

## FY2022 CSP Nonindustrial Private Forest Land Beginning Farmer or Rancher

### BFR NIPF Applicability Question

1. Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application?

### BFR NIPF Category Question

1. Is the land included in the application located in the state of Massachusetts?
  - a. Massachusetts
  - b. Otherwise

### BFR NIPF Program Questions

1. Is the land included in the application located within the MA Source Water Protection Area?
  - a. Source Water Protection Area
  - b. Otherwise
2. Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?
3. Is the applicant a covered producer participating in the CRP-TIP and NRCS is evaluating the assessment during the two-year period covered by the CRP-1R?
4. At the time of the application, the applicant meets:
  - a. 3 - 5 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation
  - b. 1 - 2 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation
  - c. 3 - 5 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)
  - d. 1 - 2 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)
  - e. 3 - 5 State priority resource concern categories on AT LEAST ONE land use included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)
  - f. 1 - 2 State priority resource concern categories on AT LEAST ONE land use included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)
5. By the end of the contract, the applicant will implement ADDITIONAL activities that
  - a. Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two additional land uses.
  - b. Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2 to 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two additional land uses.
  - c. Exceed the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern categories on at least two additional land uses.
  - d. Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.
  - e. Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2 to 3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.
  - f. Meet the stewardship threshold for 2 – 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two land uses.
  - g. Meet the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern category on at least two land uses.
  - h. Meet the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern category on 1 land use.

### NIPF Resource Questions

1. Will the proposed project improve the water quality of any of the following:
  - a. 303D listed waters (within ¼ mile buffer)
  - b. Drinking Water: Surface Water Zones A or B, Ground Water Zone 2, and/or IWPA (within areas)
  - c. Other Water (within 300 feet upstream from streams, surface water, designated shellfish growing areas, aquifers, wells)
  - d. Otherwise
2. Is at least 25% of the offered acreage located within an NHESP Priority Habitat?
  - a. Within the NHESP Priority Habitat area
  - b. Otherwise

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<b>NIPF Activities</b>
Access Control (472)
Aquatic Organism Passage (396)
Brush Management (314)
Conservation Cover (327)
Critical Area Planting (342)
Farmstead Energy Improvement (374)
Fence (382)
Field Border (386)
Filter Strip (393)
Firebreak (394)
Fishpond Management (399)
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Forest Trails and Landings (655)
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)
Land Smoothing (466)
Livestock Pipeline (516)
Mulching (484)
Pond (378)
Prescribed Burning (338)
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)
Roof Runoff Structure (558)
Shallow Water Development and Management (646)
Silvopasture (381)
Stormwater Runoff Control (570)
Stream Crossing (578)
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
Structure for Water Control (587)
Structures for Wildlife (649)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
Underground Outlet (620)
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
Watering Facility (614)
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
Wildlife Habitat Planting (420)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)
Woody Residue Treatment (384)
Existing Activity Payment-Land Use (E300EAP1)
Existing Activity Payment-Resource Concern (E300EAP2)
Buffer Bundle#1 (B000BFF1)
Forest Bundle#1 (B000FST1)
Longleaf Pine Bundle#1 (B000LLP1)
Longleaf Pine Bundle#2 (B000LLP2)
Longleaf Pine Bundle#3 (B000LLP3)
Longleaf Pine Bundle#4 (B000LLP4)
Longleaf Pine Bundle#5 (B000LLP5)
Adding food-producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings (E612D)

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Biochar production from woody residue (E384A)
Brush management to improve wildlife habitat (E314A)
Comprehensive Conservation Plan (E199A)
Conservation cover for pollinators and beneficial insects (E327A)
Creating structural diversity with patch openings (E666K)
Crop tree management for mast production (E666I)
Cultural plantings (E612E)
Edge feathering for wildlife cover (E645C)
Enhanced field borders to decrease particulate emissions along the edge(s) of the field (E386C)
Enhanced field borders to increase carbon storage along the edge(s) of the field (E386B)
Enhanced field borders to increase food for pollinators along the edge(s) of a field (E386D)
Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field (E386E)
Enhanced field borders to reduce soil erosion along the edge(s) of a field (E386A)
Enhanced rain garden for wildlife (E570A)
Establish Monarch butterfly habitat (E327B)
Establish monarch butterfly habitat (E420B)
Establish pollinator habitat (E420A)
Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities (E612C)
Extend existing filter strip to reduce water quality impacts (E393A)
Facilitating oak forest regeneration (E666J)
Fishpond management for native aquatic and terrestrial species (E399A)
Forest management to enhance understory vegetation (E666D)
Forest songbird habitat maintenance (E666R)
Forest Stand Improvement to rehabilitate degraded hardwood stands (E666L)
Herbaceous weed treatment to create plant communities consistent with the ecological site (E315A)
Incorporating 'wildlife friendly' fencing for connectivity of wildlife food resources (E382A)
Increase diversity in pine plantation monocultures (E666Q)
Increase on-site carbon storage (E666H)
Increase riparian forest buffer width to enhance wildlife habitat (E391C)
Increase riparian herbaceous cover width to enhance wildlife habitat (E390B)
Increase stream shading for stream temperature reduction (E391B)
Install variable frequency drive(s) on pump(s) (E374A)
Maintaining and improving forest soil quality (E666A)
Manage existing shrub thickets to provide adequate shelter for wildlife (E645B)
Manage livestock access to waterbodies to reduce nutrients or pathogens to surface water (E472A)
Planting for high carbon sequestration rate (E612B)
Reduce forest density and manage understory along roads to limit wildfire risk and improve habitat (E666G)
Reduce forest stand density to create open stand structure (E666F)
Reduce height of the forest understory to limit wildfire risk (E666E)
Reduction of attractants to human-subsidized predators in sensitive wildlife species habitat (E645A)
Restoration and management of rare or declining habitat (E643B)
Restoration of sensitive coastal vegetative communities (E643A)
Sequential patch burning (E338C)
Short-interval burns to promote a healthy herbaceous plant community (E338B)
Silvopasture to improve wildlife habitat (E381A)
Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat (E666O)
Strategically planned, patch burning for grazing distribution and wildlife habitat (E338A)
Stream corridor bank vegetation improvement (E580B)
Stream crossing elimination (E578A)
Stream habitat improvement through placement of woody biomass (E395A)
Sugarbush management (E612F)
Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species (E666P)
Switch fuel source for pump motor(s) (E374B)
Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food (E612G)

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<b>NIPF Priority Resource Concerns/Resource Concern Categories</b>
Aquatic Habitat
Concentrated Erosion
Degraded Plant Condition
Fire Management
Inefficient Energy Use
Pest Pressure
Soil Quality Limitations
Storage and Handling of Pollutants
Terrestrial Habitat
Wind and Water Erosion