United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

HABITAT MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements) WEST VIRGINIA 2006

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

CLIENT: _____

WORKSHEET 3 – Maintain a 40 foot buffer on all streams and ditches

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

Payment = $2.00 /acre/year of cropland or pastureland to manage and maintain a minimum of 40 foot wide buffer with at least 50% of the grass acreage consisting of native warm season grasses. 100% of all streams and drainage ditches within or bordering the operating unit are protected by these new or existing grass and/or tree buffers. This enhancement cannot be combined with other 100% options and there must be watercourses present on the unit to select this enhancement.

Buffers provide critical habitat for many types of wildlife because of their diverse plant communities, complex structure, and close proximity to water. Wildlife may be permanent residents of the riparian area or occasional visitors that use the area for food, water, connective corridors or temporary shelter. Although riparian areas can support many types of wildlife, the importance of a particular riparian area will depend on the surrounding land uses, the vegetation and animal populations present. Species selected for this enhancement should be based on wildlife needs for food and cover.

Refer to the West Virginia Job Sheets *Riparian Forest Buffer* (391), Field Border (386) – *Herbaceous Field Borders for Wildlife* and/or Pasture and Hayland Planting (512) – *Warm Season Grass Establishment for Wildlife* and/or *Riparian Herbaceous Cover* (390) for species of vegetation that are beneficial to wildlife, the seeding rates, management and maintenance of this practice.

Certification of Management and Maintenance of a 40 ft Buffer on all Streams and Ditches

Farm# _____ **Tract #** _____

Field #	Installed Width	Warm Season Grass Species

I certify that I have managed and maintained a 40 foot buffer on all streams and ditches as listed above and as outlined in the job sheet(s) I was provided.

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

Additional Notes: