

Watershed Forestry – Lawn Conversion PLUS Program

Establishment Plan

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Please compose and attach a planting plan (*.doc or *.pdf) narrative that includes, at minimum, the following information. Be sure to review the Program Standards.

1. **Contact Information:**
 - a. Landowner name, mailing address, and additional contact information
 - b. Project Coordinator name, mailing address, and contact information
2. **Property Information:** describe the location of your proposed planting location
 - a. Project site address (if different), municipality, and county
 - b. Coordinates of the location of the center of the proposed project
 - c. HUC 12 code in which the planting is located
 - d. Directions to the site and how to access the project
 - e. Utilities present on site and who will make 811 call
3. **Current Land Use:**
 - a. Describe current land use, existing dominant vegetation, and any concerns to project success (deer browse, erosion, invasive plants, soil test results, etc.)
4. **Planting details:**
 - a. Proposed planting season
 - b. Total number of acres to be planted – if planting separate areas, specify acres of each
 - c. Describe the plan for planting trees, when appropriate:
 - i. Number of trees to be planted
 - ii. Species of plants recommended for planting with flexibility for substitutions
 - iii. Size of planting stock to be used (containerized, bare root, etc.)
 - iv. Tree protection materials and methods (tube-type shelters, cages, etc.)
 - d. Describe the plan for planting meadow, when appropriate:
 - i. Species of plants, community types, or seed mixes recommended for planting and area of each mix to be planted.
 - ii. Planting method and mulching needs
5. **Site Preparation:** describe pre-planting site preparation activities, responsible parties, and approximate timelines for performing these activities.
 - a. List specific invasive or competing species and how will they be controlled or removed
 - b. Describe any major preparation needing completed prior to planting. Clearly outline the timeline for this work to take place and responsible parties, as applicable.
 - c. List any other site preparation steps that need taken prior to planting (herbicide treatments, mechanical vegetation control, site disking, soil amendments, etc.)
6. **Maintenance Procedures:** describe post-planting establishment and maintenance activities, responsible parties, and approximate timelines for performing these activities for the duration of the landowner agreement, including but not limited to:
 - a. Seasonal inspections
 - b. Mowing (*meadows may not be mowed for the duration of the Landowner Agreement unless recommended and approved by DCNR*) and/or herbicide applications
 - c. Replacement planting/seeding to maintain 70% stocking of original planting
7. **Attachments:**
 - a. Map of project extent – aerial basemap with acres labeled within the planting extent
 - b. Others as needed: soils map, establishment and maintenance documents, seed mix lists, invasive plant management sheets, etc.