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# NH Riparian Forest Buffer 391 Zone 1&2 – Job Sheet

Landowner	Field Number
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### Size and Number of Trees and Shrubs to Plant

All trees and shrubs are 1 gallon container stock. Trees are 3-5 feet in height and shrubs are 24-36 inches in height. At least 300Trees and Shrubs per acre will be planted on a 12' x 12' on center spacing. Adjust spacing as needed to put plants in favorable growing areas Typically container plants are \$7-\$10 each, and installation is about \$10 per plant which includes loam-compost mix and wood chips.

For severely eroding river banks, which may be losing up to 10 feet of cropland per year or more, leave 20 feet between water's edge and container plantings, to allow for establishment.

## **Temporary Storage Instructions**

Containerized plant stock should be watered and kept in the shade, and planted as soon as possible after delivery. Don't soak containers prior to planting; it causes the root-ball to fall apart when removed from the container and causes damage to the fine roots.

# **Site Preparation**

Brush Management "brush Hog" to mow the site to prepare for planting.

Herbaceous weed management 315 (average and follow up) to control grasses to reduce competition on container stock. Permits maybe required for proximity to rivers and public drinking supplies- these may take 2 months or more to acquire after submittal. Wait 10 days or (manufacturers recommendations) after herbicide application to plant container stock

**Mulching**- Mulch trees with wood chips, to reduce weed pressure and avoid placing mulch directly against the stem of the plant. Use deer protection tubes when needed.

### **Planting Methods and Timing**

Dig holes 50% larger than 1 gallon container stock and backfill with loam-compost mix. Don't plant container stock into standing water, wait until ground water is at least 12 inches below the surface. Plant early in the spring after the ground is thawed until late-may, or in the fall (Mid-September-Mid-October). Fall can be the best time as it allows plants fall and spring to get roots established before hot weather.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

The buffer must be inspected periodically and protected from damage so proper function is maintained. Replace dead or dying tree/shrub stock and continue control of competing vegetation to allow proper establishment. Typically contractors will provide a guarantee for free replacements over 50% mortality after 1 year, get this in writing.

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	Total Acres Planned		Buffer Wid	Buffer Width				
Scientific Name	Containers Needed (acres x 300)  Common Name	Quantity	Silver Maple Flooded	Seasona Standing Water		Moderately Drained Rich Sites		
Trees			x = suitable for habitat					
Acer saccharinum	silver maple		х			х		
Acer saccharum	sugar maple					х		
Acer rubrum	red maple			Х		х		
Quercus alba	white oak		х			х		
Quercus rubra	northern red oak				Х	х		
Pinus strobus	white pine				Х	х		
Pinus resinosa	red pine				х			
Pinus rigida	pitch pine				х			
Celtis occidentalis	hackberry					х		
Tilia Americana	basswood					х		
Salix nigra	Black willow		х					
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore		х					
Ulmus americana	American Elm		x					
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood		х					
Populus tremuloides	Quaking aspen		х		x	x		
Shrubs	Total Trees							
Viburnum trilobum	high bush cranberry		х	Х		х		
Amelanchier sp.	serviceberry		х			х		
Alnus rugosa	alder			Х		х		
Corylus americana	hazelnut		х		х	х		
Rhus typhina	staghorn sumac				х			
Sambucus canadensis	common elderberry		х	Х				
Viburnum dentatum	arrowwood viburnum			х				
Aronia melanocarpa	black chokeberry		х			х		
Cornus racemosa	grey dogwood		х	Х		х		
Cornus sericea	red osier dogwood		х	Х		x		
Hamamelis virginiana	witch hazel		х			х		
llex verticillata	winterberry holly		х	Х		х		
Salix sp.	willow		х	Х		х		
Vaccinium corymbosum	high bush blueberry		х	Х	х	х		
Viburnum Casinoidies	northern wild raisin		х	Х		х		
Viburnum lentago	nannyberry		х			х		
Acer negundo	Box elder		х	х		х		
	Total Shrubs							