

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Conservation

Article 13.—Kansas Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Initiative

11-13-1. Definitions.

Each of the following terms, as used in this article of the division of conservation's regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

- (a) "Body of water" means federal, state, or local reservoir or lake.
- (b) "Bottomland timber establishment" means the trees planted in floodplains adjacent to perennial streams to provide wildlife habitat and other benefits.
- (c) "Commission" means the State Conservation Commission.
- (d) "CRP" means the conservation reserve program administered by the USDA farm service agency.
- (e) "Director" means the executive director of the division of conservation, Kansas department of agriculture or the executive director's designee.
- (f) "Farmable wetland or farmable wetland buffer" means land eligible for restoration by improving the land's hydrology and vegetation.
- (g) "Filter strip" means a strip or area of grass for removing sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff and wastewater and for providing food and cover for wildlife.
- (h) "FSA" means the farm service agency in the USDA.
- (i) "Grassed waterway" means a designated strip of grass that is designed to convey runoff and gully erosion for the purpose of improving water quality and providing wildlife habitat.
- (j) "Habitat buffers for upland birds" means a narrow band of native grasses, legumes, forbs, or shrubs, or any combination of these, to provide habitat for bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, and other upland birds and to limit the amount of nutrients, sediment, pesticides, and other contaminants entering water bodies.

(k) "The initiative" means the Kansas sediment and nutrient reduction initiative and the application requirements for the program specified in this article of the division of conservation's regulations.

(l) "NRCS" means natural resources conservation service.

(m) "Practices" means the use of cultural techniques or structures installed or constructed on land for the purpose of improving or maintaining water quality.

(n) "Riparian herbaceous cover" means grasses, sedges, rushes, ferns, legumes, and forbs tolerant of intermittent flooding or saturated soils, established or managed as the dominant vegetation in the transitional zone between upland and aquatic habitats.

(o) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Kansas department of agriculture, or the secretary's authorized representative.

(p) "Shallow water areas for wildlife" means wet areas that have been developed or restored and include 6-18 inches of water depth for wildlife.

(q) "Tree and shrub establishment" means establishing woody plants by planting, by direct seeding, or through natural regeneration.

(r) "Unfarmable field" means the remaining portion of a field in which 51 percent or more of the total acreage has been enrolled in CRP.

(s) "USDA" means United States department of agriculture.

(t) "Wetland restoration" means the restoration of constructed wetlands for the purpose of intercepting tile runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices.

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