



Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278

December 14, 2010

GENERAL MANUAL (GM)
190 - ECS
ISSUE IN1 (PART 411.3-D.1)

SUBJECT: ECS – RIPARIAN VEGETATION POLICY

Purpose: To transmit NRCS Indiana policy on removal of vegetation from riparian areas.

Effective date: When received.

Summary: This transmittal distributes NRCS Indiana policy on the removal of vegetation in riparian areas. This policy is being issued to ensure consistent planning decisions are made to account for any offsetting resource impacts when NRCS provides services in riparian areas.

This policy and procedure does not supersede any requirements as outlined by other USDA policy or laws (such as the Food Security Act and those that fall under the National Environmental Policy Act, including the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and others).

Planners will notify their Area Office to coordinate State Office assistance as needed per the updated policy.

Filing instructions: This information will be accessible through the NRCS Indiana intranet page located at http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/Directives_Homepage.html.

/s/

JANE E. HARDISTY
State Conservationist

Attachment