



STATEMENT OF WORK Cover Crop (340) North Carolina

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For deliverables for other planned practices, refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) are identified and are compatible with the conservation plan and (where applicable) client's crop insurance.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Planting dates
 - ii. Site and seedbed preparation
 - iii. Soil amendments required
 - iv. Species selection and seeding rates
 - v. Cover crop termination time and method
2. Written plans and specifications shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits. Plans and specifications shall be developed in accordance with the requirements of conservation practice standard Cover Crop (Code 340).
3. Operation and maintenance plan
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations
5. Design modifications during application as required

INVENTORY & EVALUATION

Deliverables

1. Project site assessment must be completed following the NRCS 9 steps conservation planning process.
2. Client objectives and identified problem(s) must be documented on the NRCS-CPA-52 and Assistance Notes (NRCS-CPA-06).
3. Completion of the appropriate assessment tools, as specified on the NC Conservation Planning Criteria and Resource Concern Checklist.
4. Completion of the NC Conservation Planning Criteria & Resource Concerns Checklist is required.
5. Completion of a full Environmental Evaluation worksheet (NRCS-CPA-52) is required. At a minimum, the worksheet should include existing resource conditions, the effects of no action, consideration of other alternatives to achieve quality criteria (planning criteria) and client objectives. It is critical that thorough evaluation of Special Environmental Concerns (SEC), legal considerations, and permits are properly documented on the NRCS-CPA- 52 (Refer to page 3 of the NRCS-CPA-52 for list of SECs). Evaluation of resource concerns must be documented following the guidance included in the NC Conservation Planning Criteria and Resource Concern Checklist, and findings referenced in the assistance notes.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Verification that client has obtained required permits and

2. Application guidance as needed
3. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during application
5. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements and (where applicable) client's crop insurance.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied per planning land unit (PLU)
 - b. A map is expected to be completed showing the location and extent of applied practices.
 - c. Photographic records of implementation.
 - d. Actual materials used
2. Form NC-CPA-09, with applicable Check-out and As-Built
3. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
4. Progress reporting

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Cover Crop - 340
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook