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BUFFER ENHANCEMENT BUNDLE

B000BFF1



Buffer Bundle #1

Conservation Practices 393: Filter Strip; 327: Conservation Cover or 420: Wildlife Habitat Planting; and 612: Tree/Shrub Establishment

APPLICABLE LAND USES: Crop (annual & mixed), Crop (perennial) and Associated Agricultural Land

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: Water, Plant, Air & Animal

BUNDLE LIFE SPAN: 15 years

Enhancement Description

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.

<u>Criteria</u>

- All of the component enhancements in the required group, along with one additional component enhancement, 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) |
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| DO ALL ENHANCMENTS IN THIS GROUP | | | | |
| E393A | | | | |
| E327A or E420A | | | | |
| E612D | | | | |
| PICK ONE FROM THIS GROUP | | | | |
| E612B | | | | |
| E612G | | | | |

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Design Approvals & Acknowledgements:

| Design Approval | Date | Job Approval Authority |
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| Designed by: | | |
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| Assessment here | | |
| Approved by: | | |
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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 Signature | Date |
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Natural Resources Conservation Service Specification & Implementation Requirement Signature Pages

Certification Documentation:

| Field Evaluation: Post-treatment inventory, measurements, notes, as-built, and supporting documentation (document completion in conservation plan), as required. |
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| 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.) |
| Description of Work Accomplished (types of equipment used, date of application, extents uantities installed, etc.) |
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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 |
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| Field Level Certification – For multiple applications of this design. | | | | |
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| Land Unit/ Contract | Date | Unit(s) | Amount | Certifier |
| Item Number | | | Installed | |
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