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**NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES, NOTICE 119
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Purpose. This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards for insertion in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included for clarification.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Explanation.

Alley Cropping (311). This new conservation practice standard provides guidance for cropping systems that combine strips of agronomic crops with alternating strips of trees or shrubs.

Constructed Wetland (656). This new standard, formally part of 657, provides guidance for constructing wetlands for the primary purpose of water quality improvement. Practice treats wastewater by the biological and mechanical activities of the constructed wetland.

Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647). This new standard provides guidance for managing early plant succession to benefit wildlife and natural plant communities.

Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643). This new standard provides guidance for restoring and conserving rare or declining native plant communities and associated wildlife species.

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390). This new standard provides guidance for establishing or managing herbaceous riparian cover adjacent to a stream.

Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646). This new standard provides guidance for developing and managing shallow water areas on agricultural lands and moist soil areas for wildlife habitat.

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645). This revised standard changes its name, the definition, purpose, and conditions where practice applies. New sections were added to the standard to comply with NHCP Notice 113.

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Wetland Creation (658). This new standard, formally part of 657, provides guidance for establishing a wetland on land not previously considered a wetland or for changing the hydrology, plant community or function of an existing wetland.

Wetland Enhancement (659). This new conservation practice, formally part of 657, provides guidance for modifying or rehabilitating an existing or degraded wetland area.

Wetland Restoration (657). This revised standard provides guidance only for restoring a degraded wetland to its original condition. Guidance for wetland enhancement, wetland creation and constructed wetland have been removed from this standard and are now in separate standards.

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644). This revised standard changes its name, the definition, purpose, and conditions where practice applies. New sections were added to the standard to comply with NHCP Notice 113.

Wildlife Watering Facility (648). New sections were added to the standard to comply with NHCP Notice 113.

Instructions.

Replace the “Contents” pages in NHCP with the attached revised version dated August 1998.

Insert the new or revised standards in the NHCP in alphabetical order as designated on the revised “Contents” pages.

Remove the practice standards for Wetland Development or Restoration (657) dated December 1990, Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (645) dated October 1985, Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management (644) dated October 1977, and Wildlife Watering Facility (648) dated October 1977. Retain them in archived status until there is no further use for them.

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Copies of this notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with it can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS Home Page on the World Wide Web (WWW) or from the FTP server in Fort Worth, Texas. Guidance for electronic access of standards is contained in NHCP Notice 116.

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Federal Register Notices

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the Federal Register on March 18, 1998. Comments were accepted for 60 days. A number of individuals, groups and agencies requested copies of these proposed standards, and comments were received from two Federal Agencies, six State Agencies and two non-governmental organizations. All comments were reviewed and many were incorporated into the final version of several of these standards.

NHCP Notices 117 and 118 provide guidance to the states for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that requires advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Weber".

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Attachments

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