United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

HABITAT MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements) WEST VIRGINIA 2006

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

CLIENT: _____

WORKSHEET 6 – Replace non-beneficial grasses with recommended wildlife species

Payment = $30/acre/year to replace non-beneficial grass communities with more wildlife friendly species of grasses, legumes and forbs.

☐ **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.

Refer to the West Virginia Job Sheets 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 for Replacement of Non-Native Grasses With Species More Beneficial to Wildlife

Farm# _____ Tract # _____

Field #	Acres Re-established	Species

I certify that I have replaced non-native or non-beneficial grasses with the grass species listed above and as outlined in the job sheet(s) I was provided.

Client's Signature: _____Date: _____

Additional Notes: