



Twin Valley Weed Management Area
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Practice: Riparian Tree Thinning and Pruning Program

Landowner: _____

Legal Description: _____ County: _____

The practice consists of removal of undesirable understory species such as: cedar, Russian olive, catalpa, and mulberry. Additional trees will be considered depending on species and/or diameter of tree stock. Trees selected will be determined and agreed upon between the landowner and the TVWMA's Project Coordinator. A minimum of 25% remaining tree canopy will be required. This minimum canopy cover will be required for 10 years from time of this agreement. All tree cutting must be within 150 foot of the perimeter of the river bank.

The cut trees will be randomly stacked by the contractor. Preference is to have the stacked trees burned when conditions are favorable. Future maintenance and proper treating or removal of tree growth will be the cooperators responsibility.

Payment will be made at 100% of an hourly rate (not to exceed \$85 per hour) for contractual work (contractor approved by the TVWMA), with a maximum of \$5,000 being paid per cooperator. If work is done by an individual landowner, the work will be monitored by a designated TVWMA personnel. NO matching funds from another program will be allowed.

The work will be performed by a contractor selected by the cooperator, subject to approval of the Project Coordinator. The scope of the work to be performed will be agreed upon by the contractor and the Project Coordinator in consultation with the cooperator.

The Project Coordinator will make a pre-inspection of the site before work is commenced and a post-inspection when it is completed. Funds will be paid to the contractor upon final approval of the work by the Project Coordinator. Funds may be withheld for payment until deficiencies discovered by the Project Coordinator are remedied. Work **MUST BE COMPLETED** by June 30, 2020.

By signing this document, the cooperator certifies that he or she has read and understands the terms hereof and agrees to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Landowner Signature

Date

Approved by:

TVWMA Chairman

Date

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