

Indiana – October 2010 (ver. 1.0)

## Vegetation Already Established Program Job Sheet

<b>Landowner:</b>			<b>County:</b>		
<b>Farm:</b>	<b>Tract:</b>	<b>Field(s):</b>	<b>Acres:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Applicable Practice:</b>					

### REQUIRED ACTIONS

**No Actions Required:** current condition of the CRP practice(s) meet the purpose of practice standards and CRP requirements.

**Minor Repairs** must be completed within 1 year of contract approval.

**Fill** to repair drainage tile, ruts and/or minor erosion.

\_\_\_\_\_ of **sized stone** will be needed. Fill the gully/rill to the top of the existing ground level.

\_\_\_\_\_ of **soil** will be needed. Fill the gully/rill to the top of the existing ground level and re-seed according to the attached specifications.

\_\_\_\_\_ **square feet** of **sod** will be needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **square feet** of **erosion control blanket** will be needed.

**Vegetation Re-Establishment:** see the attached specifications for details.

**“Un-Approved” Species Control** must be completed within 1 year of contract approval and maintained at the specified levels for the life of the CRP contract.

The following noxious weeds currently exist and state law requires that they be eliminated:  
     = existing percent area coverage = \_\_\_\_\_ ; **planned percent area coverage = 0%**  
 Recommended Control Method(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The following “Un-Approved” species currently exist and Indiana CRP policy requires that they be eliminated:  
     = existing percent area coverage = \_\_\_\_\_ ; **planned percent area coverage = 0%**  
 Recommended Control Method(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The following “Un-Approved” species currently exist and Indiana CRP policy requires that they must be controlled to no more than 10% of the CRP acreage:  
     = existing percent area coverage = \_\_\_\_\_ ; **planned percent area coverage = 10%**  
 Recommended Control Method(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**CP10 only:** The following “Un-Approved” species currently exist and Indiana CRP policy requires that they must be controlled to no more than 20% of the CRP acreage:  
     **Woody Species** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) = existing percent area coverage = \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
     **planned percent area coverage = 20%**  
 Recommended Control Method(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE\*

Maintenance activities are allowed only on a spot basis and only if necessary to maintain stand health, maintain stand diversity, or control pests that will damage the CRP cover or adjacent lands.

- ✓ **Inspect** the practice on a seasonal basis and following major storm and runoff events. Any damages or sediment accumulation that would adversely impair the function of the practice must be corrected.
  - ✓ **Channels or rills** must be immediately repaired.
  - ✓ **Sediment** within the practice should be removed before it accumulates to a height higher than 6 inches. Level and re-establish sheet flow. Re-seed if necessary.

**Replace** dead trees and shrubs or grass as needed to insure that the practice functions as intended.

✓ **Control Unapproved Vegetation** to ensure the practice functions as intended.

**Potential Unapproved Vegetation** likely to encroach on your site includes  
Recommended Control Method(s):

**Mowing\***: only allowed when used as a preparation method for Mid-contract Management practices, such as prescribed burning or strip disking, or as needed for operation and maintenance of grass practices.  
**Mowing for Generic Weed Control or Cosmetic Purposes is prohibited.**

**Native Grass = 8 - 12" MINIMUM Mowing Height\***

**Non-Native Grass = 4" MINIMUM Mowing Height\***

**Prescribed Burning**: according to an approved burn plan, and as a method to control volunteer trees and brush.

**Herbicide (per label)**: to control volunteer trees, brush, weeds and/or invasive species

**Other**:

**\*NOTE: Weed control and other maintenance activities will not be conducted from April 1 to August 1. All activities will be on a "spot" basis only, unless prior approval is granted by the FSA County Committee.**

## MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (Grasses only) STARTING IN YEAR:

The predominant cover consists of woody vegetation, or is a grassed waterway, so Mid-Contract Management is not required.

**Prescribed Burning**       **Strip Spraying**       **Strip Disking**       **Inter-seeding**

The Specific Mid Contract Management Activity will be decided by the participant in the scheduled year based on condition of the vegetation, site considerations, capabilities of the participant, etc.

✓ Treatment will not occur more than once every 3 years on the same acreage. Reimbursement will be dependant on the activity(s) performed based on local FSA Not-To-Exceed rates.

**For CRP Mid-contract Management specifications see:**  
<http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CRP/crphomepage.html>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## REQUIRED ACTIONS

See the attached specifications sheet for any required actions. Any actions must be completed within one (1) year after CRP Re-Enrollment contract approval.

## OPERATION and MAINTENANCE

Maintain the planting according to your CRP conservation plan. Maintenance activities are allowed only if necessary to maintain stand health, or to control pests, noxious weeds or any plant species whose presence or overpopulation may jeopardize the CRP cover, or have detrimental effects to the surrounding land.

The presence of annual weeds (such as foxtail, common ragweed, and perennial forbs) is not a concern, as these plants are important sources of food for wildlife, especially bobwhite quail. Maintenance may be needed to control excessive density of these annuals, especially during the establishment years, but is not intended to eliminate this group of plants.

Maintenance activities will not occur from **April 1 through August 1** to protect ground-nesting wildlife. If maintenance activities are needed during the April 1 – August 1 time frame, the FSA County Committee **must** approve the maintenance activity **prior to** the activity occurring, and it may **only be on a spot basis**. **Mowing for generic weed control or for cosmetic purposes is prohibited.** Native grasses will not be mowed lower than eight (8) to 12 inches; introduced grasses no lower than four (4) inches.

