

Conservation Reserve Note #108
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Conservation Practice CP-28 Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland Buffer is intended to provide a vegetative buffer around concurrently enrolled wetlands (CP-27) to protect and enhance wetland functions. CRP cost share policy authorizes cost share on vegetative cover appropriate to the site (historic grassland ecosystem or historic woodland ecosystem). Cost share rates are those specified in 2-MN (CRP) for practice CP-4D.

Within sites that developed under grassland ecosystems, native shrub species are allowed in conjunction with permanent grasses, forbs and legumes when determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat. Therefore, in an effort to maintain consistency with General CRP guidelines, native shrubs will be limited to a number not to exceed 10% of the CP-28 practice acreage on sites which developed under a prairie / grassland ecosystem. Native shrub selection and establishment will be based on NRCS practice 645-Upland Wildlife Habitat Management.

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