agricultural operation and will be required to install component enhancements on all applicable acres where the bundle is adopted.
- The bundle is scheduled in the year in which all component enhancements in the bundle are applied.



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Documentation and Implementation Requirements

Participant will:

- Follow the documentation and implementation requirements outlined in the respective enhancement job sheets to document the implementation of each component enhancement in the bundle.
- Prior to and after implementation, document the planned amount, fields, applied amount and the year each component enhancement in the bundle is applied:

Component Enhancement Code	Tract, Field No. or Name	Planned Amount (units)	Applied Amount (units)	Year(s)
ADOPT ALL REQUIRED COMPONENT ENHANCEMENTS FROM THIS GROUP				
E612F				
E666A				
E666D				
E666I or E612D				

NRCS Documentation Review:

I have reviewed all required participant documentation and have determined the participant has implemented the enhancement according to criteria and requirements.

Participant Name _____ Contract Number _____

Total Amount Applied _____ Fiscal Year Completed _____

NRCS Technical Adequacy Signature

Date

Design Approvals & Acknowledgements:

Design Approval	Date	Job Approval Authority
Designed by:		
Approved by:		

Client's Acknowledgement Statement:

The client acknowledges:

- I have received a copy of the specification and understand the contents and requirements.
- It is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.
- I will not begin installation of this practice until I have received appropriate approval to do so. I understand NRCS also has Federal and state laws to comply with that may take some time to address (e.g. cultural resources).

Client's	Date
Signature	

Certification Documentation:

	Field Evaluation: Post-treatment inventory, measurements, notes, as-built, and supporting documentation (document completion in conservation plan), as required.
	Map(s): Including field numbers, fields treated, and units treated (may document on conservation plan map), as required.
	Photos or other supporting documentation (e.g., seed tags, soil tests, receipts, invoices, spray records, fertilizer records, etc.)
Brief Description of Work Accomplished (types of equipment used, date of application, extents and quantities installed, etc.)	

Certification Statement:

The employee certifies the implementation of this conservation practice:

- Meets the purpose, general criteria, and any required additional criteria as documented in the conservation practice standard and/or enhancement sheet.
- Meets the specifications contained herein and is complete.
- Conforms to my existing Job Approval Authority controlling factors and levels.

Name	Date	Job Approval Authority

Field Level Certification – For multiple applications of this design.				
Land Unit/ Contract Item Number	Date	Unit(s)	Amount Installed	Certifier