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 Farm Bill Participant

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 Contract Number

**Purpose:** Provide habitat (food, water, and cover) for wildlife (birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians) that require shallow water for at least a portion of their life cycle. This practice is applicable on lands where water can be impounded or regulated and on floodplain areas providing refuge habitats for native fish during high water flow periods. To inhibit drainage, soils must have low permeability or a seasonal high water table. During periods of planned inundation, the water supply for flooding must be adequate; water levels must be 1-18 inches deep over the majority of the area; floodplain habitats connected to stream channels, water may be up to six feet deep. For habitat management (disking, flooding), access points shall be planned and developed.



**I. NRCS will:**

- Assist participants in preparing a plan for development and management of areas, including planning and applying any supporting or facilitating practices.
- Survey, design, and oversee construction of any practices involving earth movement.
- Provide a list of recommended plant species (as needed), planting rates and planting dates as determined by the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG.)
- Measure and certify planned acres.

**II. Participant shall:**

- \_\_\_ Apply conservation measures adapted to the geographic area with reference to hydrology, rainfall, and targeted wildlife species.
- \_\_\_ Apply practices according to the conservation plan and supporting documentation.
- \_\_\_ Where needed, plant and protect developed areas using planted buffers and fences.
- \_\_\_ Where waterfowl are the target species, provide at least two categories of water depths for at least 90 consecutive days each on a minimum of ten acres. Water depth categories are:
  - 1 inch (mud flat) – 4 inches for shorebirds,
  - 6 – 12 inches for dabbling ducks, or
  - 12 – 18 inches for diving ducks, geese, swans and herons.
- \_\_\_ Manage for desired vegetative plant community which may include moist soil management, water management and control of invasive and/or listed noxious plant species.

**\*\*Payment will be made upon completion of the planed conservation measures, and presentation of all associated paid bills and/or invoices.**

I understand the requirements of the practice, and my questions concerning the practice have been answered. I further understand that a failure to adhere to the above requirements may jeopardize any and all payments.

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 Participant Signature

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 Date