



**KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO
CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

**CONSERVATION
STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**

E666O

Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat

Additional Criteria for Kansas

- In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E666O, the following apply in Kansas:
 - Definition: Snags are standing dead trees, while den trees are alive with a cavity in the trunk or limbs and are large enough to shelter wildlife.
 - Wildlife species that use snags, den trees, and/or coarse woody debris include:
 - Snags and den trees: woodpeckers, flycatchers, chickadees, kestrels, owls, eastern bluebirds, nuthatches, swallows, red-tailed hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, wood ducks, bats, squirrels, mice, and raccoons.
 - Fallen trees/logs: salamanders, snakes, skunks, frogs, mice, and shrews.
 - Develop a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) to inventory and document the existing forest stand structural diversity (including the snags, den trees, and downed wood/logs). Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a Kansas Forest Service (KFS) district forester may be requested to complete a FSP and to assist the producer with practice planning.
 - Refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 666, Forest Stand Improvement, Construction Specifications, for methods to kill trees.
 - Refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 660, Tree/Shrub Pruning, Construction Specifications, for methods and guidance to proper tree pruning.
 - If additional trees/shrubs are needed to increase diversity, refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Construction Specifications, for design assistance.

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- Refer to Kansas Forestry Technical Notes KS-9, Tree/Shrub Establishment and Maintenance Guidelines, and KS-10, Conservation Tree/Shrub Plantings Suitability Groups, Windbreak Suitability Groups, and Plantings for Kansas, for tree/shrub establishment, maintenance, and selection guidelines.
- Refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 550, Range Planting, Construction Specifications, and Kansas Biology Technical Note KS-37, Pollinator Biology and Habitat Technology, Table 2, for assistance in developing herbaceous seeding mixes.
- Only select native, non-invasive plant materials for plantings.

Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas

- In addition to the documentation requirements specified in National Enhancement E6660, the following applies in Kansas:
 - A detailed map identifying locations of forest stand improvement activities using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit meeting NRCS specifications will be included with planning documentation.