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# CRP Re-Enrollments

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## 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>				

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**No Actions Required:** current condition of the CRP practice meets the purpose of standards and CRP requirements. As long as the identified maintenance activities are carried out, the practice is expected to remain functional for the life of the contract.

**REQUIRED ACTIONS – minor repairs**

ITEMS TO CHECK	OBSERVATIONS & REASONS for ISSUES	REQUIRED ACTIONS by the participant	Normal Wear & Tear?
<u>Vegetative Cover</u> Planned Width Grass/Forb/Tree Condition Herbaceous Weed Issues Woody Vegetation Issues			NO
<b>Grade Stabilization Structures</b>			
<u>Erosion</u> Gullies?			
<b>Other</b>			

- 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.
  - Edge Disking:** to spread sediment and debris deposits that currently exist along edges of the practice(s).
    - ✓ **Disk** the areas with accumulated sediment to a level that surface water can enter the vegetated areas.
    - ✓ **Re-Seed** the disked areas according to the attached specifications
  - Vegetation Re-Establishment:** see the attached specifications for details.

- Species Control** must be completed within 1 year of contract approval.
  - The following noxious weeds currently exist and state law requires that they be controlled:  
Recommended Control Method(s):
  - The following unapproved species currently exist and must be controlled to no more than 10% of the CRP acreage:  
Recommended Control Method(s):

**Re-Construction:** see the attached engineering designs for details.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
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 = 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 - STARTING IN YEAR:**

see the attached Mid Contract Management Job Sheet for details

**For CRP Mid-contract Management specifications see:**

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/in/programs/?cid=stelprdb1119594>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## 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

- Vegetation will be maintained according to your CRP conservation plan.
- Maintenance activities are allowed only if necessary to maintain stand health or diversity, or to control pests that may damage the CRP cover or adjacent lands.
- In grass or grass/legume plantings, volunteer brush and trees should be controlled by use of prescribed burning (with an approved burn plan), spot disking, or spot spraying.
- Noxious weeds (such as Canada Thistle and Johnsongrass), and unapproved species (such as Autumn Olive, Bush Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose, Reed Canarygrass, etc.) must be controlled. Additional resources include:
  1. *Weed Control Guide for Ohio and Indiana* (Purdue and The Ohio State University)
  2. *Noxious and Invasive Weeds and The Weed Laws in Indiana*
- Maintenance activities will be conducted on a **“spot” basis only**.
- Maintenance activities are not allowed from **April 1 - August 1** to protect ground-nesting wildlife. If maintenance activities are needed within these dates, the FSA County Committee **must** approve the maintenance activity **prior to** the activity occurring.
- **Mowing is 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 for cosmetic purposes is strictly prohibited.**
- All acres should be excluded from haying and grazing year round, unless authorized.
- The contract area may not be used for field roads or other uses that will damage or destroy the cover.
- **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.

- **Replace** dead trees and shrubs or grass as needed to insure that the practice functions as intended.
- Protect the drainage area above the practice against erosion to the extent that expected sedimentation will not shorten the planned effective life of the practice. Consider such practices as Residue Management (No-Till, Mulch Till, etc.), Conservation Crop Rotation, Contour Farming, Cover Crops, etc.

## MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Mid-Contract Management (MCM) is required on this practice. If the CRP acres are less than 5 acres, the entire acreage can be managed in a single year; otherwise, the maximum amount that can be disturbed during any one year is ½ of the contract acreage. For maximum habitat value, disturb no more than 1/3 of the contract acreage in any given year.

MCM activities will be avoided on environmentally sensitive areas including:

- a) Concentrated flow areas,
- b) Critical areas,
- c) Within the first 20 feet of a practice that borders a water resource to avoid water quality resource concerns, and
- d) 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.

Areas devoted to grass have the following options:

- Prescribed Burning
- Strip Disking
- Strip Spraying
- Inter-seeding forbs/legumes/pollinator habitat

Areas devoted to trees have the following options:

- Inner Seedling Planting (re-enrollments)
- Inter-seeding forbs/legumes/pollinator habitat
- Follow-up Weed Control
- Pruning
- Thinning (re-enrollments)

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.

If using herbicide for any purpose, work with a local consultant or Purdue Extension Specialist to determine the best herbicide combination and timing. Follow the manufacturer's label rates and guidelines when applying herbicides.

## Noxious and unapproved Species – Additional Information

**NOTE:** control of the species identified in your plan must be initiated within the first year of CRP 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>Amaranth, Palmer:</b> Purdue Extension (WS-51) <a href="https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=WS-51">https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=WS-51</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>Bur Cucumber, Johnsongrass, Marestalk, Quackgrass, Shattercane, Sorghum Alnum, and Water Hemp:</b> 2014 Weed Control Guide for Ohio and Indiana (Bulletin 789/Pub# WS16) Includes section on weed control in <i>Permanent Grass Pastures/CRP/Grass Hay</i> (page 143) <a href="http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/WS/WS-16/">http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/WS/WS-16/</a> Indiana Select-A-Herb for Non-Crops <a href="http://btny.agriculture.purdue.edu/herbssel/indexNC.cfm">http://btny.agriculture.purdue.edu/herbssel/indexNC.cfm</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Canarygrass, Reed:</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>Fescue, Tall:</b> Invasive.org Prescriptions for Specific Nonnative Invasive Plants <a href="http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/pdf/prescriptions.pdf">http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/pdf/prescriptions.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hemlock, Poison:</b> Purdue Extension (FNR-437-W) <a href="https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=FNR-437-W">https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=FNR-437-W</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>Knotweed, Japanese:</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:</b> Purdue Extension (WS-30-W) <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>Rose, Multiflora:</b> Invasive.org <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>Rose, Multiflora:</b> USFS Weed of the Week <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>

**Periwinkle, Common:** USFS Weed of the Week  
[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)

**Phragmites:** Virginia Tech: Virginia Cooperative Extension  
<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/427/427-101/427-101.html>

**Purple Loosestrife:** IDNR  
[http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/purple\\_loosestrife.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/purple_loosestrife.pdf)

**Thistle, Canada:** Purdue Extension (FNR-436-W)  
[https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item\\_Number=FNR-436-W](https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=FNR-436-W)

**Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus):** PCA Alien Plant Working Group Fact Sheet

**\*\* Warning: Parts of this plant are dangerous to humans. Use caution when managing this plant.**

Note: • Use of basal bark application highly recommended (see page 3).  
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/pdf/aial1.pdf>

• See the guidance for the Indiana Bat in Section II of the IN NRCS FOTG for additional restrictions on trees >three (3) inches in diameter.

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