


PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING AND APPROVING CREDIT DURATIONS

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GOAL OF THIS DISCUSSION

- ▶ Explanation of the Proposed Reevaluation Method
 - ▶ Approval of the Reevaluation Method

 - ▶ Presentation of the Priority BMPs
 - ▶ Approval of the Priority BMPs – List of Practices that has been Curated from Individual Partners

 - ▶ Proposed Schedule for Reevaluating BMPs
 - ▶ Approval of Schedule
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PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS

- ▶ Priority BMPs will be looked at Practice by Practice to ensure that no stone is left unturned.
- ▶ A meeting date will be assigned to each practice for a presentation and corresponding discussion to be held.
- ▶ The goal of the discussion is to arrive at a specific numerical value for the credit duration itself with supporting justification, science, professional judgement, NRCS practice standards that may have been altered by NRCS since the initial establishment of credit durations (if applicable) and/or altered permit/contract duration evidence.
- ▶ Jurisdictions who requested a practice(s) be reevaluated will be asked to present to the group on the reasoning behind the reevaluation of the specific practice(s).
- ▶ NRCS Representative Involvement – NRCS representatives will be consulted for each NRCS applicable practice. Their input will be documented prior to each discussion session, but they may be present for the discussions as well.
- ▶ Following the discussion, if enough data and information is available to do so, an official documented recommendation will be drawn up by the Chair and Coordinator.
- ▶ The official recommendation will be provided to the group at least 10 days before the next scheduled meeting date, allowing for a comment period prior to a requested decision.
- ▶ At the next scheduled meeting, the official recommendation will be presented for consensus-based approval.
- ▶ If a decision is made, the recommendation will proceed forward on the chain of approval (to the source sector workgroup).

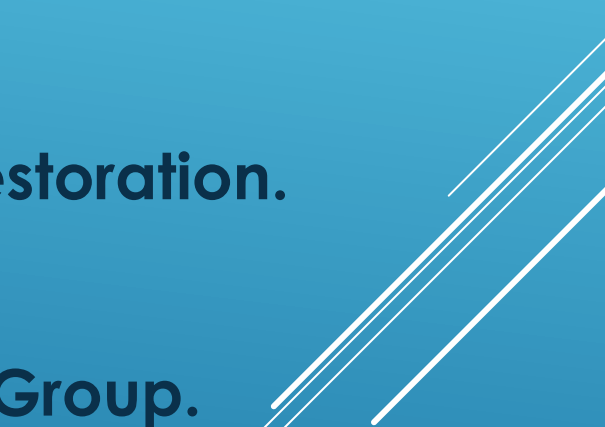
Are there any comments on this proposed method?

PROPOSED METHOD FOR EVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS: DECISION ITEM

- ▶ Seeking Approval: Are there any objections to the proposed method of reevaluating credit durations?

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS: DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Broken down into:

- 1) Practices to be addressed by the Forestry Workgroup (a recommendation will come from the FWG to the BMP Action Team).**
 - 2) Practices where clarity is needed – Stream Restoration.**
 - 3) Practices to be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Group.**
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LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS

To be addressed by the Forestry Workgroup (a recommendation will come from the FWG to the BMP Action Team):

- ▶ Ag Riparian Forest Buffers
- ▶ Narrow Forest Buffer
- ▶ Urban Forest Buffers – Unable to find documentation of the Urban decision, but the urban forest buffer falls within the forestry guidance of the framework document.
- ▶ Urban Narrow Forest Buffer

Is the FWG comfortable with grouping these practices under the reevaluation of Forest Buffers?

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS

Need clarity on the following practices:

- ▶ **Urban Stream Restoration** – The USWG will not be changing the credit duration on the Urban Stream Restoration Protocol.

Do any members have evidence to support the reevaluation of the Urban Stream Restoration BMP's credit duration?

- ▶ **Ag Stream Restoration** – The current credit duration is 5 years longer than the Urban Stream Restoration BMP's. Both practices should fall under the same protocol. The Ag Stream Restoration Team is attempting to reconcile the differences.

Do any members have evidence to support extending the credit duration of the Ag Stream Restoration BMP?

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS

To be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Group (recommendations will be forwarded to relevant source sector workgroup):

- ▶ Animal Waste Management Systems
 - ▶ Barnyard Runoff Control
 - ▶ Loafing Lots
 - ▶ Grass Buffers
 - ▶ Narrow Grass Buffers
 - ▶ Exclusion Fencing with Forest Buffers
- ▶ Exclusion Fencing with Narrow Forest Buffer
 - ▶ Exclusion Fencing with Grass Buffers
- ▶ Exclusion Fencing with Narrow Grass Buffers
 - ▶ Urban Tree Planting
 - ▶ Ag Tree Planting

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS: DECISION ITEM

- ▶ Does anyone have any additional comments on the priority list?
- ▶ **Seeking Approval:** Are there any objections to moving forward with the priority list of BMPs?
 - ▶ Note: This decision means we will not be reevaluating every BMP in CAST. Prioritization will enable the group a higher probability of incorporating changes into CAST-21.
 - ▶ This group has a two-year charge for the credit duration task. Should additional concerns regarding different BMPs arise, they can be addressed as we progress forward.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS

- ▶ **December Meeting:** Discussion on Barnyard Runoff Control and Loafing Lots
- ▶ **January Meeting:** Discussion on Animal Waste Management Systems & Grass Buffers (Including Narrow Grass Buffers)
- ▶ **February Meeting:** Discussion Exclusion Fencing Systems
- ▶ **March Meeting:** Discussion on Urban and Ag Tree Planting

Would anyone like to propose a change to the proposed schedule?

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS: DECISION ITEM

- ▶ **Seeking Approval:** Are there any objections to proceeding forward with the proposed schedule?

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

