United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

HABITAT MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements) WEST VIRGINIA 2005

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

CLIENT: _____

WORKSHEET 10 – Native Grass Borders or Filters

Payment = $80/acre/year to manage cropland using a 30-60 foot grass/forb border adjacent to crop fields. Provide a minimum width of 30 feet and maximum width of 60 feet. At least 50% of total acreage must be native warm season grasses.

☐ **THIS ENHANCEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CURRENT CSP CONTRACT**

Enhance existing grassland habitat by managing to replace grasses that are not suitable or beneficial to wildlife. Species such as tall fescue, reed canarygrass and Johnsongrass provide very little wildlife benefits. More wildlife friendly species such as some native warm season grasses and various cool season grasses are better choices for wildlife. Some native clump forming grasses, which grow during the warm summer months, provide cover and shelter for a number of indigenous wildlife. They are especially beneficial to grassland songbirds, game birds, small mammals, and many reptiles and insects. In general, most wildlife prefer open grasslands with a high concentration of forbs, especially legumes.

Manage the habitat to annually provide for grassland dependent wildlife species using field borders or filter strips. Provide a minimum width of 30 feet and maximum width of 60 feet. At least 50% of total acreage must be native warm season grasses.

Refer to the West Virginia Job Sheet Field Border (386) – *Herbaceous Field Borders for Wildlife* and/or Pasture and Hayland Planting (512) – *Warm Season Grass Establishment for Wildlife* for species of vegetation that are beneficial to wildlife, the seeding rates, management and maintenance of this practice.

Certification of the Management of Field Borders 30-60 ft Wide

Tract #: _____

Field #	Width Installed	Targeted or Planted Species

I certify that I have managed/installed native grass borders or filter strips as listed above and as outlined in the job sheet(s) I was provided.

Client's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional Notes: