

# HEDGEROW PLANTING

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 422



### **HEDGEROW PLANTING**

A hedgerow planting involves establishing a living fence of shrubs or trees in, across, or around a field.

### **PRACTICE INFORMATION**

This is a multipurpose practice used to delineate field boundaries, serve as a fence, establish permanent contour lines, provide a screen, provide wildlife food and cover, or improve landscape aesthetics.

The grasses and other herbaceous vegetation associated with a hedgerow planting have some beneficial effects on erosion, movement of sediment, and filtering of potential pollutants.

This is particularly significant when the hedgerows are installed on the contour.

Specifications for establishing and maintaining a hedgerow planting are contained in the local USDA/NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.