Inspect the vegetation annually and after storm events, and repair any gullies that have formed; remove unevenly deposited sediment and/or crop residues that will disrupt the function or kill desired vegetation; and reseed high mortality and disturbed areas.

The contract area cannot be used for field roads or other uses that will damage or destroy the cover. Apply supplemental nutrients as needed to maintain the desired species composition and stand density.

## MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Mid-Contract Management (MCM) is required on this practice. Table 2 shows the maximum amount of area that can be disturbed by MCM activities in a given number of years. However, to maximize wildlife benefits, participants may opt to perform MCM on one-third (1/3) of the area for each of three (3) years if they so choose.

**Table 2 – MCM Disturbance Area**

	MAXIMUM AREA TO BE DISTURBED
5 acres or more	1/3 of the area each of 3 years
Less than 5 acres	1/2 of the area each of 2 years, <u>or</u> total area in 1 year

MCM activities will be avoided on environmentally sensitive areas including:

- Concentrated flow areas,
- Critical areas,
- Within the first 20 feet of a practice that borders a water resource to avoid water quality resource concerns, and
- Other areas where gully erosion is likely.

Environmentally sensitive areas will be marked on the plan map to ensure Mid-Contract Management activities are avoided on these areas.

Grassland areas must be established for a minimum of three (3) years before initiating MCM activities.

MCM activities operations will not be performed from April 1 through August 1 for contracts starting in 2008, to protect the primary nesting period for grassland bird species. It is also recommended, but is not required, to delay MCM activities until after August 15 to reduce the chance of harming fledgling birds and other young wildlife.

MCM activities operations will be performed along field contours, or across the slope, when practical.

Strips will parallel brushy or woody escape cover when feasible.

See the link below for MCM job sheets: <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CRP/crphomepage.html>.

## MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING

These plantings may be used for managed haying or grazing. The managed haying and grazing period for CRP is August 2 through September 15. All hay and animals must be removed from CRP acreage no later than 10 days after the end of the managed haying and grazing period.

Managed haying and grazing activities must be performed according to NRCS Standards and Specifications as found in the FOTG and CRP policy. The same acreage may not be hayed or grazed more than once every three (3) years. Annual CRP rental payments will be reduced based on FSA policy. All managed haying and grazing activities must be approved by FSA and included in the conservation plan prior to harvesting the forage.

## POLLINATOR HABITAT

If applicable, areas planted to pollinator habitat will follow the same establishment guidance above (i.e. site preparation, seeding dates, seed preparation, planting methods, etc) and maintenance/management. See the attached Specifications Sheet for pollinator establishment.

## Noxious and unapproved Species – Additional Information

**NOTE:** control of the species identified in your plan must be initiated within the first year of CCRP Re-Enrollment contract approval. Since these species have a tendency to re-appear from seed and other methods, annual monitoring and follow-up control efforts are required to ensure the species are controlled to and maintained at the acceptable levels described in your plan. Follow-up efforts are not be eligible for cost-share.

<b>General References</b>	
<b>Invasive.org:</b>	Source for information and images of invasive & exotic species (includes information on bio-control agents) <a href="http://www.invasive.org/">http://www.invasive.org/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Autumn Olive, Bur Cucumber, Canada Thistle, Johnsongrass, Quackgrass, and Shattercane:</b> 2007 Weed Control Guide for OH and IN (Pub WS16W) Includes section on weed control in grass pastures (pages 164-170), and weed responses to herbicide. <a href="http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/WS/WS-16/">http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/WS/WS-16/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Buckthorn, Glossy:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/glossy_buckthorn_factsheet.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/glossy_buckthorn_factsheet.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Honeysuckle, Asian Bush:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Bush_Honeysuckle.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Bush_Honeysuckle.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Honeysuckle, Japanese:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Japanese_Honeysuckle.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Japanese_Honeysuckle.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Japanese Knotweed:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Japanese_Knotweed.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Japanese_Knotweed.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Kudzu in Indiana (WS-30-W)</b> <a href="http://www.btny.purdue.edu/weedscience/2004/articles/Kudzu3-8-04.pdf">http://www.btny.purdue.edu/weedscience/2004/articles/Kudzu3-8-04.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Olive, Autumn:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Autumn_Olive.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Autumn_Olive.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Multiflora rose:</b> Identification, Biology, Control and Management Resources <a href="http://www.invasive.org/browse/subject.cfm?sub=3071">http://www.invasive.org/browse/subject.cfm?sub=3071</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Multiflora Rose:</b> (USFS Weed of the Week 3-15-06) <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/multiflora-rose.pdf">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/multiflora-rose.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Periwinkle, Common:</b> (USFS Weed of the Week 2-1-06) <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/common-periwinkle.pdf">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/common-periwinkle.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Phragmites:</b> (IPSAWG) <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/phragmitesrecommendations.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/phragmitesrecommendations.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Purple Loosestrife:</b> IDNR <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/purple_loosestrife.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/purple_loosestrife.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reed Canarygrass:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Reed_Canarygrass.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/Reed_Canarygrass.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sorghum Alnum:</b> (Indiana Select-A-Herb) <a href="http://btny.agriculture.purdue.edu/herbssel/">http://btny.agriculture.purdue.edu/herbssel/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tall Fescue:</b> (IPSAWG) Fact Sheet <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/tall_fescue_discussion_and_recommendations.doc">http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/tall_fescue_discussion_and_recommendations.doc</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tree of Heaven:</b> (USFS Weed of the Week 3-19-06) <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/tree-of-heaven.pdf">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/tree-of-heaven.pdf</a>