

# Watershed Forestry – Lawn Conversion PLUS Program

## Establishment Plan

### **Establishment Plan:**

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.